

# Saint Thomas More Parish & Academy

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## January 21, 2018



Let the favor of the Lord be upon us.  
Give success to the work of our Hands! (Psalm 90)

### Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12  
Ms. Patricia Hamilton, Pastoral Administrator, x11  
Mrs. Mary Waters, Office Assistant, x10  
Ms. Bridget Coates, 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

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Preparing to Hear God's Word

**Reading I:** *Jonah 3:1-5, 10* ~God's mercy is shown to the Ninevites.

**Responsorial:** *Ps 25*~Teach me your ways, O Lord.

**Reading II:** *1 Cor 7:29-31*~The world as we know it is passing away.

**Gospel:** *Mk 1:14-20*~ Repent and believe in the Gospel.

#### Readings for Next Sunday

*Deut 18:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28*

#### DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	1 Sam 5: 1-7, 10	Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Sam 6:12b-15, 17-19	Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sam 7:4-17	Mark 4:1-20
Thursday:	Acts 22: 3-16	Mark 16:15-18
Friday:	2 Tim 1:1-8	Mark 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sam 12:1-7a, 10-17	Mark 4:35-41

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am	In memory of Carolyn Kiett
11:30am	In loving memory of Carrie Pearson-1 yr.
Monday	In loving memory of Leon C. Roberts
Tuesday	In memory of Leonard Singleton-Birthday
Wednesday	Karyn N. Hamilton-Birthday
	In loving memory of Mary Webster-Birthday
Thursday	Health of Priscilla Fuller
Friday	Health of Roland Caldwell
Saturday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones

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

Kayla Adams, Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Viola Barnes, Betty Beatty, Marie Brown, Shirley Brown, Francillia Browne, Cynthia Bruce, Felicia V. Bush, John Bush, Mary Agnes Bush, Roland Caldwell, Jane Cannon, Dixie Clark, Shertia Clark, Odessa Curtis, Dcn. Ralph Cyrus, Frances Davies, Barbara Deale, Barbara DeJesus, Renee Feliu, Diane Finley, Eric Fuller, Priscilla Fuller,, Craig Fulmer, Betty Furr, Tasha Gant, David Garner, Tyrone Garrison, Brenda Green, Emmanuel Greene, William Gunn, Earl Hamilton, Andre Harris, Margaret Harris, Vance Harris II, June Harrison, Shant'e Hawkins, James Hilton, Maximillon Holland, Elizabeth Holmes, Darryl Jackson, Jimmie Jackson, Ivy John, Carolyn Johnson, Sarah Jones, Seymour & Patrick Jones, David Larison, Dennis Lucas, Gloria & William McCaskill, Emma McEntyre, Robert Milner, Betty Moeller, Gloria Morgan, Dorothy Myrtle, Angela Neal, Tammy Peterson, Charles Queen, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Arthur Robinson, Jean, Leroy & Robert Robinson, Daja Rogers, Thelma Sawyer, Robin Sescoc, Ciara Shields, Brenda Smith, Claudell St. Julien, Edsel Swann, Jane Thomas, Kristine Vivican, 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 and/or Shut-In.**

#### ~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

Please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of **Jackie Ray**, mother of our Youth Group co-leader, Clint Ray.

Prayers are also requested for the well-being of one of our dedicated choir members, **Lindora Owens**, who will undergo shoulder surgery this week. She asks your prayers for a successful procedure and speedy recovery.

Please pray for the health and well-being of, **Kayla Adams, Shirley Adams, Roland Caldwell, Andre Cooper, Priscilla Fuller, Elizabeth Holmes, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Robert Robinson**, all of our members who are on the road to recovery, sick, shut-in or grieving; **and**

**Pope Francis, Fr. Moore, Fr. Casimir & Ed Poindexter**

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### EFFECTIVE SUPPORT OF YOUR CHURCH IS WISE STEWARDSHIP

Give and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall be given to you. For with the same measure that you measure it shall be measured to you again." (Luke 6:38)

*Lord, let us not be guilty of withholding the best parts of life, even our money, for ourselves. Instead, enable us to give all we can so others can know the victory we have found through Jesus Christ. Receive our gifts as grateful representations of our devotion and service to the Gospel. 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 **January 14, 2018** amounted to **\$5,404.00; Maintenance-\$405.00; Youth-\$2.00.**

Attendance	5:00pm	15
	8:45am	105
	11:30am	117
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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: Fall Into e-Giving with Faith Direct!

This is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your tithes and offerings to St. Thomas More. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save for you. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code, DC773.

**PASTOR'S BIBLE:** Our Adult Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the rectory. The current topic is, "What Was Adam Doing When Eve Was Eating The Apple?" Why not come and find out? All are welcome.

**2017-2018 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM:** Adults seeking a closer walk with Jesus are invited to join our Faith Formation Program for Adults. We meet on Sunday morning at 10:30 in the Red Room.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION! Classes are now in progress!** Registrations are still being accepted, **SO DON'T DELAY!** Classes take place from 10:30 to 11:30am in the school. Please see Ms. Wanda Brooks for more information.

