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**April 28, 2019**



**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

## CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!!



### Second Sunday of Easter Preparing to Hear God's Word

**Reading I: Acts 5:12-16** ~The Apostles worked signs and wonders.

**Responsorial: Psalm 118** ~Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**Reading II: Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19** ~Moved by the Spirit, John describes his encounter with the risen Christ.

**Gospel: John 20:19-31** ~Jesus invites Thomas to reach out and touch him.

#### Readings for Next Sunday

**Acts 5:27-32, 40b-4    Rev 5:11-14    John 21:1-19**

### DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Acts 4:23-31	John 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37	John 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26	John 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33	John 3:31-36
Friday:	1 Cor 15:1-8	John 14:6-14
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7	John 6:16-21

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am Victims/Survivors of Attacks in Sri Lanka

11:30am Bishop Wilton Gregory

Monday Health of Audrey Caldwell

Tuesday Health of Francess Davies

Wednesday Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones

Thursday Karen Coles-Birthday

Friday Judy Kenner-Birthday

In memory of Doris & Dcn. Martin-Prayer Gp

Saturday In memory of Sandra Barron-Birthday

### 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, Shertia Clark, Odessa Curtis, Francess 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 ~

Your continued prayers are requested for Shirley Adams, Sheila D. Brown, Audrey Caldwell, Francess 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. Casmir, 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 **Easter** amounted to **\$6,502.00.** Faith Direct-\$3,992.48. Maintenance-\$30.00. Youth-\$2.00.

#### Special Collection

**Good Friday-\$1,179.00**

~Attendance~

7:30pm Easter Vigil 140

8:45am 140

11:30am 139

419

**Attendance, Special Services:**

**Holy Thursday-75    Good Friday-170**

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](http://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 receive storm water retention credits from the D.C. Government.

## PASTORAL REFLECTION

### PENTECOST POWER PRAYER

We are in the Fifty Day Season between Easter and Pentecost and pray that the Holy Spirit—the promised gift of Jesus—come into our lives in a special way.

*Please pray this prayer each day between now and Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019!*

Loving Lord,  
here I am, just as I am.  
I trust that you have incredible plans for me.  
So transform me. Empower me. Use me!  
Everything is on the table.  
Take what you want to take.  
And give what you want to give  
that I can live the life you envision for me.  
I hold nothing back.  
I am 100% available.  
So, dear God, send your Holy Spirit upon me  
that I may build your Kingdom in my words and work.  
Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN!

### ~ FLOCK NOTES TECHNOLOGY ~

So far 72 of you have signed up for this new 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.

## SODALITY NEWS!

**Union Mass/Meeting:** Sat., May 4, 2019, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 1029 Monroe St. NE, DC. Time: TBD.

**STM General Meeting:** Sunday, May 5, 2019, after 8:45 a.m. Mass. Rosary at 8:15 a.m. Sodalists will process in for May Crowning.

**Scholarships:** Students are reminded that the **May 19, 2019 submission deadline is fast approaching!**

# alleluia

## 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 at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 20, 2019!

Zaviera Raine Bush  
Zahava Antoinette Akia Bush  
Ariel Marie Collins  
Steven Benjamin Collins, Jr.  
Emmanuel Paul Robert Collins  
Christian M. Collins  
Renee T. Douglas  
Allison Gordon  
Ashwin Walde Gordon  
Janiyah Kamara  
Isis Isobella Elizabeth Jarvis-Washington  
Aurora Sophia Evangeline Jarvis Washington  
Jaiden Wilson  
Zahria Tara-Marie Woody

## ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL 2019

We have begun the annual Archdiocesan Appeal. There is a fresh theme this year: “Our Faith. Our Hope. Our Mission.” Each Sunday during the appeal we will make pledge forms and envelopes available for you to complete and turn in before you leave church. We will make sure that your pledges are delivered to the Appeal office.

You can also support the Appeal online at adw.org or text “Give” to 301-231-1816. *Last year our generosity provided \$31,54.00 in pledges.*

The Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services such as Catholic Charities, our school and the Merrick Center and many others that touch and improve the lives of thousands of people.



