

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



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: Ez 17:22-24 ~ God offers a vision of promise and hope when the end is not yet in sight. God takes a "tender shoot" from a tree and plants it and it grows and bears fruit.

Responsorial: Psalm 92~ Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Reading II: 2 Cor 5:6-10 ~ Patiently wait for Christ's return.

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34~ The kingdom of God is like a seed. Jesus speaks divine words to his disciples so that they might "grow" the kingdom of God.

Readings for Next Sunday

Is 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66, 80

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	1 Kgs 21:1-16	Matt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 21:17-29	Matt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14	Matt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Sir 48:1-14	Matt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Kgs 11:1-4,9-18,20	Matt 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Chr 24:17-25	Matt 6:24-34

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

- Sunday 8:45am Our Deceased Fathers/Father-figures
- 11:30am In Honor of All Fathers/Father-figures
- Monday Family of Laverne Brown
- Tuesday Lyke Conference Participants
- Wednesday Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
- Thursday Jean Robinson-Birthday
- Friday Health of Suzanne Chandler
- Saturday Safekeeping of our Children and Youth

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, Suzanne Chandler, Dixie Clark, Shertia Clark, Odessa Curtis, Dcn. Ralph Cyrus, Frances Davies, Viola Davies, Barbara Deale, Barbara DeJesus, Renee Felio, 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, 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 pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of **Laverne Brown**, sister of **Charlene Clark**, who died following a recent car accident, and her loved ones.

Your continued prayers are asked for the health and well-being of **Shirley Adams, Hilda Best, Sheila D. Brown, Audrey & Roland Caldwell, Suzanne Chandler, Vi Davies, Priscilla Fuller, Earl Hamilton, 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 & 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 10, 2018** amounted to **\$7,068.00; Maintenance-\$613.00.**

Attendance	5:00pm	13
	8:45am	124
	11:30am	<u>145</u>
		281

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.**

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".

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.

ENJOY THE SUMMER AS A SEASON OF REST, RELAXATION AND REFLECTION

Let's use the coming summer as a time to regroup physically and spiritually. Be intentional in your desire to grow stronger in your discipleship and service to the Lord and the Church. Ask yourself, "How can I serve Jesus Christ better?" "How can I serve better in my personal ministry here at St. Thomas More?"

Pope Francis invites us to become more alive and more human as we encounter Jesus Christ. He writes in his recent letter, *Rejoice and Be Glad: Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. On the contrary, you will become what the Father had in mind when he created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self. To depend on God sets us free from every form of enslavement and leads us to recognize our deepest dignity. We see this in St. Josephine Bakhita: "Abducted and sold into slavery at the tender age of seven, she suffered much at the hands of cruel masters. But she came to understand the profound truth that God, and not man is the true Master of every human being, of every human life. This experience became a source of great wisdom for this humble daughter of Africa."*

To the extent that each Christian grows in holiness, he or she will bear greater fruit for our world. The bishops of West Africa have observed that "we are being called in the spirit of the New Evangelization to be evangelized and to evangelize through the empowering of all you, the baptized, to take up your roles as salt of the earth and light of the world wherever you find yourselves.

Do not be afraid to set your sights higher, to allow yourself to be loved and liberated by God. Do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. Holiness does not make you less human, since it is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God's grace.

As you rest, relax and reflect this summer, please consider serving in a church ministry or organization.

**~ PARISH-WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY ~
JUNE 23, 2018, 7:00-11:00am!**

Please bring your gardening/other yard tools and join in to help with our Parish-Wide Clean-up Day. A sign-up sheet is provided in the church. Please speak with Mr. Billy Hawkins for more information.

**MONSIGNIOR MICHAEL FISHER
TO BE ORDAINED BISHOP**

Cardinal Donald Wuerl cordially invites the faithful of the Archdiocese of Washington to the ordination of Msgr. Michael Fisher as auxiliary bishop on Friday, June 29 at 2:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. A reception will follow at the Basilica.

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.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
TO ALL FATHERS,**



**FATHER-FIGURES
&
THOSE WHO NURTURE & GUIDE
IN WAYS SEEN & UNSEEN!
MAY GOD BLESS
AND KEEP YOU!**

We rejoice with the following children and youth who received their First Communion Sunday, June 10, 2018:

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

**STM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
OBSERVE JUNETEENTH WITH
GARDENS OF LIFE!**

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Marking the date that the last enslaved people learned of their freedom, the month of June and the nineteenth day were combined to form the word *Juneteenth*.

From its Galveston, Texas origin in 1865, the observance of June 19 as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States. Under the guidance of Catechists *Christine Lee* and *Rochelle Ray*, our students have constructed "Gardens of Life." These "gardens" embody the traditional Catholic social teachings of justice, equality, and peace that are also reflected in the Juneteenth observance. Juneteenth is a holiday recognized in 43 states and the District of Columbia.

The students' projects are on display in the back of the church for you to enjoy today.

