

Saint Thomas More Parish & Academy
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September 23, 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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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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: Wis 2:12, 17-20~ Let us put the just one to the test.

Responsorial: Psalm 54~ The Lord upholds my life.

Reading II: James 3:16-4:3~ Conflicts in the community come from within.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37~ The disciples do not understand the cost of discipleship.

Readings for Next Sunday

Num 11:25-29 James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Prov 3:27-34	Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Prov 21:1-6, 10-13	Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Prov 30:5-9	Luke 9:1-6
Thursday:	Eccl 1:2-11	Luke 9:7-9
Friday:	Eccl 3:1-11	Luke 9:18-22
Saturday:	Rev 12:7-12ab	John 1:47-51

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones

11:30am Health of Audrey Caldwell

Monday Charles & Gloria McIntosh-30th Anniversary

Tuesday In memory of James Butler-Birthday

Wednesday In memory of Sylvia Proctor-Peterson

Thursday In memory of "KiKi" Butler-Bates-Birthday

Friday Intentions of STM Parishioners

Saturday East of the River Youth Revival Participants

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, Audrey 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 the peaceful repose of the souls of Roland Caldwell and Earl Hamilton, Sr., and for the comfort and consolation of their loved ones.

Your continued prayers are also asked for Shirley Adams, Hilda Best, Sheila D. Brown, Audrey 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."

Tithes and offerings for **Sunday, September 16, 2018** amounted to **\$5,639.00**. Faith Direct-\$2,377.63. Maintenance-\$205.00.

Attendance	5:00pm	15
	8:45am	148
	11:30am	<u>102</u>
		265

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 CHRIST

Youth Religious Education

Our Religious Education Program for children in pre-kindergarten through Confirmation formally began last Sunday. It is not too late to register students. Classes are held Sunday mornings in the school from 10:30 to 11:30.

All families are encouraged to participate.

Youth Ministry

Our Youth Ministry Program, for youth who have received the sacrament of Confirmation through the twelfth grade, meets on Sunday mornings at 10:30 in the rectory living room.

All youth are encouraged to participate.

Adult Faith Formation

Our Adult Faith Formation Program is designed for adults preparing to become Catholics, and for those Catholics who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith. The group meets on Sunday morning at 10:30 in the Red Room.

All adults are welcome.

Adult Bible Study

Our Adult Bible Study will resume on Tuesday evening, October 9th at 7:30pm in the rectory living room. **All adults are invited to participate in our lively and interesting discussions.**

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 this of You, Father, Son, and Sweet Holy Spirit Who lives and reigns forever and ever.
AMEN!

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.

SIGN-UP FOR STM'S 2018

OUTREACH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!

Registration for **St. Thomas More families** will take place after each Mass **TODAY, September 23, 2018.**

*Who is eligible?
Infants and children 12 years of age and younger.*

Please speak with any member of the STM Outreach Committee for more info!

ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR AVAILABLE

Mr. Billy Hawkins has an electric wheelchair to give to someone who is able to make use of it. There is no cost for this item. However, it does need a new battery in order to function. Please see Mr. Hawkins for additional information.



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.

2018

EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL!

Theme: Jesus, Heal Our Land

Revivalist: Father Sidney Speaks

~ YOUTH RALLY ~

NEXT 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 DATES** ~*

Monday ~ Tuesday ~ Wednesday

October 1-3, 2018

***Holy Family Church,
Hilcrest Heights, Maryland***

Praise and Worship starts at 7:00pm!

***Closing Mass Wednesday evening
with Bishop Roy Campbell***

"Women of the Spirit" Concert

***Please Stay Tuned for a
New Date TBD***

