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**June 2, 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

## **The Ascension of Our Lord** **Preparing to Hear God's Word**

**Reading I:** Acts 1:1-11~Jesus ascends into heaven.

**Responsorial:** Ps 47 ~God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Reading II:** Eph 1:17-23~Paul encourages the church at Ephesus.

**Gospel:** Luke 24:46-53~ Jesus gives final instructions for the disciples to return to Jerusalem.

### **Readings for Next Sunday**

**Acts 2:1-11 1Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23**

### **DAILY MASS READINGS**

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8	John 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27	John 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38	John 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11	John 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21	John 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31	John 21:20-25

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Sunday 8:45am STM Catholic Academy Class of 2019

11:30am Archbishop Wilton Gregory

Monday	Intentions of STM Parishioners
Tuesday	Chereese Ray-Birthday
Wednesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Thursday	STM Academy Kindergarten Graduates
Friday	STM Academy Eight Grade Graduates
	In memory of Doris & Dcn. Martin-Prayer Gp
Saturday	In loving memory of Jacqueline Ray-Birthday

### **PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Viola Barnes, Betty Beatty, Shirley Brown, Francillia 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 Larson, 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 SESCOE, 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. Casmir, Ed Poindexter & Dcn. 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 Czestochowa (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 26, 2019** will be posted in the Bulletin on **June 9, 2019.***

*Thank you!*

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 focus on the power of the Holy Spirit in the early Church. We meet on Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the rectory. All are welcome!

**STM SODALITY: Today, June 2, 2019:** STM Sodality will convene for a General Meeting, immediately after the 8:45am Mass. Rosary at 8:15am.

### **"GRIEF SHARE" 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.*

*Additional info may be found in the back of the church.*

## 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!*

*Christ has ascended near to God, triumphant,  
To prepare the house, near to God.  
He remains with us in the land of the living,  
He remains with us, near to God.  
He will open to us, near to God, his kingdom,  
Welcoming sinners near to God.  
In heaven we will be near to God forever.  
No cold, no hunger near to God.  
And we will sing, full of joy, full of love,  
And we will sing near to God.  
And we will love, near to God, the universe  
Completed by our hands, near to God.  
In heaven we will have, near to God, happiness  
In glory and peace, near to God.*

### ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL 2019

We have begun the annual Archdiocesan Appeal. There is a fresh theme this year: "Our Faith. Our Hope. Our Mission." Each Sunday during the appeal we will make pledge forms and envelopes available for you to complete and turn in before you leave church. We will make sure that your pledges are delivered to the Appeal office.

You can also support the Appeal online at [adw.org](http://adw.org) or text "Give" to 301-231-1816. *Last year our generosity provided \$31,54.00 in pledges.*

The Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services such as Catholic Charities, our school and the Merrick Center and many others that touch and improve the lives of thousands of people.

### 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 ended 5/31/19, but there is still time to register.*



## 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!*

## CONGRATULATIONS, STM CATHOLIC ACADEMY CLASS OF 2019!!



*Baccalaureate for our STM Academy Eighth Graders takes place at the 8:45am Mass, today, June 2, 2019!*

### *~ Eighth Grade ~*

<i>Makenzie Adams</i>	<i>Archbishop Carroll</i>
<i>Rebecca Assiri</i>	<i>Bishop McNamara</i>
<i>Joy-L Beatty</i>	<i>Archbishop Carroll</i>
<i>Alaya Burroughs-Carney</i>	<i>Archbishop Carroll</i>
<i>Kendrick Carter</i>	<i>Archbishop Carroll</i>
<i>Nahsaan Curtis</i>	<i>St. Charles</i>
<i>Taquala Davis</i>	<i>Cornerstone of D.C.</i>
<i>Micah Massey</i>	<i>Archbishop Carroll</i>
<i>Aysha May</i>	<i>Bishop McNamara</i>
<i>Tenayzia Missouri</i>	<i>Archbishop Carroll</i>
<i>Raniyah Nicholson</i>	<i>Archbishop Carroll</i>
<i>Chiedozie Onianwah</i>	<i>Bishop McNamara</i>
<i>Lavon Reese</i>	<i>Richard Wright PCS</i>
<i>Malaysia Williams</i>	<i>Emerson Preparatory</i>
<i>Tiairra Williams</i>	<i>Archbishop Carroll</i>

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*Please also pray for our Kindergarten Students as they prepare for their very special day!*

<i>Javon Barnaby</i>	<i>Liliana Hawkins</i>
<i>Nefertiti Bradley</i>	<i>Mai'ia Johnson</i>
<i>Chase Brown</i>	<i>Devin Jones</i>
<i>Steven Collins</i>	<i>Jair Jordan</i>
<i>Kenneth Harris</i>	<i>Kyrie Leftwich</i>
<i>Justin Williams</i>	

*Kindergarten Graduation ~ June 6, 2019~ 10:00am  
Eighth Grade Graduation ~ June 7, 2019~ 10:00am*

*All are invited to attend these very special ceremonies which will take place in the church. Please support our graduates with your prayers and presence!*

## 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!

