

Saint Thomas More Parish & Academy
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September 9, 2018



***Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ-
Answering the Call to Missionary Discipleship***

Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12
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Mrs. Mary Waters, Office Assistant, x10
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Ms. Wanda Brooks, Coordinator of Religious Education, x31
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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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: *Is 35:4-7a*~ God will come with healing.

Responsorial: *Psalm 146*~ Praise the Lord, my soul!

Reading II: *James 2:1-5*~ Show no partiality among yourselves.

Gospel: *Mk 7:31-37*~ Jesus heals.

Readings for Next Sunday

Isa 50:5-9a *James 2:14-18* *Mark 8:27-35*

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8	Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11	Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31	Luke 6:20-26
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13	Luke 6:27-38
Friday:	Num 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11	John 3:13-17
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22 Jas 2:14-18	Mark 8:27-35

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am	In loving memory of Norell James
11:30am	In loving memory of Earl P. Hamilton, Sr.
Monday	Health of Roland Caldwell
Tuesday	In memorium-9/11/2001
Wednesday	In loving memory of LaToya Garvey-Birthday
Thursday	In loving memory of Margarita Perez
Friday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Saturday	Angie Burns-Birthday

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, 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 continue to pray for peaceful repose of our decades long, devoted parishioner, *Earl P. Hamilton, Sr.*, and for the comfort and consolation of his loved ones & friends.

Your continued prayers are also asked for *Shirley Adams, Hilda Best, Sheila D. Brown, Audrey & Roland Caldwell, Vi Davies, Bob & Priscilla Fuller, Zynae Green, 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. 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."*

Please Note:

Tithes and offerings for last Sunday, September 2, 2018 will appear in next week's Sunday's Bulletin.

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

NEXT SUNDAY,
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.

Registration for our 2018-2019 classes began on August 26, and will continue after each Mass today.

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 have been welcoming your contributions throughout August, *and will continue to do so through today!*

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.

Today, September 9, 2018, is the FINAL DAY
to add your generous donations to
the collection bins located in the church.

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

CARDINAL'S APPEAL UPDATE:

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.

PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES!

STM Outreach Committee's Annual Crab Feast

NEXT 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 evening
with Bishop Roy Campbell***

“Women of the Spirit” Concert!

Sunday, October 21, 2018, 3:00pm
~ STM Church ~

***Current and former female choir members are
Invited to join this special group forming
Soon under the direction of
Our Youth Choir Director, Charnetta Dobbins.
More detailed information will be forthcoming!***

**ST. THOMAS MORE
CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

***CELEBRATING DECADES OF
PROVIDING QUALITY EDUCATION!***

Serving Students in Grades Pre-K3-8!



REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY!

*Catholic Environment
Academically Excellent*

Before and After School Care Provided!

Tuition Assistance is Available!

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CALL 202-561-1189.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Religious Ed Classes- <i>On summer break</i> Second Chance (3:30pm-Old Library)
Monday	Youth Choir Rehearsal (7:00pm-Church) NCW 2 nd Community (8:00pm-Cedar Rm)
Tuesday	Bible Study- <i>On summer break</i> NCW 2 nd Community (8:00pm-Cedar Rm)
Wednesday	NCW 1 st Community (8:00pm-Cedar Rm)
Thursday	Adult Choir Rehearsal-(7:00pm-Church)
Friday	AA (8:00pm-Old Library)
Saturday	NCW Communities (8:00pm-Church)

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.

NOTES FOR TODAY

STM FOOD PANTRY

DONATIONS APPRECIATED!

**PLEASE HELP US DO OUR BEST TO
PROVIDE NUTRITIOUS FOOD FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES!**



**PLEASE GIVE WHAT YOU CAN
TO HELP KEEP OUR PANTRY STOCKED.**

We are seeking the following items:

~DRY GOODS~

Rice/Pasta/Beans/Hot & Cold Cereal

~CANNED GOODS~

Meat/Tuna/Soup/Fruit/Vegetables

*STM has served as a REFUGE OF RELIEF for many!
Food/Monetary donations will help keep our pantry viable!*

Thank You! God Bless!

SHARE INFORMATION

Value Package price: \$22.00

Schedule for SEPTEMBER 2018:

Sign-up~ Today, September 9, 2018

Pick-up~ Sat., September 22, 2018, 9-10am

*Unclaimed packages will be donated to the
STM Food Pantry.*

*Please also consider making a monetary donation of
\$22.00 to provide a SHARE Package to a family in need.*

If interested, please see any member of our SHARE Team.

Thank you!