

Saint Thomas More Parish & Academy
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September 16, 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
Mr. Gerald Smith, Academy Principal
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	(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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: *Isa 50:4c-9a*~ God upholds the suffering servant.

Responsorial: *Psalm 116*~ I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Reading II: *James 2: 14-18*~ Faith without works is dead.

Gospel: *Mark 8:27-35*~ Jesus does not ask his disciples to undergo anything he himself has not undergone. "Whoever wishes to follow after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me."

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33	Luke 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a	Luke 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Cor 12—13:13	Luke 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-15	Luke 7:36-50
Friday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13	Matt 9:9-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49	Luke 8:4-15

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am	In memory of Roland Caldwell
11:30am	Fr. Casmir Onyegwere-Birthday
Monday	Health of Hilda Best
Tuesday	Health of Lucille Rivas
Wednesday	LaJuan Pringle-Birthday
	In loving memory of LaToya Garvey
Thursday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Friday	In memory of Joe Elliott-Birthday
Saturday	In memory of Don Bertman

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, 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, 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, Yvonne White, 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 peaceful repose of our decades long, devoted parishioner, **Roland Caldwell**, and for the comfort and consolation of his loved ones & friends.

Your continued prayers are also asked for **Shirley Adams, Hilda Best, Sheila D. Brown, Audrey Caldwell, Vi Davies, Bob & Priscilla Fuller, Zynae Green, Elizabeth Holmes, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Lucille Rivas, Robert Robinson, Margaret Spencer**, 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~

September 2, 2018: \$7,379.00; Maintenance-\$4,169.00.

September 9, 2018: \$5446.00; Faith Direct-\$2,377.63. Maintenance-\$130.00

Attendance	5:00pm	12
	8:45am	94
	11:30am	79
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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**.

REVIVAL PRAYER

Almighty and loving Father, we humbly pray that You will bless our revival with powerful assistance of your sweet Spirit. Grant that our parish may respond to this time of grace and mercy through "Jesus, Heal our Land: What We Must Do."

Help us put aside all things that crowd our lives so that we can schedule these four days to come together as praying and fasting Catholic community. We ask for the grace to learn to live the simplicity that Jesus taught in our complex World.

Bless our revival priest, Father Sidney Speaks, preacher and teacher. Prepare his heart with the message you have for us. Fill him with your Sweet Spirit to help us to be transfigured in Christ. May Mary, our Mother, our model and guide, obtain from her divine Son, all that we need to make this time of spiritual renewal.

We ask this of You, Father, Son, and Sweet Holy Spirit Who lives and reigns forever and ever. AMEN!

**ENLISTING WITNESSES FOR JESUS-
ANSWERING THE CALL TO
MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP**

Today we pray the power of the Holy Spirit on the following Catechists, Youth Ministers and Adult Faith Formation Minister:

Religious Education Administrators

Ms. Wanda Brooks
Ms. Vanessa Taylor

Sunday School Catechists (Teachers)

Ms. Nicole Garrison
Mrs. Gail Hall
Mrs. Frances Hicks
Ms. Misha Hubbard
Mrs. Christine Lee
Mrs. Violet Pinkney
Ms. Rochelle Ray
Ms. Vena Simmons
Ms. Patricia Thomas
Mrs. Antoinette Torain
Mr. Michael Weber

Youth Ministers

Ms. Vanessa Barnard
Mr. Clinton Ray
Mrs. Mrs. Damon and Monia Smith
Mr. Ignacio Washington

Adult Faith Formation

Mrs. Faye Powell

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Our Adult Bible Study will resume on Tuesday evening, October 9th at 7:30pm in the rectory living room. All adults are invited to participate in our lively and interesting discussions.

**SIGN-UP FOR STM'S 2018
OUTREACH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!**

Registration for **STM families** will take place after each Mass on Sunday, **September 23, 2018**. *Who is eligible?* Infants and children 12 years of age and younger.

~ IN APPRECIATION ~

*Dear St. Thomas More Church Family,
My family and I cannot even begin to summon up words adequate enough to thank you for your prayers, kindnesses, expressions of sympathy and all you did to support and assist us during our time of bereavement as we bade farewell to our dear dad, Earl P. Hamilton, Sr. From Fr. Moore, to Henry, Charnetta, our beloved STM Gospel Choir and Ministers of Hospitality...to Chandrai, Sharie, Liz, Billy, the STM Bereavement Committee, Repast Volunteers and beyond, we received profound love, comfort and reassurance every step of the way. May God continue to bless you abundantly!*

*Gratefully Yours in Christ,
Pattie Hamilton*



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.*

CARDINAL'S APPEAL UPDATE:

*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.

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!

2018 East of the River Revival

**Theme: Jesus, Heal Our Land
Revivalist: Father Sidney Speaks**

Youth Rally: Saturday, September 29, 2018

**~ 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 Wednesday evening
with Bishop Roy Campbell***

"Women of the Spirit" Concert!

**Please Stay Tuned for a
New Date TBD**

