

Saint Thomas More Parish & Academy
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**Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ-
Answering the Call to Missionary Discipleship**

Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12
Ms. Patricia Hamilton, Pastoral Administrator, x11
Mrs. Mary Waters, Office Assistant, x10
Mr. Gerald Smith, 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	(Rectorry Chapel)
Sunday	8:45 am	Youth Choir
	11:30 am	Gospel Choir
Weekdays	8:00 am	(Rectorry 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 Rectorry.

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 Rectorry.
CCD Classes: Every Sunday at 10:30am
Bible Study: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b~ Decide today whom you will serve.

Responsorial: Psalm 34~ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Reading II: Eph 5:21-32~ Paul focuses on the mutual love between husband and wife.

Gospel: Jn 6:60-69~ The disciples must decide whether to stay with Jesus.

Readings for Next Sunday

1Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Jas1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12	Matt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17	Matt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18	Mark 6:17-29
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9	Matt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25	Matt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31	Matt 25:14-30

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am	Principal Gerald Smith-Leadership Success
11:30am	Health of Barbara Elliott
Monday	School Administrators and Teachers
Tuesday	STM Catholic Academy
Wednesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Thursday	Audrey Caldwell-Birthday
Friday	Health of Roland Caldwell
Saturday	Intentions of STM Parishioners

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, Elois 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, Zynae 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, Lucille Rivas, 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, Yvonne White, 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 well-being of **Barbara Elliott**, and for **Lillian Lyles' sister, Yvonne White**, who has been diagnosed with Brain Cancer.

Your continued prayers are also asked for **Shirley Adams, Hilda Best, Sheila D. Brown, Audrey & Roland Caldwell, Vi Davies, Bob & Priscilla Fuller, Zynae Green, Earl Hamilton, Elizabeth Holmes, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Lucille Rivas, Robert Robinson, Margaret Spencer**, 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, August 19, 2018** amounted to **\$6,546.09**. Faith Direct-\$2914.61; Maintenance-\$101.00.

Attendance	5:00pm	15
	8:45am	120
	11:30am	70
		205

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**.

ENLISTING WITNESSES FOR JESUS-ANSWERING THE CALL TO MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 16, 2018!

Adult Faith Formation And RCIA

This program is for adults wishing to become Catholic or desiring to increase their knowledge of Catholicism. We will be meeting in the Red Room on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 beginning September 16. **Adults seeking a closer relationship with Jesus Christ are encouraged to participate.**

Youth Religious Education

This program is for children preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. We have classes for children from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. Our classes will meet in the school on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 starting September 16. **All families are encouraged to participate.**

Youth Group

The Youth Group is for high school age youth, who have received the sacrament of Confirmation. This ministry provides ongoing formation in faith, ministry, community service and positive Christian peer fellowship. Youth Group meets on Sunday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 in the rectory living room.

All youth are invited to get involved.

REVIVAL PRAYER

Almighty and loving Father, we humbly pray that You will bless our revival with powerful assistance of your sweet Spirit. Grant that our parish may respond to this time of grace and mercy through **“Jesus, Heal our Land: What We Must Do.”**

Help us put aside all things that crowd our lives so that we can schedule these four days to come together as praying and fasting Catholic community. We ask for the grace to learn to live the simplicity that Jesus taught in our complex World.

Bless our revival priest, Father Sidney Speaks, preacher and teacher. Prepare his heart with the message you have for us. Fill him with your Sweet Spirit to help us to be transfigured in Christ. May Mary, our Mother, our model and guide, obtain from her divine Son, all that we need to make this time of spiritual renewal.

We ask of You, Father, Son, and Sweet Holy Spirit Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

AMEN!

PLEASE DONATE SUPPLIES TO OUR STM ACADEMY!!

PAC, in collaboration with the STM Academy Alumni Association, is hosting a **Back-To-School Drive** to support both our STM students and their teachers!!

This year we will be receiving your contributions throughout, and beyond, ***the entire month of August!***

One of the keys to great success in school settings is for students and teachers to have the proper tools they need. Teachers cannot teach if they do not have materials, and students cannot learn if they do not have materials, as well.

From now until Sunday, September 9, 2018,
a collection bin for your generous donations
will be located in the church.

PAC and the STM Academy Alumni Association
APPRECIATE AND THANK YOU
IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

CARDINAL'S APPEAL JUNE UPDATE:

As of June 22, 2018, we have increased participation from 56.9% to 66%. We have pledged **\$24,433.00** from a total of 94 pledges, with an average pledge of \$260.00!

Let's all do our part to reach this goal. 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". Thanks to all who have sown the seeds of generosity by supporting this year's appeal.



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.**

FIVE WAYS WE CAN BETTER SERVE YOU:

1. If you are new to our church, complete a registration form. (Available in back of church.)
2. If your address has changed recently let us know by completing a change of address form. (Available in back of church.)
3. Consider using **Faith Direct** (e-giving) for your tithing and church support. It is easier and more efficient and saves paper as well. See announcement in this bulletin.
4. If you are not active in a church ministry, please receive our invitation to get involved and serve. Complete and turn in a sign-up form. (Available in the back of church.)
5. Become a **“Missionary Disciple”** by sowing and growing the seeds of faith by inviting friends or family to be a part of our church.

~SISTER TO SISTER~

Proclaiming Our Season of Faith and Power!

Saturday, September 8, 2018 ~10:00am to 3:00pm

Speaker: Last year's ERR Revivalist, Rev. Roy Lee, PhD

Tickets~\$35.00 (Includes continental breakfast and lunch.)

Location: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church SE, DC

Registration Forms Available in the Back of Church

PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES!

STM Outreach Committee's Annual Crab Feast

Sunday, September 16, 2018, 2:00-5:00pm

2018 East of the River Revival

Theme: Jesus, Heal Our Land
Revivalist: Father Sidney Speaks

Youth Rally: Saturday, September 29, 2018

St. Thomas More, 10:00am to 4:30pm
Activities for children and youth ages 7 to 18.
Mass with Bishop Dorsonville at 12:00pm

Revival: October 1-3, 2018

Holy Family Church, Hilcrest Heights
Praise and Worship starts at 7:00pm

Closing Mass Wednesday with Bishop Roy Campbell

“Women of the Spirit” Concert!

Sunday, October 21, 2018, 3:00pm ~ STM Church
More information forthcoming!

