

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
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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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: Gen 2:18-24 ~ God created man and woman for each other.

Responsorial: Psalm 128 ~ May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Reading II: Heb 2:9-11 ~ The Son of God shares in human suffering.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16 ~ Jesus affirms the bond of marriage.

Readings for Next Sunday

Wis 7:7-11 Heb 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Gal 1:6-12	Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Gal 1:13-24	Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14	Luke 11:1-4
Thursday:	Gal 3:1-5	Luke 11:5-13
Friday:	Gal 3:7-14	Luke 11:15-26
Saturday:	Gal 3:22-29	Luke 11:27-28

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am	In memory of Margarita Perez-Birthday
11:30am	Those Impacted by Breast Cancer
Monday	Myrtle Daniel-Birthday
Tuesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Wednesday	In memory of James W. Bell-Birthday
Thursday	In loving memory of Earl P. Hamilton, Sr.
Friday	In memory of Aaron Otis-Coker-Birthday
Saturday	In loving memory of Jason Dantley-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, 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, Maximillion 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, Yolanda Rollins, Thelma Sawyer, Robin Sescocoe, Ciara Shields, Brenda Smith, Claudell St. Julien, Edsel Swann, Jane Thomas, Kristine Vivican, Rev. Raymond Wadas, 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 ~

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, Yolanda Rollins*, 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.**

Burial Arrangements: *Mr. Earl P. Hamilton, Sr.* will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery-with Full Military Honors, on Thurs., Oct. 11 at 9:00am. Guests are asked to arrive by 8:30am.

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 30, 2018** amounted to **\$7,307.00.**

Attendance	5:00pm	15
	8:45am	141
	11:30am	100
		256

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.**

STM SODALITY

Today, October 7, 2018: General Meeting immediately after the 8:45am Mass. Rosary-8:10am.

A PRAYER FOR HARD TIMES, AND GOOD

Recently, we have experienced a number of losses through death and sickness, and other life disappointments. To help those who are grieving, the following prayer might be helpful.

Father, there is never a good time for Sorrow, or the pain of uncertainty that comes with tomorrow. We pray for your goodness to see us through, when life is the hardest, and when times are good.

Father, we pray for all those in need, All my friends and my family. We pray for your strength to see us through, when life is the hardest, and when times are good.

Father, when life seems to throw us a curve, when we are unsettled, upset, unnerved and cannot pray. We pray for your wisdom to get us through, when life is the hardest, and when times are good.

Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I thank you for Jesus who showed us he cared. We pray for your Spirit to see us through, when life is the hardest, and when times are good.

We pray, 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.

~ IN APPRECIATION ~

To Our St. Thomas More Family and Friends,

Words cannot express our gratitude for your outpouring of love through many acts of kindness, such as flowers, food, prayers, words of encouragement and special support during the Homegoing Celebration for our beloved husband and father, Roland. We felt truly blessed when STM's pastor Fr. Moore, welcomed so many others to the service: Msgr. East, Fr. Casmir and Fr. Smith, as well as Deacons Cyrus, Walker, Tilghman, Hawkins, Miles and Chase. The moving tribute included the STM and STA Gospel Choirs, STA Liturgical Dancers, Cantor Pattie Hamilton, Michael Russell, Rev. Carolyn Ohene, Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver 3rd & 4th Degree, M.O.S.T., STM Ministers of Hospitality, Billy Hawkins and STM's ever-ready repast volunteers, and Liz Berry. To God be the Glory!

THANK YOU!!

The Caldwell Family



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.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

**Self-Exams are Important!
Screening Can Save Lives!**

Be a friend and ask someone you care about if she is staying abreast of both!

**Let Us Continue to Encourage Our Sisters
To Engage in Self-Care!!**

Please pray for those who have succumbed to this disease, as well as all who continue to move through treatment and ongoing follow-up evaluations.

~ LINE DANCE SOCIAL ~

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018!

6:00-10:00PM ~ STM CEDAR ROOM

~ DONATION--\$12.00 ~

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FOR SALE.

Beginner Friendly and Intermediate Line Dances!

*Please see the following PAC members for tickets:
Liz Berry, Laura Brown, Margaret Butler, Deborah Johnson,
Judy Kenner, Chandrai J. Saunders or Margaret Spencer.*

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

**"Women of the Spirit" Concert!
St. Thomas More Church**

New Date: Sunday, November 11, 2018

Time: 3:00pm

More detailed information forthcoming soon!

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.

