

Saint Thomas More Parish & Academy
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**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:

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| 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48~ Peter preaches to the gentiles.

Responsorial: Psalm 98~ The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Reading II: 1 John 4:7-10~ God's love calls us to love one another.

Gospel: John 15:9-17~ Love on another as I have loved you.

Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mark 16:15-20

DAILY MASS READINGS

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| Monday: | Acts 16:11-15 | John 15:26-16:4a |
| Tuesday: | Acts 16:22-34 | John 16:5-11 |
| Wednesday: | Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 | John 16:12-15 |
| Thursday: | Acts 18:1-8 | John 16:16-20 |
| Friday: | Acts 18:9-18 | John 16:20-23 |
| Saturday: | Acts 18:23-28 | John 16:23b-28 |

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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| Sunday 8:45am | Mary Toomer-Birthday |
| 11:30am | Joy Garnett-Birthday |
| Monday | In memory of James Curtis, III |
| Tuesday | In memory of Sr. Clarice Proctor, OSP |
| Wednesday | Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones |
| Thursday | Health of Roland Caldwell |
| Friday | Health of Robert Milner |
| Saturday | Barbara Elliott, Rena Meredith-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 **James A. Curtis III**, son of James Curtis. Thank you for also remembering the family in your prayers at this time.

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 **\$7,415.13; Maintenance-\$30.00.**

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| Attendance | 5:00pm | 12 |
| | 8:45am | 119 |
| | 11:30am | 88 |
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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 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.

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

WELCOME, ALPHA CHAPTER OF CHI ETA PHI!

We extend a warm welcome to members of **Chi Eta Phi!** This group of nurses, which includes Dr. Ruth Richardson, supports our outreach program's *Wonderful Smiles of Children* each Christmas. Supporting our Angel Tree Program, they donate toys, gifts and clothes. They also assist in sorting the many donated gifts.

We are happy to welcome you in worship this morning!

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS!!

MieKayla Singleton, granddaughter of Elma Garnett, will receive her *Master's Degree in English and Creative Writing (with a concentration in Screenwriting)* from Southern New Hampshire University on May 12, 2018. **We are proud of you!**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING OUR SCHOOL!

A principal search committee has been formed,
consisting of parents and parishioners.

Members are:

Mrs. Lavelle Lamb-Anthony, Parishioner and Parent
Mr. John D. Carr, Parent
Mr. John C Wallace, Parent
Mrs. Sharie B. Wood, Parishioner
Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor
Ms. Marguerite Conley, Executive Director,
Consortium of Catholic Academies
Mr. Harold Thomas, Interim Principal

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 all 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. 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!*

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!*

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.*

