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April 1, 2018 ~ EASTER SUNDAY!



***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:

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| 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

The Resurrection of the Lord



Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 – We ate and drank with Jesus after he rose from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm 118: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

Reading II: Col 3:1-4 – Christ is raised. We should seek the things from above.

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9 – They did not understand that He had to rise from the dead.

Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 4:32-35 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

DAILY MASS READINGS

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| Monday: | Acts 2:14, 22-23 | Matt 28:8-15 |
| Tuesday: | Acts 2:36-41 | John 20:11-18 |
| Wednesday: | Acts 3:1-10 | Luke 24:13-35 |
| Thursday: | Acts 3:11-26 | Luke 24:35-48 |
| Friday: | Acts 4:1-12 | John 21:1-14 |
| Saturday: | Acts 4:13-21 | Mark 16:9-15 |

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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| Sunday 8:45am | All Received into the Church at Easter |
| 11:30am | Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones |
| Monday | Health of Roland Caldwell |
| Tuesday | Health of Vi Davies |
| Wednesday | In memory of Rev. Dr. M.L. King-50 years |
| Thursday | Health of Earl Hamilton |
| Friday | Dcn Nerus & Doris Martin-STM Prayer Gp |
| Saturday | Safekeeping of Our Children and Youth |

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, Viola 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 ~

Services for **Alice Baruwa**, wife of Larry Baruwa, will take place at St. Thomas More on Friday, April 6, 2018: Viewing-9:00am; Mass of Christian Burial-11:00am. Your continued prayers for the Baruwa/Bush family are deeply appreciated.

Your continued prayers are appreciated Your continued prayers are also asked for the health and well-being of **Kayla Adams, Shirley Adams, Sheila D. Brown, Audrey & Roland Caldwell, Lisa Chinn, Vi Davies, Priscilla Fuller, Elizabeth Holmes, Ronald Johnson, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Robert Robinson, Mary Waters**, 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 & Deacon Ralph Cyrus

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

EFFECTIVE SUPPORT OF YOUR CHURCH IS WISE STEWARDSHIP

So, then, each one of us will be accountable to God!
(Romans 14:12)

Not only our money, O God, but all that we have and are is a gift from you. Help us to find the joy of sharing our blessings with others through our stewardship of time, talent and treasure. May we one day hear the Lord's words, *Well, done good and faithful servants!* 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 **Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018** amounted to **\$9,502.00; Maintenance-\$150.00; Youth-\$2.00.**

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| Attendance | 5:00pm | 25 |
| | 8:45am | 179 |
| | 11:30am | <u>200</u> |
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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 STUDY: Adult Bible Study *will be on break April 3*. We will resume on Tuesday, April 10, at 7:30pm in the rectory, continuing with the topic, "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! Classes take place from 10:30 to 11:30am in the school. Contact Ms. Wanda Brooks.



2018 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS!

Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married **25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years** at 2:00pm, on Sunday, **June 17, 2018**. Mass will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Please contact Pattie Hamilton in the Church Office (x11) **by Wednesday, April 11**, so that she may register you on-line per the AOW registration procedure.

PASTOR'S PEN CONGRATULATIONS!!



We warmly welcome the following adults, youth and children who were received into the church at the Easter Vigil and Easter morning:

Adult Baptized

Marikia Hawkins

Profession of Faith, Eucharist and Confirmation

~ Adults ~

Darren Coles

Sheila Dunn

Youth and Children Baptized

Jaida Alexander

Christian Archer

Keith Hawkins

Liliana Hawkins

Penelope Hawkins

Briana Jean-Charles

Gabriel Jean-Charles

Tyler Jones

Tyree Jones

Tyreon Jones

Tyronne Jones

Tyson Jones

Averi Martinez

Nyla Hebb Payton

Kennedi Price

Please keep all of our candidates in your prayers as they continue on their journeys of faith!

In the Love of Jesus,

Rev. Raymond Moore

~ REMAINING HOLIDAY SCHEDULES ~

Pastor's Bible Study will be on Break April 3!

Religious Ed classes will not meet TODAY, Easter Sunday!

-Office Closure-

The church office will be closed April 2, Easter Monday.

HAPPY EASTER



WELCOME VISITORS!

*We warmly welcome our visitors to
St. Thomas More Church!*

We invite all who are seeking a church home to join our church family. Please encourage visitors to sign our Guest Book located near the Main Entrance.

2018 CARDINAL'S APPEAL!!

The 2018 Cardinal's Appeal has begun. You should have received a letter from the Cardinal asking for your support. Last year, we were able to contribute \$ 24,090 to the appeal. In our solicitation on Commitment Sunday, January 28, 50 members made pledges. Your pledges help to support our Catholic Charities programs as well as tuition assistance for Catholic schools, including St. Thomas More. You can donate today by simply completing a pledge form which is available in the church.

Thanks to all who have pledged so far!

SODALITY NEWS

Saturday, April 7: Sodality Union Mass/Meeting, St. Benedict the Moor, 320 21st St. NE, DC. SU Raffle Drawing to be held.
Sunday, April 8: STM General Meeting immediately following 8:45am Mass. Rosary-8:00am.

