

Saint Thomas More Parish & Academy

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**Let the favor of the Lord be upon us.
Give success to the work of our Hands! (Psalm 90)**

Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12
Ms. Patricia Hamilton, Pastoral Administrator, x11
Mrs. Mary Waters, Office Assistant, x10
Ms. Bridget Coates, Academy Principal
Ms. Wanda Brooks, Coordinator of Religious Education, x31
Mr. Henry Herrera, Gospel Choir Director
Mrs. Charnetta Dobbins, Youth Choir Director
Mrs. Denese Clay, Glorify Praise Team Director
Mrs. Barbara Elliott, Parish Council Chair
Ms. Diana Brown, Finance Council Chair

Mass Schedule:

Saturday	5:00 pm	(Rectory Chapel)
Sunday	8:45 am	Youth Choir
	11:30 am	Gospel Choir
Weekdays	8:00 am	(Rectory Chapel)

Bulletin Deadline: Items for Sunday's Bulletin must be received via email **by 12:00 pm Monday** in order to have them included in Sunday's publication. Thank you for honoring this important timeline.

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office to register for classes.

Confession: After Sunday Masses, by appointment, or on *Saturday afternoon at 4:00 pm in the Rectory.*

Marriage: Diocesan policy requires notification to the priest at least six months in advance. Attendance at pre-Cana classes is also required. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Please notify the Parish Office when a member of the parish is in the hospital, nursing home, or is otherwise unable to come to Mass and wishes to receive any of the sacraments.

Religious Education:

Interested in becoming a Catholic? Please contact Fr. Raymond Moore at the Rectory.
CCD Classes: Every Sunday at 10:30am
Bible Study: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: Deut 18:15-20~True prophets can only speak the words God puts into their mouths. God is the source of their authority.

Responsorial: Ps 95~If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading II: 1 Cor 7:32-35~St. Paul exhorts us not to be anxious about material needs.

Gospel: Mk 1:21-28~ Jesus's authority rested in both his word and in his power and willingness to confront evil.

Readings for Next Sunday

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	1 Sam 15: 13-14, 30;16:5-13	Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sam 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a30--19:3	Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sam 24:2, 9-17	Mark 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12	Mark 6:7-13
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-40
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13	Mark 6:30-34

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am STM Academy Staff, Students and Alumni

11:30am In memory of Ernest Adams-Birthday

Monday In memory of Theresa Peters

Tuesday Health of Vi Davies

Wednesday Health of Dcn. Ralph Cyrus

Thursday Health of Lindora Owens

Friday In memory of Doris & Dcn. Martin-Prayer Gp
Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones

Saturday Chester Pearson-Birthday

PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Kayla Adams, Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Viola Barnes, Betty Beatty, Marie Brown, Shirley Brown, Francillia Browne, Cynthia Bruce, Felicia V. Bush, John Bush, Mary Agnes Bush, Roland Caldwell, Jane Cannon, Dixie Clark, Shertia Clark, Odessa Curtis, Dcn. Ralph Cyrus, Frances Davies, Barbara Deale, Barbara DeJesus, Renee Feliu, Diane Finley, Eric Fuller, Priscilla Fuller,, Craig Fulmer, Betty Furr, Tasha Gant, David Garner, Tyrone Garrison, Brenda Green, Emmanuel Greene, William Gunn, Earl Hamilton, Andre Harris, Margaret Harris, Vance Harris II, June Harrison, Shant'e Hawkins, James Hilton, Maximillon Holland, Elizabeth Holmes, Darryl Jackson, Jimmie Jackson, Ivy John, Carolyn Johnson, Sarah Jones, Seymour & Patrick Jones, David Larison, Dennis Lucas, Gloria & William McCaskill, Emma McEntyre, Robert Milner, Betty Moeller, Gloria Morgan, Dorothy Myrtle, Angela Neal, Tammy Peterson, Charles Queen, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Arthur Robinson, Jean, Leroy & Robert Robinson, Daja Rogers, Thelma Sawyer, Robin Sescoc, Ciara Shields, Brenda Smith, Claudell St. Julien, Edsel Swann, Jane Thomas, Kristine Vivican, Kayla Warren, Paul Waters, Marilyn Denise Whetstone, Anita Williams, Bertha Williams, Kobe M. Williams, David Wilson, Jean Wright, Marianne Young, **and all who are Sick and/or Shut-In.**

~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

Please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of **Theresa Peters, mother of Iona Garvey**, and her family.

Prayers are requested for the health of **Deacon Ralph Cyrus, Vi Davies** and **Lindora Owens**.

