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***August 12, 2018***



***Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ-  
Answering the Call to Missionary Discipleship***

**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	(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

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Preparing to Hear God's Word

**Reading I: 1 Kgs 19:4-8**~ The bread given to Elijah strengthened him to reach his goal, the mountain of God.

**Responsorial: Psalm 34**~ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Reading II: Eph 4:30--5:2**~ Live in love as Christ loved us.

**Gospel: Jn 6:41-51**~ The bread Jesus gives—his very self—is that goal in which we have eternal life.

### Readings for Next Sunday

**Prov 9:1-6 Eph 5:15-20 Jn 6:51-58**

### DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c	Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Ez 2:8—3:4	Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab	1Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56
Thursday:	Ez 12:1-2	Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday:	Ez 16:59-63	Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32	Mt 17:22-27

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
11:30am	Intentions of STM Parishioners
Monday	Health of Elois Clark
Tuesday	Barry Rhodes-Birthday Richard & Suzanne Chandler-Anniversary
Wednesday	Oblate Sisters of Providence
Thursday	Paul Waters-Birthday
Friday	Principal Gerald Smith-Leadership Success
Saturday	Safekeeping of our Youth

### 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, Elois 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 SESCOE, 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 prayers are 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. 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 last Sunday, August 5, 2018 will appear in next week's Sunday's Bulletin.**

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](http://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.**

### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018

~ Mass Times ~

**8:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.**

**in the  
Rectory Chapel.**

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

Continuing again from the Gospel of John chapter six, we reflect on Jesus as the Bread of Life. Reflect on these words:

Gracious God, you have forgiven us through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. Help us not to grieve the Holy Spirit in whom we were sealed for the day of redemption. Let us put away all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor and slander. We pray that we may be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as you have forgiven us. May we give no opportunity to the devil. We thank you for Jesus who is the Living Bread come down from heaven. May we feed upon him by faith and so be nourished for eternal life. We rest in the assurance that those who are drawn by you to Jesus will be raised up at the last day. Forgive us when we have despaired of life as Elijah did in the wilderness. May we trust your providential care for us just as you provided for Elijah a little cake and fresh water. Help us to remember that Jesus is the true heavenly bread that sustains us unto eternal life. Whoever believes in this Bread will never hunger, will never be famished for want of hearing the word of God; nor will such a person be parched by spiritual thirst through the lack of the waters of baptism and the consecration imparted by the Spirit.

We are invited to drink the water of new life in Baptism and break the Bread of Everlasting Life in the bread of the Eucharist.

*More next Sunday as we continue in John's Gospel and the Bread of Life.*

**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 throughout 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 if they do not have materials, and students cannot learn if they do not have materials, as well.

**From now until Sunday, September 9, 2018,**  
*a collection bin for your generous donations  
will be located in the church.*

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

**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***

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**~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***

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**\*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.

