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**May 19, 2019**



**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	(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

## CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!!

### Fifth Sunday of Easter Preparing to Hear God's Word

**Reading I:** Acts 14:21-27 ~ St. Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, describes the growth of the early church.

**Responsorial:** Psalm 145 ~ I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

**Reading II:** Rev 21:1-5a ~ John shares his vision of the new Jerusalem and the end of sorrow and death.

**Gospel:** John 13:31-33a, 34-35 ~ Jesus' followers will be known by their love for one another.

#### Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 John 14:23-29

### DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18	John 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28	John 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6	John 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21	John 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31	John 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10	John 15:18-21

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am	Class of 2019 Graduates
11:30am	Class of 2019 Graduates
Monday	Health of Audrey Caldwell
Tuesday	Archbishop Wilton Gregory
Wednesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Thursday	Health of Frances Davies
Friday	Safekeeping of Our Youth
Saturday	In loving memory of Ronald Johnson-1 yr.

### PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Viola Barnes, Betty Beatty, Shirley Brown, Francilla Browne, Cynthia Bruce, Felicia V. Bush, John Bush, Audrey Caldwell, Jane Cannon, Dixie Clark, Elois Clark, Shertia Clark, Odessa Curtis, Frances Davies, Barbara Deale, Barbara DeJesus, Renee Feliu, Diane Finley, 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, Sarah Jones, Seymour & Patrick Jones, David Larison, Dennis Lucas, James Makle, Jr., Gloria & William McCaskill, Emma McEntyre, Betty Moeller, Gloria Morgan, Dorothy Myrtle, Angela Neal, Tammy Peterson, Charles Queen, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Arthur Robinson, Jean, Leroy & Robert Robinson, Yolanda Rollins, Thelma Sawyer, Robin Sescoc, Ciara Shields, Brenda Smith, Edsel Swann, Jane Thomas, Kristine Vivican, Rev. Raymond Wadas, 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 requested for Shirley Adams, Sheila D. Brown, Audrey Caldwell, Frances Davies, Priscilla Fuller, Elizabeth Holmes, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Robert Robinson, Yolanda Rollins, our members who are on the road to recovery, sick, shut-in or grieving; and Pope Francis, Archbishop Gregory, Fr. Moore, Fr. Casimir, Ed Poindexter & Deacon Ralph Cyrus.

**YOU'RE INVITED:** You are invited to join with other members of our church family for **Mass at 8:00am weekdays**. We celebrate the Eucharist together daily and extend a gracious invitation for others to join us. **Mass is in the rectory chapel and lasts only about 30 minutes.**

**SODALITY PILGRIMAGE:** The Sodality Union is sponsoring a Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochow (Black Madonna) in Doylestown, PA, Saturday, July 6, 2019. Cost: \$55.00/person. *If interested, please call Laura Brown (301-899-8099) right away!*

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### EFFECTIVE SUPPORT OF YOUR CHURCH IS WISE STEWARDSHIP

Dear God, these gifts, our tithes and offerings of love, express our gratitude for your outpouring of love in Christ Jesus and your generous provision for all our needs. We dedicate our offerings for use in fields that are ripe for harvest. May our stewardship be a blessing to our church and the building up of your Kingdom.

**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 **May 12, 2019** amounted to **\$6,778.00**, plus **Faith Direct-\$2,587.84**. **Maintenance-\$400.00.**

Attendance	5:00pm	21
	8:45am	101
	11:30am	73
		195

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!** We all strive to be good stewards of our blessings. Over the past months, many of our members now use Faith Direct (e-giving) to fulfill their stewardship commitments to our church. Electronic giving is less expensive than the offertory envelopes. By switching to Faith Direct, we reduce our envelope and postage expenses. Consider joining Faith Direct and support St. Thomas More by using this secure and convenient program. It is simple to start. **Enroll by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net)** to enroll securely on line. **Our parish code is DCC773.**

### ENLISTING WITNESSES FOR JESUS CHRIST

**Youth Religious Education:** Our Religious Education Program is for children in pre-kindergarten through Confirmation. Classes are held Sunday mornings in the school from 10:30 to 11:30.

*All families are encouraged to participate.*

**Youth Ministry:** Our Youth Ministry Program, for youth who have received the sacrament of Confirmation through the twelfth grade, meets on Sunday mornings at 10:30 in the rectory living room. *All youth are encouraged to participate.*

**Adult Faith Formation:** Our Adult Faith Formation Program is designed for adults preparing to become Catholics, and for those Catholics who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith. The group meets on Sunday morning at 10:30 in the Red Room. *All adults are welcome.*

**Adult Bible Study:** Our Adult Bible Study **will not meet this week** because of the installation of Archbishop Gregory. We will resume on May 28th. We meet on Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the rectory. *All are welcome!*

### "GRIEFSHARE" IS HERE TO HELP!

*It hurts to lose someone. Find help and support at GriefShare, a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. There are many churches with GriefShare Support Groups meeting weekly throughout the country. The STM Parish Council has provided some general information about GriefShare, along with a list of nearby churches holding group meetings to help you in this process of healing. **Info may be found in the back of the church.***



## WELCOME VISITORS!

We warmly welcome our visitors to  
**St. Thomas More Church!**  
We invite all who are seeking a church home  
to join our church family.  
Please sign our Guest Book.

