

Saint Thomas More Parish & Academy
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~ *July 28, 2019* ~



*As Generous Distributors of God's Manifold Grace,
Put Your Gifts at the Service of One Another (1 Pet 4:10)*

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	(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 12:00pm 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 Rector's.

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 Rector's.

CCD Classes: Every Sunday at 10:30am

Bible Study: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: Gen 18:20-32~ Abraham negotiates with God.

Responsorial: Psalm 138~ Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Reading II: Col 2:12-14~ We have been brought to life with Christ.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13~ Jesus teaches about the need for persistence in prayer.

Readings for Next Sunday

Ecc 1:2, 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Luke 12:13-21

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34	John 11:19-27
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34: 5b-9, 28	Matt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35	Matt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38	Matt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-3	Matt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lev 25:1, 8-17	Matt 14:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am	Family of Jason Plaskett, Jr.
11:30am	Archbishop Wilton Gregory
Monday	Health of Elizabeth Holmes
Tuesday	Health of Audrey Caldwell
Wednesday	In memory of Williard Pinkney
Thursday	Health of Brenda Green
Friday	In memory of Doris & Dcn. Martin-Prayer Gp
Saturday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones

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, 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 Sescocoe, Ciara Shields, Brenda Smith, Edsel Swann, Jane Thomas, Kristine Vivican, Rev. Raymond Wadas, Kayla Warren, Paul Waters, Marilyn Denise Whetstone, Anita 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, Francess Davies, Priscilla Fuller, Elizabeth Holmes, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Robert Robinson, Yolanda Rollins, Margaret Spencer, 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. Ralph Cyrus.*

YOU ARE 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.*

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 **July 21, 2019** amounted to **\$5,554.06**, plus Faith Direct-**\$3,466.00**. Maintenance-**\$80.00**.

Attendance	5:00pm	17
	8:45am	103
	11:30am	<u>65</u>
		185

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 for children will begin for the 2019-2020 school year on September 15. Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30am. Parents desiring their children to receive the sacraments of *Baptism, First Communion, Confession or Confirmation* should enroll their children in our Sunday School Program.

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

Adult Faith Formation Class Forming: We are presently enrolling adult candidates for Baptism and reception into the Catholic Church. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please complete the registration form in the back of the church and turn in to ushers.

Adult Bible Study: Our Adult Bible Study will resume in the fall. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the rectory living room.

JOIN US IN WELCOMING

**Our New Archbishop of Washington,
ARCHBISHOP WILTON GREGORY,**

to St. Thomas More

NEXT Sunday, August 4, 2019,

for the 11:30am Mass!*

***There will be ONLY ONE MASS on Aug. 4th!**

PASTORAL REFLECTION

Ten Ways To Become A Better Believer and Build A Stronger Church

*Here are ten ways that you can make
St. Thomas More Church grow:*

1. Be on time for Mass and meetings. We are beginning to do much better in the area of punctuality.
2. Reach out to friends and family and invite them to be a part of St. Thomas More.
3. Faithfully participate in your ministries. Remember that a lot of people are depending on our various ministries.
4. Consider joining one of our great music ministries—the Adult Gospel Choir, Youth Choir, Glorify Praise Team. We also welcome new Lectors and Ministers of Hospitality.
5. Be consistent in your stewardship through tithes and offerings of love, the STM Food Pantry and special fundraising events.
6. Encourage the young people you know (and their parents) to actively participate in Mass and Religious Education Classes which will begin on September 15.
7. Invite adult family or friends to join our Church. The Adult Faith Formation Program begins September 15.
8. Spread the good news about St. Thomas More Catholic Academy and the great program we are building for scholars in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.
9. Respond to the occasional calls for help in stocking our food pantry.
10. Join a ministry or group in the church such as the Sodality, Adult Bible Study or Youth Group.

*Together we can build a better St. Thomas More
and build a better world in the process.*

ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL 2019

*Let's all get behind the
2019 Archdiocese of Washington Annual Appeal!*

**Thus far we have pledged \$14,910 toward our goal of
\$37,045 with only 41 gifts.**

Our generous support will help drive efforts of faith, hope and mission in the Church of Washington.

Faith: Formation of seminarians, deacons and religious; and support for the Office of Vocations and Permanent Diaconate.

Hope: Tuition assistance for Catholic schools; parish religious education programs; educator and catechist development and training; university and campus ministries.

Mission: To spread the Good News of Christ's love and truth; support for ministries to foster and promote marriage and family, cultural diversity, youth and young adult engagement; outreach and assistance to uphold the dignity of all human life; and support of Catholic Charities.

In gratitude for all that Christ has given us and the gift of being able to help those in need, please consider committing to support the 2019 appeal.

Appeal pledge forms are available 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 located near the entrance.

NEW MEMBERS PLEASE REGISTER!

We welcome all new members and kindly ask that you *formally register* by completing a Registration Form, which you may obtain from one of our ushers.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 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!

“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.

Detailed info may be found in the back of the 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!”

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

*STM Outreach Committee's
Annual Crab Feast*

Sunday, September 15, 2019, STM Cedar Room.

Please see flyer for detailed information!!

