

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

Third Sunday of Easter



Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 ~Repent and be converted that your sins may be forgiven.

Responsorial: Psalm 4 ~Lord, let your face shine on us.

Reading II: 1Jn 2:1-5a

~(Jesus) is the expiation for our sins.

Gospel: Lk 24:35-48~Two disciples encounter the risen Jesus as they traveled along the way and they "recognized" him in the breaking of bread".

Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 4:8-12 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15	John 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51-8:1a	John 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8	John 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40	John 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20	John 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42	John 6:60-69

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am	Health of Roland Caldwell
11:30am	In memory of Aaron Otis-Coker
Monday	In loving memory of Pearl Curtis-Birthday
Tuesday	Health of Vi Davies
Wednesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Thursday	Journee Logan-Birthday
	In memory of Norell James-Birthday
Friday	In memory of Fr. John Kinter-Birthday
Saturday	Health of James Makle, Jr.

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 Felieu, Diane Finley, Eric & 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, Maximillon Holland, Elizabeth Holmes, Darryl Jackson, Jimmie Jackson, Ivy John, Carolyn Johnson, Ronald Johnson, Sarah Jones, Seymour & Patrick Jones, David Larison, Dennis Lucas, James Makle, Jr., 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 ~

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, Earl Hamilton, 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

"If it is to encourage others, we should do so. Whoever shares with others should do it generously; whoever has authority should work hard; whoever shows kindness to others should do it cheerfully." (Romans 12:8)

We are always learning how to do better what we do in your service, O God. As we bring our offerings, teach us how to give with willing and generous hearts and discover the joy of stewardship. 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 **Sunday, April 8, 2018** amounted to **\$6,403.00**; Faith Direct-\$2,606.29; Maintenance-\$685.00; Youth-\$2.00.

Attendance	5:00pm	13
	8:45am	158
	11:30am	<u>77</u>
		248

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 meets on Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the rectory. We are 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.

ANNUAL SENIOR LUNCHEON!!

The St. Thomas More Outreach Committee
is holding its

Annual Senior Luncheon

on

Saturday, May 19, 2018.

*Seniors, 62 years of age and older,
are invited to attend!*

Space is limited to 100 attendees!

A Sign-up Sheet is posted in the church.

Once this number is reached we will not be able to accept additional names...so please register soon!

PASTOR'S PEN

Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation titled *Amoris Laetitia* (*The Joy of Love*) is a valuable and enriching teaching on marriage and love. It is the church's teaching, resulting from two gatherings of bishops, the 2014 Synod on the Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization, and the 2015 Synod on the Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and in the Contemporary World. You will receive today a copy of Cardinal Wuerl's pastoral Plan to implement this process in our Archdiocese, Sharing in the Joy of Love in Marriage and Family.

The Joy of Love (*Amoris Laetitia*) is a call to compassionate accompaniment in helping all to experience Christ's love and mercy. Neither the exhortation nor Cardinal Wuerl's pastoral plan presents a list of answers to each individual human concern. Rather, both call for a pastoral approach to many people--married, single, and divorced-- who are struggling to face issues in life, the teachings of the church, and their own desire to reconcile all of this.

Pope Francis approaches his teaching ministry first and foremost as a pastor of the people of the church. In this teaching, *Amoris Laetitia*, we hear the voice of experience. In many places, we can recognize a pastor speaking to his flock, sharing his own experience and wisdom formed from many years of service to God's people.

In the action of going out, encountering, sharing, and accompanying, we also recognize that in the journey, we-ourselves- are also drawing closer to the Lord. In all our evangelizing, teaching, counseling, and instructing, we also experience both God's liberating truth and saving mercy. None of us can claim yet to be perfect as our heavenly Father. But we can grow closer to the Lord who will by his grace heal us so that we can have the life he wants for us.

As we carry out our responsibilities and share the joy of love in marriage and family life, we can thank God first of all for the call and then for the guidance we receive from the Church and particularly from our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, promulgated on March 19, 2016, is the reference point and reason for Cardinal Wuerl's "Pastoral Plan to Implement *Amoris Laetitia*." Directed to parishes, priests and laity the Plan is meant to encourage reflection on:

1. The richness of the Church's perennial teaching on love, marriage, family, faith and mercy;
2. The essential aspect of pastoral ministry, called accompaniment; and,
3. Several significant themes such as the New Evangelization, the role of conscience, and the privileged place of the parish where we find and experience Christ's way of living and loving.

Please take a copy of the Cardinal's Pastoral Plan.

In the Love of Jesus,

Rev. Raymond Moore

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!

"The joy of love experienced by families is also the joy of the church. (Pope Francis)

Blessings on these Couples Celebrating Anniversaries:

Roland & Audrey Caldwell~60 years

Robert & Priscilla Fuller~54 years

Terral & Amber Lewis~10 years

Philip Ehuzong & Marguerite Nuoki~2 years



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.*

*Please continue to pray for 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

2018 CARDINAL'S APPEAL PROGRESS REPORT:

Thank you to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Cardinal's Annual Appeal. *We are 56.9% of the way towards our goal of \$37,045. So far, we have pledged \$21,083.* If you have not yet made your commitment to the Appeal, it is not too late to help make a difference in the lives of others by visiting appeal.adw.org. Remember that your support provides funding for Catholic Charities, school tuition assistance for families and the Merrick Center. *Thanks to all who have pledged thus far!*

