

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:

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 12:00 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



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

Reading I: Gen 3:9-15~ Afraid, Adam hides himself from the Lord.

Responsorial: Psalm 130~ With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Reading II: 2 Cor 4:13—5:1~We look not to what is seen, but to what is unseen.

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35~ Jesus reminds us: Whoever does the will of his Father is his brother and sister and mother.

Readings for Next Sunday

Eze 17:22-24 2 Cor 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3	Mt 10:7-13
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 17:7-16	Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 18:20-39	Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	1 Kgs 18:41-46	Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	1Kgs 19:9a, 11-16	Mt 5:27-32
Saturday:	1 Kgs 19:19-21	Mt 5:33-37

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
11:30am	Our First Communion Recipients
Monday	In loving memory of Dr. Brandon Rogers
Tuesday	Health of Audrey and Roland Caldwell
Wednesday	In loving memory of Leo Brown-Birthday
Thursday	Elizabeth Holmes-Birthday
Friday	Pamela Meredith-Birthday
Saturday	Safekeeping of Our Youth this Summer

PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Viola Barnes, Betty Beatty, Hilda Best, 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 Feliu, 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 ~

Your continued prayers are asked for the health and well-being of *Shirley Adams, Hilda Best, Sheila D. Brown, Audrey & Roland Caldwell, 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, June 3, 2018** amounted to **\$8,038.00; Maintenance-\$2,836.00.**

Attendance	5:00pm	9
	8:45am	124
	11:30am	<u>87</u>
		220

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**.

BIBLE STUDY ON SUMMER BREAK: The Tuesday evening Adult Bible Study will be on summer break and will resume in September with new, timely and exciting topics from the Old and New Testaments.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION! As we move into our summer break, we remind our families of the importance of Sunday worship. When our Religious Education classes break for the summer, we still are required to worship the Lord at Sunday Mass. **For more information regarding the Religious Ed Program at STM please speak to Ms. Wanda Brooks.**

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR STM SODALITY!

Many thanks to our Sodality for their generous donation of **\$2,000.00** to support parish projects. This year we are faced with the expenses of costly repairs to a storm drain and other rain-water affected areas.

PRINCIPAL SEARCH UPDATE

The selection committee is in the process of interviewing candidates for principal of the Academy. We are now beginning our second round of candidate interviews. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide our process and a great leader will be selected.

CELEBRATING FAITH FORMATION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN OUR CHURCH

As the pastoral and school year draws to a close, let's thank and recognize those who are serving our church in the ministry of Religious Education and Youth and Adult Faith Formation.

We are blessed to have the following religious educators and youth and adult formators serving our church:

Ms. Wanda Brooks, *Coordinator of Religious Education*
Ms. Vanessa Dodson, *Administrative Minister*
Mrs. Fae Powell, *Adult Faith Formation Leader*

~ Sunday School Teachers~

Ms. Patricia Thomas
Mrs. Violet Pinkney
Mrs. Lavelle Lamb-Anthony
Mrs. Frances Hicks
Mrs. Nicole Garrison
Ms. Kea Dodson
Mrs. Christine Lee
Ms. Rochelle Ray
Mrs. Gail Hall
Ms. Vena Simmons
Mr. and Mrs. David and Beth Moran

~ Youth Ministry Team~

Mr. Clinton Ray
Mr. Ignacio Washington
Ms. Vanessa Barnard

These wonderful members of our church serve lovingly and willingly each week. They are committed to teaching our faith and forming children and adults. They also participate education and training to maintain certification.

In his second letter, St. Peter encourages us "to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18). We are committed to providing a strong ministry of education and faith formation for all our members. All are invited and encouraged to participate and "grow in grace and knowledge."

CARING FOR NEW HYMNALS!

We are so blessed to have the new Lead Me Guide Me hymnals. Let us all care "lovingly" for them by:

1. **Placing them in the book racks after use.**
2. **Not allowing children to play with or write in them.**
3. **Do not take the hymnals out of the church or leave them in other parts of the building.**

We still have some hymnals available for memorials to family and friends.

Ask an usher for a hymnal memorial envelope.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following STM youth who were Confirmed at the Shrine on June 2, 2018:

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

We wish you continued blessings on your spiritual journey!



WELCOME VISITORS!

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

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

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

~ FIRST COMMUNION ~



*Please keep our candidates for First Communion
in your prayers as they receive this special
Sacrament today at the 11:30am Mass.*

~Candidates for First Communion~

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

CARDINAL'S APPEAL MAY UPDATE:

*As of May 24, 2018, we have increased participation
from 56.9% to 65%.*

*We have pledged \$23,933.00 from a total of 90 pledges,
with an average pledge of \$266.00!*

Thanks for your generous support of the 2018 Appeal.

It is still not too late to participate. Simply fill out the appeal envelope in the back of the church and place in the collection or give to an usher. Be sure to make your checks payable to the "Cardinal's Appeal".

WARD EIGHT FARMERS MARKET!

The Ward 8 Farmers Market is once again in operation behind the Martin Luther King Elementary School at 3200 6th Street SE (at Alabama Ave.) every Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Please support the market--*which is now in its 20th Season!*

Choose from certified naturally grown vegetables and fruits from the *Licking Creek Bend Farm and local gardeners.* The market accepts cash, credit cards, EBT, WIC and Senior FMNP vouchers.

