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April 21, 2019 ~ EASTER SUNDAY!



***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	(Rectory Chapel)
Sunday	8:45 am	Youth Choir
	11:30 am	Gospel Choir
Weekdays	8:00 am	(Rectory 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 Rectory.*

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

EASTER SUNDAY



Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 ~ The disciples were all in one place and the Holy Spirit descended on all of them.

Responsorial: Psalm 118 ~Peter proclaims the good news of Jesus' resurrection.

Reading II: Col 3:1-4 ~Paul reminds us that we, too, were raised up with Christ and we should seek after the things that are above.

Gospel: John 20:1-9 ~The disciples encounter the resurrection as they find an empty tomb.

Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 5:12-16 Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 John 20:19-31

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-23	Matt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41	John 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10	Luke 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26	Luke 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12	John 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21	Mark 16:9-15

Sunday 8:45am	All Received into the Church	
11:30am	In loving memory of Arletha Tukes	
Monday	Antoinette Torain-Birthday	
Tuesday	Franklin Makle-Birthday	
	In loving memory of Juanita Mercer-Birthday	
Wednesday	Henry Herrera-Birthday	
Thursday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones	
Friday	Darren Coles and Kim Mason	
Saturday	In loving memory of Monica Coates	

PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Viola Barnes, Betty Beatty, Shirley Brown, Francillia Browne, Cynthia Bruce, Felicia V. Bush, John Bush, Audrey Caldwell, Jane Cannon, Dixie Clark, Elois Clark, Sherita Clark, Odessa Curtis, Frances Davies, Barbara Deale, Barbara DeJesus, Renee Feliu, Diane Finley, 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, Sarah Jones, Seymour & Patrick Jones, David Larison, Dennis Lucas, James Makle, Jr., Gloria & William McCaskill, Emma McEntyre, Betty Moeller, Gloria Morgan, Dorothy Myrtle, Angela Neal, Tammy Peterson, Charles Queen, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Arthur Robinson, Jean, Leroy & Robert Robinson, Yolanda Rollins, Thelma Sawyer, Robin Sescoc, Ciara Shields, Brenda Smith, Edsel Swann, Jane Thomas, Kristine Vivican, Rev. Raymond Wadas, Kayla Warren, Paul Waters, Marilyn Denise Whetstone, 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 peaceful repose of the soul of **Arletha Tukes**, aunt of **Blondinia Brown**, and the family's comfort.

Your continued prayers are requested for **Shirley Adams, Sheila D. Brown, Audrey Caldwell, Frances Davies, Priscilla Fuller, 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. Casimir, Ed Poindexter & Deacon Ralph Cyrus.**

YOU'RE INVITED!!

You are invited to join with other members of our church family for **Mass at 8:00am weekdays**. We celebrate the Eucharist together daily and extend a gracious invitation for others to join us. **Mass is in the rectory chapel and lasts only about 30 minutes.**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

EFFECTIVE SUPPORT OF YOUR CHURCH IS WISE STEWARDSHIP

Dear God, these gifts, our tithes and offerings of love, express our gratitude for your outpouring of love in Christ Jesus and your generous provision for all our needs. We dedicate our offerings for use in fields that are ripe for harvest. May our stewardship be a blessing to our church and the building up of your Kingdom.

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 **April 14, 2019** amounted to **\$6,633.30**. Youth-\$2.00. Faith Direct-\$10,947.00 Maintenance-\$127.00.

Attendance	5:00pm	19
	8:45am	133
	11:30am	215
		267

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! We all strive to be good stewards of our blessings. Over the past months, many of our members now use Faith Direct (e-giving) to fulfill their stewardship commitments to our church. Electronic giving is less expensive than the offertory envelopes. By switching to Faith Direct, we reduce our envelope and postage expenses. Consider joining Faith Direct and support St. Thomas More by using this secure and convenient program. It is simple to start. **Enroll by visiting www.faithdirect.net** to enroll securely on line. **Our parish code is DCC773.**

ENLISTING WITNESSES FOR JESUS CHRIST

Youth Religious Education: Our Religious Education Program is for children in pre-kindergarten through Confirmation. 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 focus on the Passion of Jesus.* We will prayerfully examine the events of the last week of his life. All are invited to walk the way of the cross as we prepare for Easter. We meet on Tuesday at 7:30pm in the rectory. *All are welcome!*

RAIN CREDITS AND RESTORATION SYSTEMS PARTNERSHIP:

In an effort to manage storm and ground water and control erosion, we are partnering with these organizations. By building "rain gardens" we hope to deal with these water and erosion issues, and also receive storm water retention credits from the D.C. Government.

PASTORAL REFLECTION

DIGGING DEEPER INTO TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

The Lord's Resurrection is the Supreme Blessing for all believers. Every man, woman and child –each according to grace must announce the Good News!

A Resurrection Reflection

At the dawn of a new day, who seeks you?
Empty is the tomb where Jesus lay!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Run to the land of the living:
You will see him as he promised!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The beloved Son has risen in glory!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Proclaim it to the whole world!
Christ is living, alleluia!

We live again in his joy!
My heart and my flesh cry for joy, alleluia!
You have turned my sorrow to laughter.
I come to you with festival songs, alleluia!
You have opened for me the road to life.
Freed, I am born again in your light, alleluia
Your love is stronger than death.

You are my Lord and my God, alleluia!
You lead me to the well springs of peace.

~ FLOCK NOTES TECHNOLOGY ~

We are embarking on this state-of-the-art communications tool that will provide you the latest information, schedules and important church events through text messages or email.

Here is how you sign up:

For those who are "tech savvy", you may self-register for "Flock Notes" by following these easy steps:

1. Go to your cell phone and create a new text message.
2. Put 84576 in the field.
3. Put stm4265 (all lower case) in the body of text.
4. Hit "Send."
5. Click the link in the reply message
6. Complete the name page, hit save.
7. Choose your groups, hit next
8. Complete the rest of the fields, hit save.
9. You will receive an email to verify your email address, click verify my email
10. You will receive another email to create a password, click create password
11. Once your password is set it will log you into Flock Notes.

If this does not work for you, please complete the "Joining Flock Notes" form and we will assist you.

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WELCOME VISITORS!

We warmly welcome our visitors to St. Thomas More Church! We invite all who are seeking a church home to join our church family. Please sign our Guest Book located near the Main Entrance.

CONGRATULATIONS!!



EASTER BAPTISMS!

We warmly welcome our newest Catholics who received the grace of New Life in the Waters of Baptism.

*Kaviera R. Bush
Zahava AA Bush
Ariel Collins
Steven B. Collins
Emmanuel PR Collins
Christian M. Collins
Renee T. Douglas
Alison Gordon
Ashwin W. Gordon
Jariyah Kamara
Isis IE Jarvis-Washington
Aurora SE Jarvis-Washington
Zahria T. Woody*

~ EASTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULES ~

Pastor's Bible Study
On break April 23, 2019.

Religious Education
Classes will not meet TODAY, Easter Sunday.

Office Closures
The church office will be closed Easter Monday..

2019 LENTEN FISH FRY FUNDRAISERS... A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thanks to the B.O.L.D. Ministry and many volunteers for three very good Fish Fry Sales. An effort such as this takes great commitment and hard work! Both paid off this year by raising \$4,870.00! Thanks also to all who supported this fundraising effort!



**CHRIST
IS RISEN**