#### 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY HAPPENINGS!

~ Saturday, February 10, 2018 ~

**Ministers of Hospitality Valentine's Dance**

**STM Cedar Room ~ 9:00pm.**

**Tickets are now available!**

**Please see an Adult Minister of Hospitality for more info.**

**WEEKDAY MASS**

**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY!**

If Prince Georges County Public Schools are

**CLOSED or DELAYED in opening,**

**STM WILL NOT HAVE 8:00AM MASS ON THAT DAY!**

***PASTOR'S PEN***

***Dear Church Family,***

*Since last weekend, a number of you have requested my sermon, Dream and Dream Big. I am happy to provide my research notes since I do not have the sermon verbatim.*

It has been fifty years since the assassination of Dr. King and if he had lived this would have been his eighty-ninth birthday. For the past fifty years we as a people, nation and a world have been deprived of the wisdom, vision and dreams of this great prophet. So, my sermon is entitled: ***"Dream and Dream BIG!"***

Dr. King was a pastor, a prophet and a dreamer. We thank God for him and we are encouraged to follow his example of dreaming big for the betterment of the world and the building of God's Kingdom.

One of the Bible's greatest dreamers was Joseph, whose brothers sold him into slavery in Egypt, and said to each other, "Here comes that dreamer. Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams." (Genesis 37:19) They don't kill him, but they do sell him into slavery in Egypt where his dreams allow him to rise to the office of governor of that country and in turn save both Egypt and his own people from famine. Joseph was a big dreamer and so was Samuel, the great judge over Israel, who received God's call in his life through a dream.

Reflecting on the power and importance of dreams, Dr. Howard Thurman wrote: "The dream in the heart is the outlet. It is one with the living water welling up from the very springs of being, nourishing and sustaining all of life. Where there is no dream, life becomes a swamp, a dreary dead place and deep within, a person's heart begins to rot. Keep alive the dream; for as long as you have a dream in your heart you cannot lose the significance of living."

Dr. King reminded us, "No person has the right to rain on your dreams." There could be no better message for us as we remember, honor and celebrate Dr. King than, "Let's dream and dream Big." Let us learn and testify to the necessity of holding fast to our dreams and teaching our children the importance living the dream, the importance of witnessing to the power of God's vision of a world renewed, reborn and recreated in peace, love and mercy.

***So, dream and dream big!***

***In his peace,***

***Father Moore***

**~ APPRECIATION ~**

I would like to thank all St. Thomas More Parishioners for your help in donating throughout the year. You have helped the St. Thomas More SHARE Food Network feed **287 families in 2017** through your generous donations of SHARE packages purchased for those in need! Let's keep growing this number each year.

***God bless you! Flo Gantt***

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

***We warmly welcome our visitors to St. Thomas More Church.***

***Please sign our Visitors' Book!***

***We invite all who are seeking a church home to join our church family.***

***Please encourage all visitors to sign our Guest Book.***



**WE'RE ON TIME  
IN THIS NEW YEAR!**

Maybe you have noticed that we are making every effort ***to begin Mass on time--at 8:45 and 11:30.***

***Thank you for cooperating with our efforts to be punctual!***

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**FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CALL 202-561-1189.**

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**~ Catholic Schools Week ~**

**January 28-February 2, 2018! Stay tuned for details!**

**2018 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS**

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Fund, Inc. (LLJSF) announces the 2018 Scholarship Competition. The LLJSF Competition is open to all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students attending a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C., who will be attending a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Washington next school year! Interested students may apply online at <http://www.lljsf.org/>. Students must complete an application form, write a 1500-2500 word essay, provide one teacher recommendation and have the principal submit a school report. Details on essay submissions may be found on the website. Submissions will be accepted **ONLY** online and are due by **March 31, 2018**.

*For more information, please contact Charmene Alston, Director of Applications: 301-780-5313, or [lljsf@aol.com](mailto:lljsf@aol.com).*

**Pick-up~ Sat., February 24, 9-10am.**

*Unclaimed packages will be donated to the STM Food Pantry. Please plan accordingly!*

*Please 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!*

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***Special Thanks to the many parishioners who volunteer with the STM SHARE Ministry. We appreciate all you do!***

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

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

**NOTES FOR TODAY**

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***STM FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS APPRECIATED!***

***PLEASE HELP US DO OUR BEST TO PROVIDE NUTRITIOUS FOOD FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES!***



***PLEASE GIVE WHAT YOU CAN TO HELP KEEP OUR PANTRY STOCKED.***

**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!***

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***Special Thanks to the many parishioners give of their time to VOLUNTEER with our STM FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY each week!***

***We Appreciate You!***

**SHARE INFORMATION**

***Sign-up takes place on the Announced Sunday(s) each month. Value Package price: \$22.00***

**Schedule for FEBRUARY 2018:**

***Sign-up~ February 4 & 11, 2018***

