

Saint Thomas More Parish & Academy
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***Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ-
Answering the Call to Missionary Discipleship***

Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12
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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	(Rector's Chapel)
Sunday	8:45 am	Youth Choir
	11:30 am	Gospel Choir
Weekdays	8:00 am	(Rector's 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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: Ex 16:2-4~ *The Israelites are fed manna in the desert.*

Responsorial: Psalm 78~ *The Lord gave them Bread from Heaven.*

Reading II: Eph 4:17, 20-24~ *Put away the old self and put on the new self.*

Gospel: John 6:24-35~ *Jesus is calling the crowd to look beyond being filled with bread that perishes to an everlasting bread. Jesus is the Bread of Life.*

Readings for Next Sunday

1 Kgs 19:4-8 Eph 4:30--5:2 Jn 6:41-51

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pet 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7 Mt 15:21-25-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34 Mt 16:13-23
Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26
Saturday: Hab 1:12—2:4 Mt 17:14-20

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am In memory of Betty Owens-Birthday
11:30am Health of Elois Clark
Monday Health of Hilda Best
Tuesday Safekeeping of Our Youth-Nat'l Night Out
Wednesday Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Thursday Renee Coles-Birthday
Friday Health of Lucille Rivas
Saturday Peace in Our Communities

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, Zynae 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, Lucille Rivas, 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 ~

Please pray for the well-being of Barbara Kennedy's sister, **Elois Clark**, as she has moved into the advanced stage of Alzheimers.

Your prayers are also asked for the health and well-being of *Shirley Adams, Hilda Best, Sheila D. Brown, Audrey & Roland Caldwell, Vi Davies, Bob & Priscilla Fuller, Zynae Green, Earl Hamilton, Elizabeth Holmes, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Lucille Rivas, 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, July 29, 2018** amounted to **\$5,894.00**. Youth-\$2.00; Maintenance-\$125.00.

Attendance	5:00pm	18
	8:45am	114
	11:30am	<u>75</u>
		207

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**.

ENLISTING WITNESSES FOR JESUS-ANSWERING THE CALL TO MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 16, 2018!

Adult Faith Formation And RCIA

This program is for adults wishing to become Catholic or desiring to increase their knowledge of Catholicism. We will be meeting in the Red Room on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 beginning September 16. **Adults seeking a closer relationship with Jesus Christ are encouraged to participate.**

Youth Religious Education

This program is for children preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. We have classes for children from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. Our classes will meet in the school on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 starting September 16. **All families are encouraged to participate.**

Youth Group

The Youth Group is for high school age youth, who have received the sacrament of Confirmation. This ministry provides ongoing formation in faith, ministry, community service and positive Christian peer fellowship. Youth Group meets on Sunday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 in the rectory living room.

All youth are invited to get involved!

**SOWING AND GROWING SEEDS OF
BETTER DISCIPLESHIP
AND
GREATER HOLINESS**

In today's gospel, Jesus' hearers want more signs—more of the bread that will fill their day to day hunger. But Jesus challenges them to go deeper than the loaves and fish themselves: to realize the compassion and mercy of God in the miracle and the possibilities each one of them has to be that same bread of hope and generosity for one another. A life of true joy and meaning driven not by “perishable” material things and fleeting experiences but by the “nonperishable” values of God.

Perhaps the most difficult challenge of our time is to accomplish the “work” of God while “working” to establish and succeed in our jobs, to make a place in our homes and hearts for the “bread” that is Christ amid the fast food being shoved in our faces from every direction. Jesus calls us to move beyond our desire for instant gratification and quick fixes and discover the word of God creating and animating our lives and our world. This is the “bread of heaven” that Jesus speaks of in today's gospel: selfless compassion, grace and gratitude—the food that will not perish, the food that nurtures all that is good, the food that sustains us on our journey to meaning and purpose.

The Eucharist demands more than opening of our hands to take and our mouths to consume –the Eucharist demands that we open our hearts and spirits, as well, so that we may become what we receive. To receive the Eucharist worthily, we must not only consume the sacrament but allow ourselves to be consumed by the sacrament. In the profound simplicity of the bread and wine of the Eucharist, we are called to become the Christ we receive: Christ the servant, Christ the reconciler. Christ the wisdom and life of God.

**PLEASE DONATE SUPPLIES
TO OUR STM ACADEMY!!**

PAC, in collaboration with the STM Academy Alumni Association, is hosting a Back-To-School Drive to support both our STM students and their teachers!!

This year we will be receiving your contributions during the entire month of August! One of the keys to great success in school settings is for students and teachers to have the proper tools they need. Teachers cannot teach, and students cannot learn if neither has the proper materials needed for success!

Beginning today, **August 5 through Sunday, September 9**, a collection bin will be located in the church for your generous donations.

*PAC and the STM Academy Alumni Association
appreciate and thank you in advance for your support!*

CARDINAL'S APPEAL JUNE UPDATE:

As of June 22, 2018, we have increased participation from 56.9% to 66%. We have pledged \$24,433.00 from a total of 94 pledges, with an average pledge of \$260.00!

Let's all do our part to reach this goal. Simply fill out the appeal envelope in the back of the church and place in the collection or give to an usher. Be sure to make your checks payable to the “Cardinal's Appeal”. Thanks to all who have sown the seeds of generosity by supporting this year's appeal.



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. We ask and encourage visitors to sign our Guest Book.

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD...

***FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION, AUGUST 15, 2018:
Mass times~ 8:00am & 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel.***

FIVE WAYS WE CAN BETTER SERVE YOU:

1. If you are new to our church, complete a registration form. (Available in back of church.)
2. If your address has changed recently let us know by completing a change of address form. (Available in back of church.)
3. Consider using ***Faith Direct*** (e-giving) for your tithing and church support. It is easier and more efficient and saves paper as well. See announcement in this bulletin.
4. If you are not active in a church ministry, please receive our invitation to get involved and serve. Complete and turn in a sign-up form. (Available in the back of church.)
5. Become a “***Missionary Disciple***” by sowing and growing the seeds of faith by inviting friends or family to be a part of our church.

PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES!

**STM Outreach Committee's
Annual Crab Feast**

Sunday, September 16, 2018, 2:00-5:00pm

~SISTER TO SISTER~

Proclaiming Our Season of Faith and Power!

Saturday, September 8, 2018

10:00am to 3:00pm

Speaker: Last year's East of the River Revivalist,
Rev. Roy Lee, PhD

Tickets~\$35.00 (Includes continental breakfast and lunch.)

Location: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
1600 Morris Road, SE, DC

Registration Forms Available in the Back of Church

2018 East of the River Revival

Theme: Jesus, Heal Our Land

Revivalist: Father Sidney Speaks

Youth Rally: Saturday, September 29

St. Thomas More, 10:00am to 4:30pm

Activities for children and youth ages 7 to 18.

Mass with Bishop Dorsonville at 12:00pm

Revival: October 1-3, 2018

Holy Family Church, Hilcrest Heights

Praise and Worship starts at 7:00pm

Closing Mass with Bishop Roy Campbell
on Wednesday evening.