Please pray for the health and well-being of, **Kayla Adams, Shirley Adams, Roland Caldwell, Andre Cooper, Priscilla Fuller, Elizabeth Holmes, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Robert Robinson**, all of our members who are on the road to recovery, sick, shut-in or grieving; **and**

Pope Francis, Fr. Moore, Fr. Casimir & Ed Poindexter

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**EFFECTIVE SUPPORT OF YOUR CHURCH
IS WISE STEWARDSHIP**

Give and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall be given to you. For with the same measure that you measure it shall be measured to you again." (Luke 6:38)

Lord, let us not be guilty of withholding the best parts of life, even our money, for ourselves. Instead, enable us to give all we can so others can know the victory we have found through Jesus Christ. Receive our gifts as grateful representations of our devotion and service to the Gospel. AMEN!

Stewardship Thought: "You never seem to have more money than when you are giving it away to someone who has less."

Tithes and offerings for **January 21, 2018** amounted to **\$7,722.31; Faith Direct-\$2,724.28; Maintenance-\$588.00.**

Attendance	5:00pm	21
	8:45am	147
	11:30am	88
		256

Thanks to all who have so well supported our Growing One Step stewardship program. Because of the strong commitment of many of us, we are blessed with good success thus far. May we be blessed as we bless our ministry and commitment to the Lord!

Your on-going contributions are most appreciated!

FAITH DIRECT: Fall Into e-Giving with Faith Direct!

This is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your tithes and offerings to St. Thomas More. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save for you. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code, **DC773**.

PASTOR'S BIBLE: Our Adult Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the rectory. The current topic is, "What Was Adam Doing When Eve Was Eating The Apple?" Why not come and find out? All are welcome.

2017-2018 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM: Adults seeking a closer walk with Jesus are invited to join our Faith Formation Program for Adults. We meet on Sunday morning at 10:30 in the Red Room.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION! Classes are now in progress! Registrations are still being accepted, **SO DON'T DELAY!** Classes take place from 10:30 to 11:30am in the school. Please see Ms. Wanda Brooks for more information.

SODALITY: Saturday, February 3, 2018: Sodality Union Mass/meeting-Sacred Heart Church, 201 St. Mary's Ave, La Plata. (Co-host, St. Mary's Bryantown Sodality.) Mass-9:00am; Rosary-10:00am.

February 4: STM Sodality meeting follows 8:45am Mass; Rosary-8:15am. Sodality Union Raffle money is due in March.

WE'RE ON TIME THIS YEAR! Maybe you have noticed that we are making every effort **to begin Mass on time--at 8:45 and 11:30. Thank you for cooperating with our efforts to be punctual!**

65TH ANNIVERSARY HAPPENINGS!

~ Saturday, February 10, 2018 ~

Ministers of Hospitality Valentine's Dance

STM Cedar Room ~ 9:00pm.

Tickets are now available!

Please see an Adult Minister of Hospitality for more info.

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I am pleased to thank you for your strong commitment to Saint Thomas More. Your generous support not only secures our financial future but also makes it possible to complete much needed repairs and improvements. During the past year of 2017 we have been able to:

- *Replace chairs in the Cedar Room
- *Replace upstairs furnace in the rectory
- *Enhance our sound system in the church with new digital technology.
- *Upgrade lighting in church sanctuary
- *Support our Food Pantry Ministry

I am also grateful that you are continuing to be faithful stewards by participating in our "*Take The Next Step*" stewardship initiative.

And lastly, a word of appreciation to those who are using our *Faith Direct* electronic giving program. You can sign up for this convenient method of supporting our parish by going on line at www.faithdirect.net and use our **Church code DC773**.

Again, I thank you so very much for your commitment, support and service to St. Thomas More.

May the Lord be gracious and generous in blessing you and your family in the new year of 2018.

In the Love of Jesus,

Rev. Raymond Moore

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS!

2017 Contribution Statements totaling \$100.00 or more have been mailed. Your statement's format may look different from those you have received in past years, as we have converted to a recordkeeping program implemented by our Archdiocese. *You will want to be most attentive to your TOTAL CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT.* (This also applies to those enrolled in Faith Direct.)

In the event that you have any *questions and/or clarifications*, please direct them to *Pattie Hamilton, stmchurch@comcast.net*. Our goal is to ensure that all statements are in alignment.

Thank you for your continued, generous stewardship!

2018 CARDINAL'S APPEAL!

The 2018 Cardinal's Appeal has begun. The theme of this year's campaign is "Seek first the Kingdom of God."

The Cardinal's Appeal campaign is much different from a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift today, payable over ten months.

