

Saint Thomas More Parish & Academy
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May 20, 2018 ~Pentecost 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. 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


PENTECOST SUNDAY
Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: Acts 2:1-11 ~ The disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial: Psalm 104 ~ Lord, send out your spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Reading II: 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 ~ There are many gifts in the one body of Christ.

Gospel: Jn 20:19-23 ~ Jesus appears to the disciples bestowing the peace of the Holy Spirit.

Readings for Next Sunday

Deut 4:32-34, 39-40 Rom 8:14-17 Matt 28:16-20

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26	John 15:9-17
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27	John 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38	John 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11	John 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21	John 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31	John 21:20-25

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am	STM Academy Class of 2018
11:30am	Health of Roland and Audrey Caldwell
Monday	Health of Shirley Adams
Tuesday	Health of Marion and Ruth Richardson
Wednesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Thursday	Health of Priscilla Fuller
Friday	Health of Ronald Johnson
Saturday	Safekeeping of our Children

PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Viola Barnes, Betty Beatty, Marie Brown, Shirley Brown, Francillia Browne, Cynthia Bruce, Felicia V. Bush, John 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 & 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/ Shut-In.*

~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

Your continued prayers are asked for the health and well-being of *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*, all of our members who are on the road to recovery, sick, shut-in or grieving; *and*

**Pope Francis, Fr. Moore, Fr. Casmir,
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, May 13, 2018** amounted to **\$5,871.37**; **Maintenance-\$630.00**; **Faith Direct-\$2,501.37**.

Attendance	5:00pm	14
	8:45am	132
	11:30am	<u>100</u>
		246

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: Join the conversation on timely Bible topics. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm in the rectory. We are beginning a new series on Noah's Ark. 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 GRADUATE
RECOGNITION SUNDAY!**

We will honor our graduates at both Masses on
Sunday, June 3, 2018!

Please sign up on the list posted in the church
so we may honor you.

CONGRATULATIONS!

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS!!

Kourtney Garner, granddaughter of *Blondinia Brown*, will receive her *Master's Degree in Mathematics* from *Clark Atlanta University* on **Monday, May 21, 2018**.

We are very proud of you, Kourtney!

**SAINT THOMAS MORE
CATHOLIC ACADEMY
CLASS OF 2018
BACCALAUREATE MASS**

*Today, we congratulate our Eighth Grade
Graduates as we celebrate their
Baccalaureate Mass and the Day of Pentecost.*

Alexsis Akinola	<i>Bishop McNamara High School</i>
Jacke Alvarez	<i>Thurgood Marshall Academy</i>
Jacqueline Assiri	<i>Bishop McNamara High School</i>
Melkia Blacknell	<i>Anacostia High School</i>
Marquis Brown	<i>Bishop McNamara High School</i>
Trayona Buchanan	<i>Somerset Preparatory Academy</i>
Meccah Bush	<i>Archbishop Carroll High School</i>
DiaMonte Hill	<i>TBD</i>
Michael Huggins	<i>Bishop McNamara High School</i>
Tiffany Jones	<i>Archbishop Carroll High School</i>
Christian King	<i>Somerset Preparatory Academy</i>
Lindsey Lamb	<i>Bishop McNamara High School</i>
Jermianne Moaney, Jr.	<i>Cornerstone High School</i>
Symone Mosby	<i>Bishop McNamara High School</i>
Kennedi Price	<i>Thomas Stone High School</i>
Juwan Reese	<i>Ballou Senior High School</i>
Kwami Rush, Jr.	<i>Friendship Collegiate Academy</i>
Marcellus Thomas	<i>Washington Leadership Academy</i>
DonMisha Thompson	<i>Bishop McNamara High School</i>
Mikeyrah Thompson	<i>Archbishop Carroll High School</i>
Caleb Wallace	<i>Bishop McNamara High School</i>
Jalil Young	<i>Archbishop Carroll High School</i>

**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!*

~HYMNAL MEMORIALS~

Dedicate a new *Lead Me, Guide Me* hymnal for an offering of \$20.00. A bookplate will be placed inside the front cover. Suggested dedications include: "given by..." "in memory of..." "in honor of..." Complete an order form (envelope) and place in collection basket.

*Thank you for supporting this effort
to enhance our Liturgical Music!*



WELCOME VISITORS!

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

*We invite all who are seeking a
church home to join our
St. Thomas More church family.*

*Please encourage all visitors to sign our
Guest Book located near the Main Entrance.*

**CONFIRMATION AND
FIRST COMMUNION**

~2018~

*Please keep our candidates for sacraments of
Confirmation and First Communion in your prayers
during this special season!*



*Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, June 2,
2:00pm, at the Basilica of the Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC.*

*First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday,
June 10, at the 11:30am Mass.*

~Confirmation Candidates~

*Marquis Brown
Cierra Garrison
Lindsey Lamb
Daija Moore
Dione' Moore
Andria Otis-Coker
Sydni Smith
Jordan Weber
Jalyn Whitaker*

~Candidates for First Communion~

*Jaida Alexander
Cameron Anthony
Camille Anthony
Brianna Jean-Charles
Gabriel Jean-Charles
Tyreon Jones
Tyree Jones
Tyrone Jones
Anna Pitsenberger
Kennedi Price
Tierra Tyer*

