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June 9, 2019 ~ Pentecost Sunday



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

Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12
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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

PENTECOST



SUNDAY

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: Acts 2:1-11~ The disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial: Psalm 104~ Lord, send out your spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Reading II: 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 ~ There are many gifts in the one body of Christ.

Gospel: Jn 20:19-23~ Jesus appears to the disciples bestowing the peace of the Holy Spirit.

Readings for Next Sunday

Prov 8:22-31 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Acts 1:12-14	John 19:25-34
Tuesday:	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3	Matt 10:7-13
Wednesday:	2 Cor 3:4-11	Matt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Is 61:1-3a	Luke 10:1-9
Friday:	2 Cor 4:7-15	Matt 5:27-32
Saturday:	2 Cor 5:14-21	Matt 5:33-37

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am In memory of Duryea Smith
11:30am Archbishop Wilton Gregory

Monday	Health of Margaret Spencer
Tuesday	In memory of Dr. Brandon Rogers
Wednesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Thursday	STM Academy Faculty and Students
Friday	Elizabeth Holmes-Birthday
Saturday	Pam Meredith-Birthday

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, Francess 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 ~

Please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of **Duryea Smith**, brother of **Nahja Smith** and **Sheila Dunn**, and uncle of **Damon Smith** and **Garrison Best**.

Your continued prayers are requested for **Shirley Adams**, **Sheila D. Brown**, **Audrey Caldwell**, **Francess 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** & **Dcn. Ralph Cyrus**.

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 Czestochosw (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** amounted to **\$5,706.00**. Maintenance-\$0.00; Youth-\$4.00. Combined Attendance: **262**

Tithes and offerings for **June 2, 2019** amounted to **\$8,930.00**. Maintenance-\$3,763.00; Youth-\$2.00.

Attendance	5:00pm	16
	8:45am	166
	11:30am	<u>84</u>
		266

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** 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 is on Summer Break. We will resume in the Fall.

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!

GLORIFY PRAISE AND WORSHIP TEAM NEWS!!

The Glorify and Praise Worship Team will participate in the Annual Scholarship Concert taking place at **2:00pm TODAY at St. Joseph Church, Largo, MD!** A \$10.00 donation is requested, and will be used to assist students of St. Joseph's Church.



~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!**

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 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

Early bird rate ended 5/31/19, but registrations are still being accepted!!

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 GRADUATES!!**

~ Eighth Grade ~

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

~KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES~

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

Please continue to hold our students, their families, and our wonderful STM Academy Faculty and Staff in your prayers!

"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.

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

WELCOME GUEST CHOIR!!

Please join us on **Sunday, June 23, 2019** as we welcome the choir from **All Saints Church in Milwaukee** who will be with us for 11:30 Mass. Henry Herrera is the former director of this choir. Let's come out and support our guests on their annual summer tour.

**ST. THOMAS MORE
CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS!**



****LIBRARY DRIVE**
STM ACADEMY IS BUILDING A
COMMUNITY OF READERS!**

We are seeking your help to provide *NEW and EXCITING BOOKS* for our *SCHOLARS*. If you are able to make a Monetary Donation to purchase books for the STMCA Scholars, please see Sharie Wood or Liz Berry. The Academy is also in need of gently used picture books, grade-level readers, chapter books or young adult level books to restock the library's sharing shelves. If you are able to donate books, please speak to Sharie Wood! *Thanks for your support of this effort!!*

*St. Thomas More Catholic Academy
Serving Students in Grades Pre-K3-8
Catholic Environment ~ Academically Excellent
REGISTRATION IS NOW UNDERWAY
FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR!*

**STM FOOD PANTRY
DONATIONS APPRECIATED!
PLEASE HELP US PROVIDE NUTRITIOUS
FOOD FOR FAMILIES!**



We are seeking the following items:

~DRY GOODS~

Rice/Pasta/Beans/Hot & Cold Cereal

~CANNED GOODS~

Meat/Tuna/Soup/Fruit/Vegetables

*STM has served as a REFUGE OF RELIEF for many!
Food/Monetary donations will help keep our pantry viable!*

Thank You! God Bless!

SHARE INFORMATION!

Value Package- \$22.00.

-Schedule for JUNE 2019-

Sign-up~ TODAY, June 9, 2019

Pick-up ~Sat., June 22, 2019, 9-10am

*Unclaimed packages will be donated to the STM Food Pantry.
Please also consider making a monetary donation of \$22.00 to provide a SHARE Package to a family in need. If interested, please see any member of our SHARE Team. Thank you!*

2019-2020 CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS!

ALL Organizations/Groups are asked to submit 2019-2020 calendars/space requests to Pattie Hamilton via email by Friday, June 14, 2019! Groups not submitting calendar dates will run the risk of missing out on space to hold meetings and/or events. Please send your dates to stmchurch@comcast.net and indicate 'calendar' in the subject line. **Thank you!**

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Religious Ed Classes (10:30am-Classrooms) Second Chance (3:30pm-Old Library)
Monday	Youth Choir Rehearsal (7:00pm-Church)
Tuesday	Bible Study-On summer break NCW 2 nd Community (8:00pm-Cedar Rm)
Wednesday	NCW 1 st Community (8:00pm-Cedar Rm)
Thursday	Adult Choir Rehearsal (7:00pm-Church)
Friday	AA (8:00pm-Old Library)
Saturday	NCW Communities (8:00pm-Church)

SECURITY AWARENESS AND BRIEFING!

We are all responsible for the safety and well-being of one another here in our church. Our security plan consists of three responses to danger. **These are:**

1. *Be aware of your surroundings.*
2. *Report suspicious behavior to Minister of Hospitality.*
3. *Recommended Response:*
 - a) *Run away from danger.*
 - b) *Hide by falling to the FLOOR & under a pew.*
 - c) *Fight the attacker.*

We will be conducting periodic safety training and publishing our procedures in the Sunday Bulletin.

PLEASE REMEMBER: "Be alert. Be safe!"

~ FLOCK NOTES TECHNOLOGY ~

So far 105 of you have signed up for this new communications tool that will provide you the latest information, schedules and important church events through text messages or email. **Here is how you sign up:**

For those who are "tech savvy", you may self-register for "Flock Notes" by following these easy steps:

1. *Go to your cell phone and create a new text message.*
2. *Put 84576 in the field.*
3. *Put stm4265 (all lower case) in the body of text.*
4. *Hit "Send."*
5. *Click the link in the reply message*
6. *Complete the name page, hit save.*
7. *Choose your groups, hit next*
8. *Complete the rest of the fields, hit save.*
9. *You will receive an email to verify your email address, click verify my email*
10. *You will receive another email to create a password, click create password*
11. *Once your password is set it will log you into Flock Notes.*

If this does not work for you, please complete the "Joining Flock Notes" form and we will assist you.

NOTES FOR TODAY