Your gift to the Cardinal's Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very powerful way. Please check out the services and ministries the appeal supports in your brochure. Your financial support of the Cardinal's Appeal is a great way for you to express your gratitude to God for the many blessings of your life. Sometimes it is difficult to imagine how your personal pledge can impact the work of the Archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all the parishes of the archdiocese participate in the campaign.

Please pledge to the Cardinal's Appeal this year... and make a difference in someone else's life.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We warmly welcome our visitors to



St. Thomas More Church.

Please sign our Visitors' Book!

We invite all who are seeking a

church home to join our church family.

Please encourage all visitors to sign our Guest Book.

STM CATHOLIC ACADEMY CELEBRATES

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 28-February 1, 2018!!

~Today, January 28~

STM Alumni Mass, 8:45am

Monday: *Twin Day, School & Community Clean-up*

Tuesday: *School Color Day/2nd Quarter Awards~10am*

Wednesday: *Career/Armed Services Day~10am*

Thursday: *College Gear Day, Lip Sync Battle~10am*

Parent Appreciation Day/Family Game Night~6pm

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend all events!

Please support our St. Thomas More Academy!!

**THE STM PARISH ACTION COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU TO
CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH**



2018 Theme:

"African Americans in Times of War"

This year commemorates the centennial of the end of the First World War in 1918 and explores the complex meanings and implications of this international struggle and its aftermath. The First World War was initially termed by many as "The Great War," "The War to End All Wars," and the war "to make the world safe for democracy."

February 4: Super Soul Sunday...

Calling of the Ancestors

We encourage everyone to wear African Attire as we celebrate our ancestors. Coffee and Donuts Fellowship after each Mass.

February 11: Youth Sunday

In celebration of our youth and young adults, the STM Youth Group will lead the celebration.

February 18: Celebration of Veterans

Acknowledgement of all who served in World War II, Viet Nam, Desert Storm and the Iraq/Afghanistan Wars.

February 25: Soul Food Sunday

Enjoy great food & fun during our annual Family Soul Food Sunday Meal from 2:00pm-5:00pm. PAC invites all parishioners to participate. We encourage you to bring your favorite dish.

Program: Three parishioners will talk about their military and/or war experience, STM Liturgical Dance Ministry and STM Praise & Worship Team will perform.

**ST. THOMAS MORE
CATHOLIC ACADEMY
CELEBRATING 60 YEARS
OF GREATNESS!**

Serving Students in Grades Pre-K3-8!



Catholic Environment ~Academically Excellent

Before and After School Care Provided!

Tuition Assistance is Available!

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CALL 202-561-1189.

~ Join us for Catholic Schools Week ~

January 28-February 2, 2018!

**STM FOOD PANTRY
DONATIONS APPRECIATED!
PLEASE HELP US DO OUR BEST TO
PROVIDE NUTRITIOUS FOOD FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES!**



**PLEASE GIVE WHAT YOU CAN
TO HELP KEEP OUR PANTRY STOCKED.**

We are seeking the following items:

~DRY GOODS~

Rice/Pasta/Beans/Hot & Cold Cereal

~CANNED GOODS~

Meat/Tuna/Soup/Fruit/Vegetables

STM has served as a REFUGE OF RELIEF for many!

Food/Monetary donations will help
keep our pantry viable!

Thank You! God Bless!

SHARE INFORMATION

**Sign-up takes place on the
Announced Sunday(s) each month.
Value Package price: \$22.00**

Schedule for FEBRUARY 2018:

Sign-up~ February 4 & 11, 2018

Pick-up~ Sat., February 24, 9-10am.

Unclaimed packages will be donated to the STM Food Pantry.
Please plan accordingly!

Please consider making a monetary donation of \$22.00 to
provide a SHARE Package to a family in need.

If interested please see any member of our SHARE Team.
Thank you!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday Religious Ed Classes (10:30am-Classrooms)
Second Chance (3:30pm-Old Library)
- Monday Youth Choir Rehearsal (7:00pm-Church)
NCW 2nd Community (8:00pm-Cedar Rm)
- Tuesday Bible Study (7:30pm-Rectory Living Rm)
NCW 2nd Community (8:00pm-Cedar Rm)
- Wednesday NCW 1st Community (8:00pm-Cedar Rm)
- Thursday Adult Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm-Church)
- Friday AA (8:00pm-Old Library)
- Saturday NCW Communities (8:00pm-Church)

WEEKDAY MASS

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY!

If Prince Georges County Public Schools are

CLOSED or DELAYED in opening,

STM WILL NOT HAVE 8:00AM MASS ON THAT DAY!

NOTES FOR TODAY
