

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. 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 | (Rectorry Chapel) |
| Sunday | 8:45 am | Youth Choir |
| | 11:30 am | Gospel Choir |
| Weekdays | 8:00 am | (Rectorry 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 Rectorry.

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 Rectorry.
CCD Classes: Every Sunday at 10:30am
Bible Study: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm



**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
Preparing to Hear God's Word**

Reading I: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 ~Moses tells the people that they must keep God's statutes and commands.

Responsorial: Psalm 33: *Blessed be the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.*

Reading II: Rom 8:14-17~The divine life in us is not something abstract but a relationship of children to our "Abba Father."

Gospel: Mt 28:16-20~The dignity of our baptism is that we share in God's life and mighty deeds. We are a people on a mission of spreading the good news.

Readings for Next Sunday

Ex 24:3-8 Heb 9:11-15 Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

DAILY MASS READINGS

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| Monday: | 1 Pt 1:3-9 | Mk 10:17-27 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Pt 1:10-16 | Mk 10:28-31 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Pt 1:18-25 | Mk 10:32-45 |
| Thursday: | Zep 3:14-18a | Lk 1:39-56 |
| Friday: | 1 Pt 4:7-13 | Mk 11:11-26 |
| Saturday: | Jude 17, 20b-25 | Mk 11:27-33 |

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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| Sunday 8:45am | Safekeeping of Our Children & Youth |
| 11:30am | Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones |
| Monday | In Memory of Our Deceased US Veterans |
| Tuesday | In memory of Sylvia Proctor Peterson-Birthday |
| Wednesday | Margaret Spencer-Birthday |
| Thursday | STM Catholic Academy Kindergarten Class In memory of L.C. Barnes-Birthday |
| Friday | STM Catholic Academy Class of 2018 In memory of Doris & Dcn. Martin-Prayer Gp |
| Saturday | Our Confirmation Candidates |

PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Viola Barnes, Betty Beatty, Hilda Best, 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, Hilda Best, Sheila D. Brown, Audrey & Roland Caldwell, 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 20, 2018** amounted to **\$6,532.00; Maintenance-\$225.00; Faith Direct-\$2,758.00.**

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| Attendance | 5:00pm | 14 |
| | 8:45am | 209 |
| | 11:30am | <u>75</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: 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! As we move into our summer break, we remind our families of the importance of Sunday worship. When our Religious Education classes break for the summer, we still are required to worship the Lord at Sunday Mass. **For more information regarding the Religious Ed Program at STM please speak to Ms. Wanda Brooks.**

~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!**

2018 GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY!

We will honor our graduates at both Masses **NEXT Sunday, June 3, 2018!**
Please sign up on the list posted in the church so that we may recognize and honor you.

**CONGRATULATIONS,
ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC ACADEMY
CLASS OF 2018**

~ Eighth Grade Graduates ~

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| 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>Somerset Preparatory Academy</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> |
| Jermeanne 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>Ballou Senior 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> |

~ Kindergarten Graduates ~

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| <i>Makayla Abbey</i> | <i>Azaria Hackley</i> |
| <i>Harlem Abbott</i> | <i>Penelope Hawkins</i> |
| <i>Denise Campbell</i> | <i>Khori Hunter</i> |
| <i>Aden Cunningham</i> | <i>Kamryn Parker</i> |
| <i>Lynna Cunningham</i> | <i>Isaiah Samuels</i> |
| <i>Talayah Eaton</i> | <i>Jonathan Tate, IV</i> |
| <i>Pharrah Ford</i> | <i>Marylin Teraberry</i> |
| <i>Ashton Gantt</i> | <i>Elliott Topey</i> |
| <i>Aubrey Gurdon</i> | <i>Terrance Tyer</i> |

Trinity Washington

Kindergarten Graduation ~ May 31, 10:00am

Eighth Grade Graduation ~ June 1, 7:00pm

Please come and support our students on their special day!

STM Alumni and former faculty are

especially encouraged to attend Eighth Grade Graduation!

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!



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 the 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*

