

Saint Thomas More Parish & Academy
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~ August 11, 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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: Wis 18:6-9~The Israelites long-awaited freedom from oppression.

Responsorial: Psalm 33: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Reading II: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 ~In praise of Abraham's faith.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48~True followers of Jesus must strive to be aware and prepared.

Readings for Next Sunday

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Heb 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Dt 10:12-22	Matt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Dt 31:1-8	Matt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Dt 34:1-12	Matt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab	Cor 15:20-27 Luke 1:39-56
Friday:	Jos 24:1-3	Matt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29	Matt 19:13-15

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
11:30am	Health of Audrey Caldwell
Monday	Health of Elizabeth Holmes
Tuesday	Health of Marion and Ruth Richardson
Wednesday	Barry Rhodes-Birthday
	Richard & Suzanne Chandler-Anniversary
Thursday	Oblate Sisters of Providence
Friday	Paul Waters-Birthday
Saturday	Peace in Our Communities/Nation

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 Felio, 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, 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, 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

Offer praise as your sacrifice to God; fulfill your vows to the Most High. Then call upon me on the day of distress; I will rescue you and you shall honor me. (Psalm 50:14-15)

God of grace, our faithfulness to you our lives. Grant that our gifts shall now extend your mercies to others in their need and deepen our sharing in your mighty works of redemption in our needy world. 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 for **August 4, 2019** amounted to **\$9,834.12. Maintenance-\$3,485.00.**

Attendance: 351 @ 11:30am. (One Mass only.)

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.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE!!

Once again, the STM Parish Action Committee is sponsoring a **"Back-to-School" Drive** to assist Students in Grades Pre-K thru 12! Needed items include lined and graph paper, pencils, pens, crayons, markers, index cards, folders, etc. **This year we are also accepting BOOKBAGS filled with supplies!** Donations may be left in the church. **This year's drive runs from now until September 8, 2019!**

Thanking you in advance for your support!

**THIRTIETH ANNUAL
EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL!**

October 7-9, 2019!

**Mt. Calvary Catholic Church
Forestville, MD**

Revivalist: Evangelist Richard Lane

~ REVIVAL PRAYER ~

Almighty and Loving Father,
We humbly pray that you will bless our
Revival with the powerful assistance of your
Sweet Holy Spirit. Grant that our parish may
respond to this time of grace and mercy through
our *Revival Theme*:

“Be Still and Know that I am God”.

Help us to put aside all things that crowd our lives
so that we can schedule *these three days* to come
together as a 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 revivalist, Evangelist Richard Lane.
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 a time of spiritual renewal.

***We ask this of you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. AMEN!***

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.

****FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION****

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019

~ Mass Times ~

8:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

In the Rectory Chapel.

**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!

GREAT NEWS FROM STM ACADEMY!!

***On August 1, STM Catholic Academy became the first
Catholic school in DC to offer STEM through robotics,
using the VEX IQ platform!***

The inaugural scholars will be learning to develop a research
project, maintain an engineering notebook, build a robot to
perform specific tasks. Our teams will compete with other
schools in DC, MD and VA, starting with a tournament at
Howard University on November 9, 2019.

We will host our own tournament here at

St. Thomas More on Saturday, January 25, 2020!

Please pray for our school's success. We will keep you posted.

