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***April 29, 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. 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

## Fifth Sunday of Easter



### Preparing to Hear God's Word

**Reading I:** Acts 9:26-31~Paul testifies in Jerusalem following his conversion.

**Responsorial:** Psalm~I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

**Reading II:** 1 Jn 3:18-24~We should believe in the name of Gods Son, Jesus Christ.

**Gospel:** Jn 15:1-8~I am the vine, you are the branches.

### Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

### DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18	John 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28	John 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6	John 15:1-8
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-8	John 14:6-14
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31	John 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10	John 15:18-21

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones  
11:30am In memory of Ernestine Young

Monday	Health of Roland Caldwell
Tuesday	Health of Robert Milner
Wednesday	Karen Coles-Birthday
Thursday	Judy Kenner-Birthday
Friday	In memory of Sandra Barron-Birthday
Saturday	In memory of Doris & Dcn. Martin-Prayer Gp Vi Davis-Birthday

### PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Viola Barnes, Betty Beatty, Marie Brown, Shirley Brown, Francillia Browne, Cynthia Bruce, Felicia V. Bush, John Bush, Roland Caldwell, Jane Cannon, Dixie Clark, Shertia Clark, Odessa Curtis, Dcn. Ralph Cyrus, Frances Davies, Viola Davies, Barbara Deale, Barbara DeJesus, Renee Felu, Diane Finley, Eric & 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, Maximillon Holland, Elizabeth Holmes, Darryl Jackson, Jimmie Jackson, Ivy John, Carolyn Johnson, Ronald Johnson, Sarah Jones, Seymour & Patrick Jones, David Larison, Dennis Lucas, James Makle, Jr., 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/ Shut-In.

### ~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

Please remember in your prayers the happy repose of the soul of *Ernestine Young, mother of Muriel Whitfield*. Also remember Muriel and her family at this time of loss, please. A memorial service is being planned.

Your continued prayers are also asked for the health and well-being of *Shirley Adams, Sheila D. Brown, Audrey & Roland Caldwell, Lisa Chinn, Vi Davies, Priscilla Fuller, Earl Hamilton, Elizabeth Holmes, Ronald Johnson, 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. Casmir, Ed Poindexter & Deacon Ralph Cyrus*

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### EFFECTIVE SUPPORT OF YOUR CHURCH IS WISE STEWARDSHIP

*"If it is to encourage others, we should do so. Whoever shares with others should do it generously; whoever has authority should work hard; whoever shows kindness to others should do it cheerfully."* (Romans 12:8)

We are always learning how to do better what we do in your service, O God. As we bring our offerings, teach us how to give with willing and generous hearts and discover the joy of stewardship. 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 **Sunday, April 22, 2018** amounted to **\$6,702.00**; Faith Direct-3,154.55; Maintenance-\$205.00.

Attendance	5:00pm	17
	8:45am	110
	11:30am	<u>121</u>
		248

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 STUDY:** Join the conversation on timely Bible topics. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm in the rectory. We are beginning a new series on Noah's Ark. 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! Classes take place from 10:30 to 11:30am in the school. Contact Ms. Wanda Brooks.

## ANNUAL SENIOR LUNCHEON!!

The St. Thomas More Outreach Committee is holding its

*Annual Senior Luncheon*  
on  
*Saturday, May 19, 2018.*

*Seniors, 62 years of age and older, are invited to attend!*

*Space is limited to 100 attendees!*

A Sign-up Sheet is posted in the church.

***Once this number is reached we will not be able to accept additional names...so please register soon!***

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING OUR SCHOOL!

Ms. Bridget Coates has resigned as principal of St. Thomas More Academy. Mr. Harold Thomas, principal at St. Francis Xavier, has graciously agreed to assume the added responsibility of leading St. Thomas More, as well, while we search for a new principal. A committee is being formed with the guidance of the Catholic Schools Office of the Archdiocese to choose a new leader for our school. We are continuing to provide a high level of instruction with the great dedication of committed teachers, parents and church members. We strongly support quality Catholic education here and look forward to a blessed and bright future.

## CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

~2018~

*Please keep our candidates for sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion in your prayers during this Easter season!*



Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, June 2, 2:00pm, at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC.

First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, June 10, at the 8:45 Mass.

### ~Confirmation Candidates~

Marquis Brown  
Cierra Garrison  
Lindsey Lamb  
Daija Moore  
Dione' Moore  
Andria Otis-Coker  
Sydni Smith  
Jordan Weber  
Jalyn Whitaker

### ~Candidates for First Communion~

Jaida Alexander  
Cameron Anthony  
Camille Anthony  
Briana Jean-Charles  
Gabriel Jean-Charles  
Tyreon Jones  
Tyree Jones  
Tyrone Jones  
Anna Pitsenberger  
Kennedi Price  
Tierra Tyer



## 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 encourage visitors to sign our  
Guest Book located near the Main Entrance.*

## 2018 CARDINAL'S APPEAL PROGRESS REPORT:

Thank you to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Cardinal's Annual Appeal. *We are 56.9% of the way towards our goal of \$37,045. So far, we have pledged \$21,083.* If you have not yet made your commitment to the Appeal, it is not too late to help make a difference in the lives of others by visiting [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org). Remember that your support provides funding for Catholic Charities, school tuition assistance for families and the Merrick Center. *Thanks to all who have pledged thus far!*

## ~ SODALITY ~

Saturday, May 5, 2018: Sodality Union Mass/Meeting, St. Bernadine of Siena, 2400 Brooks Drive, Suitland, MD.

Sunday, May 6, 2018: STM General Meeting immediately following 8:45am Mass. Rosary-8:00am. STM Sodalists will process in and place flowers in vases for the May Crowning of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

### ~~APPRECIATION~~

The STM Sodality would like to **THANK** all parishioners, family and friends who supported our Seasonal/Birthday Fest on Sunday, April 22! We truly had a wonderful time of fellowship as we all enjoyed the delicious food prepared by our Sodalists.

## 2018 GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY!



We will honor our graduates at both Masses on Sunday, **June 3, 2018!** Please sign up on the list posted in the church so we may honor you. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

## ~HYMNAL MEMORIALS~

Dedicate a new *Lead Me, Guide Me* hymnal for an offering of \$20.00. A bookplate will be placed inside the front cover.

Suggested dedications include: "given by..." "in memory of..." "in honor of..." Complete an order form (envelope) and place in collection basket.

*Thank you for supporting this effort  
to enhance our Liturgical Music.*

