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*~ August 25, 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

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Preparing to Hear God's Word**

**Reading I:** *Is 66:18-21*~God's mercy will extend to all people.  
**Responsorial:** *Psalm 117:* Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

**Reading II:** *Heb 12:5-7, 11-13*~ Encouraging words for those enduring trials and hardships.

**Gospel:** *Luke 13:22-30*~Not all will take advantage of God's mercy.

**Readings for Next Sunday**

**Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14**

**DAILY MASS READINGS**

Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10	Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8	Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2: 9-13	Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13	Mk 6:17-29
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8	Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11	Mt 25:14-30

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Sunday 8:45am	Success for All Educators & Students
11:30am	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Monday	Catholic School Principals and Teachers
Tuesday	STM Catholic Academy Scholars/Supporters
Wednesday	In loving memory of Joseph Brooks-Birthday
Thursday	In loving memory of Derek Campbell
Friday	Audrey Caldwell-Birthday
Saturday	Health of David Garner

**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 Felii, 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 ~**

Please remember in your prayers the happy repose of the soul of **Maurice Fletcher, brother of Frances Hicks**, who passed away August 11, 2019. Thank you for also lifting his family in prayer.

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. Casimir, 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 18, 2019** amounted to **\$5,577.00; plus Faith Direct-\$8,640.00.**

Attendance	5:00pm	12
	8:45am	112
	11:30am	<u>66</u>
		190

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 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! Thank you 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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING:**

The Knights of Columbus Organization meets on the *2<sup>nd</sup>  
and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month* at 7:30pm in the Red  
Room. Our next scheduled meeting will take place on  
**Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**. All members are encouraged to  
attend.

**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 THESE DATES:**

***\*Religious Education Registration\****

Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year begins on  
**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> after both Masses.** Meet the  
teachers and join us for ice cream and sweet treats!

***\*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.*

