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***October 28, 2018***



***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

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Preparing to Hear God's Word

**Reading I: Jer 31:7-9** ~ Jeremiah delivers God's promise of restoration to Israel.

**Responsorial: Psalm 126** ~ The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Reading II: Heb 5:1-6** ~ Jesus Christ is the perfect high priest uniting God and ourselves.

**Gospel: Mark 10:46-52** ~ Jesus heals the blind Bartimaeus.

### Readings for Next Sunday

**Rev 7:2-4, 9-14    1 John 3:1-3    Matt 5:1-12a**

### DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Eph 4:32-5:8	Luke 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Eph 5:21-33	Luke 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Eph 6:1-9	Luke 13:22-30
Thursday:	Rev 7:2-4, 9-14	1 John 3:1-3    Matt 5:1-12a
Friday:	Wis 3:1-9	Rom 6:3-9    John 6:37-40
Saturday:	Phil 1:18b-26	Luke 14:1, 7-11

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am Health of Alice Proctor  
11:30am All Impacted by Breast Cancer  
Monday STM Catholic Academy Faculty  
Tuesday Pamela Hamilton Neferkara-Birthday  
Wednesday In loving memory of Kandeh Turay-Birthday  
Thursday In Gratitude to Our Many Saints  
Friday In memory of Our Deceased Loved Ones  
In memory of Doris & Dcn. Martin-Prayer Gp  
Saturday Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones

### 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, Arthur Robinson, Jean, Leroy & Robert Robinson, Daja Rogers, Yolanda Rollins, Thelma Sawyer, Robin SESCOE, 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 prayers are asked for **Alice Proctor**, who will undergo knee surgery this week, and **Shirley Adams, Hilda Best, Sheila D. Brown, Audrey Caldwell, Vi Davies, Bob & Priscilla Fuller, Zynae Green, Elizabeth Holmes, Marion & Ruth Richardson, 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.**

### ~ALL SAINTS DAY MASS SCHEDULE~

**Thursday, November 1, 2018**

~ Mass Times ~

**8:00am-Rectory Chapel    10:00am-Church  
7:30 pm-Rectory Chapel**

## 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, October 21, 2018** amounted to **\$6,674.00. Faith Direct-\$3,250.00. Maintenance-\$345.00.**

Attendance	5:00pm	15
	8:45am	131
	11:30am	80
		226

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](http://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 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the rectory living room. **All adults are invited to participate in our lively and interesting discussions.**

### ~ APPRECIATION ~

Thank you, **St. Thomas More Family and STM Outreach Committee**, for your calls, prayers and cards during the time of loss of our brother and sister. May God bless each and every one of you. **The Russell Family**

## PASTOR'S PEN

### ALL SAINTS DAY

Each year on November 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate All Saints Day. This feast has its origins at Rome in the seventh century. In a special way we honor the holy men and women who have touched our lives and strengthened our own faith. They are ordinary people such as parents, loyal friends, teachers and Christ-like persons whose witness to Christ show forth the grace and mercy of God. In their lives they have possessed an openness of heart to embrace God's love, striving and even struggling to imitate the humility and compassion found in the Gospel.

Despite the saints' departure from our world for the realm of glory in heaven, their light continues to illuminate the darkness of ignorance, confusion, doubt, and despair in our lives. The precious memories of what they taught us and inspired in us to do remain as markers as we complete our own journeys to God. We give thanks to God for these saints who, in our memories of them, continue to bless and grace our lives with the light of God's love and peace. We honor them by celebrating Mass on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Each year on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we remember all the faithful departed. This day reminds us to see the hope of new life: our conviction in Easter's promise warms our winter hearts as we await new life in the eternal spring to come. Just as we have lived this life with Christ, we take our leave of this world with Christ. We remember that Baptism made us a part of his death on the cross and now makes us share in his resurrection. We live always in the promise of Easter's empty tomb—the promise and blessings of life eternal in heaven

### 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.

### 2019 LECTOR WORKBOOKS NOW AVAILABLE:

All lectors are reminded that the workbooks for 2019 are available in the usher room in the rear of the church. The new church liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, December 2, 2018.

### SODALITY NEWS!

**BAKE SALE** now through November 11<sup>th</sup>. You may place an order for baked goods for the upcoming holiday season. Pre-orders will be taken, with a deposit, until Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Pick-up date: Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. Please see Laura Brown, Margaret Butler or Judy Kenner for a form.

*Your support is greatly appreciated!*

**Union Mass/Meeting:** Sat., November 3, 2018: St. Francis Xavier, 2800 Pennsylvania Ave SE, DC. Time: TBD.

**STM General Meeting:** November 4, after 8:45am Mass. Rosary-8:15am.



## 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 visitors to sign our Guest Book!*

### 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!

### BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH \*SPECIAL MASS\*

*We are "Celebrating Life" at the 11:30am Mass TODAY in recognition of the closing of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We will acknowledge and pray for our courageous warriors (living/deceased) by name at this Special Mass.*

### CHURCH SECURITY TASK FORCE FORMED

In an effort to better secure our facilities, a Security Task Force has been formed. Rodney Hollins and Kim Mason, both law enforcement officers, are heading this effort. The plan is being developed. Our ushers have undergone training, and the congregation will be informed of our security plan.

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

*November 11, 2018 ~ 3:00pm ~ Tickets-\$10.00*

*Proceeds will be given to support STM Church.*

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*\*\*Special Invitation... All Women's Choir\*\**

*Current and former female members of any STM Choir- and interested women from the congregation- are invited to join a special Women's Choir now forming to sing for this concert under the direction of our own Charnetta Dobbins.*

**Rehearsals** will take place in the church at 7:30pm on the following **remaining Mondays**: October 29 & November 5; and a Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, November 10, @11:00am!

**For more info and/or to purchase tickets, please see:**

*Margaret Chambers, Barbara Elliott, Elma Garnett, Pattie Hamilton, Rena Meredith, Margaret Spencer or Connie Tardy*

