

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:

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 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: Exodus 24:3-8~ Our covenant with God is ratified in blood.

Responsorial: Psalm 116~ I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

Reading II: Heb 9:11-15~ Christ's New Covenant is in his own blood.

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26~ Jesus offers his Body and Blood at the Last Supper. Each celebration of the Eucharist for us is a passing over from death to risen Life.

Readings for Next Sunday

Eze 17:22-24 2 Cor 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	2 Pt 1:2-7	Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday:	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18	Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12	Mk 12:18-27
Thursday:	2 Tim 2:8-15	Mk 12:28-34
Friday:	Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9 Eph 3:8-12, 14-19	Jn 19:31-37
Saturday:	2 Tm 4:1-8	Lk 2:41-51

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am	Class of 2018 Graduates
11:30am	Health of Hilda Best
Monday	Liz Berry-Birthday Chereese D. Ray-Birthday
Tuesday	In memory of Ronald Johnson
Wednesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Thursday	Health of Earl Hamilton
Friday	In memory of Nathan E. Saunders-Birthday
Saturday	In loving memory of Dcn. Nerus Martin

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, Franciss 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, 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 Sescocoe, 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 ~

Please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of **Ronald Johnson**, brother of Barbara Elliott, and the family's comfort.

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, 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 & 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 27, 2018** amounted to **\$7,108.00; Maintenance-\$140.00.**

Attendance	5:00pm	13
	8:45am	126
	11:30am	<u>95</u>
		234

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**.

BIBLE STUDY ON SUMMER BREAK: The Tuesday evening Adult Bible Study will be on summer break and will resume in September with new, timely and exciting topics from the Old and New Testaments.

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 MEMORIAL DRIVE

Thanks to all who supported the *Lead Me Guide Me* Hymnal Memorial effort. To date 108 hymnals have been designated as memorials, raising \$2,170 to offset the purchase which amounted to \$5,000. Thanks to our *Glorify Praise Team*, which made the initial purchase a reality with funds raised in their Christmas concerts. Thanks also to Diana Brown for preparing the book plates in the front of the memorial hymnals. Thanks also to our committed members for this is a fitting memorial of family and friends. There are still some hymnals available as memorials. Ask an usher for a hymnal memorial envelope.

PRINCIPAL SEARCH UPDATE

The Selection Committee is in the process of interviewing candidates for Principal of our Academy. We are blessed to have a number of very good candidates and hope to select a new leader for our school very soon.

**CELEBRATING THE
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

The gift of the Eucharist comes with an important “string” attached: it must be shared. In sharing the Body of Christ, we become the Body of Christ. We become what we receive; what we consume now consumes us. If we partake of the one bread and one cup, then we must be willing to become Eucharist for others—to make Christ’s love real for others—to make Christ’s love real for all. Our coming to the Eucharistic Table is more than just reliving the memory of Jesus’ great sacrifice for our redemption: in sharing his “Body” in the “Bread of the Eucharist” we reenter the inexplicable love of God who gives us eternal life in his Son, the Risen Jesus Christ; in drinking his “Blood” in the “Wine of the Eucharist” we take his life into the very center of our lives.

When we gather here at this Altar of Sacrifice, we take bread and wine to remember Jesus: the wise teacher, the worker of wonders, the very love of God. We come to the Eucharist to celebrate his presence among us and recommit ourselves to following his example of compassion and justice; in doing so, we rediscover our identity as his disciples and reaffirm our baptismal commitment to become his Body and Blood for others. At the Lord’s Table, we are always welcome. In celebrating Jesus’ great gift of the Eucharist, we make our church family’s table a place of welcome, healing and reconciliation, not to mention compassion—and we make all our family tables places of love and safety where Jesus Christ accompanies us in our service and care for each other.

The Eucharistic Meal is the living sign of our covenant with God. In this sacrament, bread and wine are transformed by the Spirit of God into the Body and Blood of Christ; in turn, the sacrament we receive transforms us into sacraments and signs of God’s love for our families and communities. As the Eucharist makes us a church of reconciliation, so it makes us reconcilers; as the Eucharist nourishes and enlivens the church with the very life of Jesus Christ, so it animates our lives with God’s love, mercy, and compassion. The eucharistic bread and cup also makes of us a world-wide fellowship and communion with other believers. No matter where we are, and no matter who we are, the Risen Lord welcomes all of us to this great banquet of Love.

**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!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following STM youth who were Confirmed at the Shrine on June 2, 2018:

Marquis Brown, Cierra Garrison, Lindsey Lamb, Daija Moore, Dione’ Moore, Andria Otis-Coker, Sydni Smith, Jordan Weber and Jalyn Whitaker.

We wish you continued blessings on your spiritual journey!



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.*

WE APPLAUD OUR



CLASS of 2018 GRADUATES!

****MASTERS****

**Lavelle Lamb-Anthony
Master of Business Administration
University of Maryland University College**

**Lonnie Simmons III
Master of Fine Arts
West Virginia University**

~~HIGH SCHOOL~~

Dion Gillis *Bladensburg High School*
Rasheam Wilson *Oxon Hill High School*

~MIDDLE SCHOOL~

Marquise Brown	<i>St. Thomas More</i>
Cierra Garrison	<i>SEED PCS, DC</i>
Lindsey Lamb	<i>St. Thomas More</i>
Daija Moore	<i>Mattawoman MS</i>
Andria Otis-Coker	<i>Accokeek Academy</i>
Sydni Smith	<i>St. Philip the Apostle</i>

~KINDERGARTEN~

Penelope Hawkins~St. Thomas More

These graduates will receive a special blessing at Mass today!

~ FIRST COMMUNION ~



*Please keep our candidates for the sacrament of
First Communion in your prayers:*

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

**First Communion will be celebrated on
Sunday, June 10, 2018 at the 11:30am Mass.**