## COUNTDOWN TO PENTECOST!!

### ~PENTECOST POWER PRAYER~

**Loving Lord,  
here I am, just as I am.  
I trust that you have incredible plans for me.  
So transform me. Empower me. Use me!  
Everything is on the table.  
Take what you want to take.  
And give what you want to give  
so that I can live the life you envision for me.  
I hold nothing back.  
I am 100% available.  
So, dear God, send your Holy Spirit upon me  
that I may build your Kingdom in my words  
and work.**

**Through Christ our Lord. AMEN!**

In today's Gospel, Jesus gets to the point quickly. Love one another as I have loved you. In all things, Jesus leads by example. And so, when we ask ourselves "How did Jesus love?" many images come to mind. We see Jesus healing the blind and the lame. We see him touching lepers and blessing children. We hear him telling the woman caught in adultery, "Neither do I condemn you." And we see him with arms stretched wide on the cross for our salvation.

Jesus' entire life, not just his death, was a continual outpouring of self for others. Jesus loved with his presence, and he continues to love in this way. We experience his presence when we listen to his word in the Gospels, when we seek him in prayer, and encounter Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

Jesus gives us this new commandment at the Last Supper. His disciples had travelled with him for several years. They have witnessed him loving everyone he encountered. We are called to do the same. St. Teresa of Avila wrote a prayer titled "Christ has no body." She wrote: "Christ has no body but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks with compassion on the world. Now the mission is ours, "As I have loved you, so also you should love one another."

## RELIGIOUS ED TEACHERS NEEDED!

Our very fine team of Sunday School teachers is in need of instructors who are committed to share their faith and the teachings of the church with our young. If interested, please contact Ms. Wanda Brooks, Coordinator of Religious Education. The rewards are great!

## ARCHBISHOP JAMES P. LYKE CONFERENCE!!

Meeting the Liturgical Needs of the Black Catholic Community, the *Lyke Conference* will be held at the **Gaylord Hotel, National Harbor, July 2-6, 2019!** Please take advantage of this opportunity to join with other adults/youth from across the nation for praise & worship, workshops, fellowship and much more! For detailed information and/or to obtain registration materials please visit: [www.lykeconference.com](http://www.lykeconference.com). **Early bird rate ends 5/31/19!**

## CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS!



The following youth received the  
**Sacrament of Penance for the first time on May 18<sup>th</sup>!**  
They will receive their **First Holy Communion** during  
the **11:30am Mass next Sunday, May 26, 2019:**

<b>Adriana Brooks</b>	<b>Marquee Sherrell</b>
<b>Christian Doricent</b>	<b>Habiba Taalib</b>
<b>Renee Douglas</b>	<b>Aniya Wilson</b>
<b>Aurora Jarvis-Washington</b>	<b>Jaiden Wilson</b>
<b>Isis Jarvis-Washington</b>	

Thank you for remembering our youth receiving these sacraments in your prayers. Please also pray for their families, Religious Education teachers, sponsors, and all involved in supporting them along their Christian journey.

## WE APPLAUD OUR



**CLASS of 2019 GRADUATES!**

### \*\*COLLEGE\*\*

<b>Shaquita Hebb</b>	<b>Lincoln University</b>
<b>Demia Lee</b>	<b>St. John's University</b>
<b>Franklin Makle</b>	<b>North Carolina A&amp;T</b>
<b>Kennie May, Jr.</b>	<b>Hampton University</b>
<b>Pamela Meredith</b>	<b>Strayer University</b>
<b>Tomi Tolliver</b>	<b>UMUC</b>

### ~~HIGH SCHOOL~~

<b>Dayshawn Garrison</b>	<b>Friendship Tech Prep</b>
<b>Talia Savoy</b>	<b>North Point</b>
<b>Leonard Singleton</b>	<b>Friendly</b>
<b>Jordan Webber</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Ja'Dell Webster</b>	<b>La Plata</b>
<b>Demetrius Wilson</b>	<b>Potomac</b>

### ~MIDDLE SCHOOL~

<b>Nahsaan Curtis</b>	<b>St. Thomas More</b>
<b>Journee Logan</b>	<b>Stephen Decatur</b>
<b>Aysha May</b>	<b>St. Thomas More</b>
<b>Tiairra Williams</b>	<b>St. Thomas More</b>

### ~ELEMENTARY SCHOOL~

<b>Aiyana Glenn</b>	<b>JP Ryan</b>
<b>Kameron Martin</b>	<b>Ludlow Taylor</b>
<b>Umaimah Taalib</b>	<b>Potomac Landing</b>
<b>Aniya Wilson</b>	<b>Panorama</b>

### ~KINDERGARTEN~

<b>Liliana Hawkins</b>	<b>St. Thomas More</b>
<b>Terral Lewis, Jr</b>	<b>CMIT South Elementary</b>
<b>Karter Martin</b>	<b>Ludlow Taylor</b>

**These graduates will receive a special blessing at Mass today!**

