

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
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	(Rector's Chapel)
Sunday	8:45 am	Youth Choir
	11:30 am	Gospel Choir
Weekdays	8:00 am	(Rector's 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 Rector's.

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 Rector's.
CCD Classes: Every Sunday at 10:30am
Bible Study: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Preparing to Hear God's Word**

Reading I: Deut 30:10-14~Moses teaches us to be faithful to God's commandments.

Responsorial: Psalm 69~Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Reading II: Col 1:15-20 ~St. Paul's hymn to Christ.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37~The parable of the Good Samaritan.

Readings for Next Sunday

Gen 18:1-10a Col 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Ex 1:8-14, 22	Matt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday:	Ex 2:1-15a	Matt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12	Matt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Ex 3:13-20	Matt 11:28-30
Friday:	Ex 11:10—12:14	Matt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Ex 12:37-42	Matt 12:14-21

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am In loving memory of Jason Plaskett, Jr.

11:30am Archbishop Wilton Gregory

Monday Iona Garvey-Birthday

Tuesday Health of Audrey Caldwell

Wednesday Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones

Thursday In loving memory of Mary Webster

Friday Health of Elizabeth Holmes

Saturday In loving memory of Orlando Witherspoon

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, 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 Sescocoe, Ciara Shields, Brenda Smith, Edsel Swann, Jane Thomas, Kristine Vivican, Rev. Raymond Wadas, Kayla Warren, Paul Waters, Marilyn Denise Whetstone, Anita 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 **Jason Plaskett, Jr.**, grandson of parishioner Alena Plaskett, and a St. Thomas More Academy student who would have entered 3rd grade in the coming school year. Prayers for the entire Plaskett family and STM Academy are much appreciated*

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, Margaret Spencer, our members who are on the road to recovery, sick, shut-in or grieving; and Pope Francis, Archbishop Gregory, Fr. Moore, Fr. Casmir, Ed Poindexter & Dcn. Ralph Cyrus.

YOU ARE 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 **July 7, 2019** amounted to **\$7,475.00**. Youth-\$1.00. Maintenance-\$1,366.00.

Attendance	5:00pm	14
	8:45am	107
	11:30am	<u>105</u>
		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! 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 for children will begin for the 2019-2020 school year on September 15. Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30am. Parents desiring their children to receive the sacraments of *Baptism, First Communion, Confession or Confirmation* should enroll their children in our Sunday School Program.*

Youth Ministry: Our Youth Ministry Program, for youth who have received the sacrament of Confirmation through the twelfth grade, *meets during the school year on Sunday mornings at 10:30 in the rectory living room. All youth are encouraged to participate.*

Adult Faith Formation Class Forming: *We are presently enrolling adult candidates for Baptism and reception into the Catholic Church. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please complete the registration form in the back of the church and turn in to ushers.*

Adult Bible Study: Our Adult Bible Study will resume in the fall. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the rectory living room.

JOIN US IN WELCOMING

Our New Archbishop of Washington,

ARCHBISHOP WILTON GREGORY,

to St. Thomas More

on Sunday, August 4, 2019,

for the 11:30am Mass!

PASTORAL REFLECTION

A PRAYER **FOR HARD TIMES, AND GOOD**

Our hearts may be heavy just now as we move through this time of sadness in our church and school community. Having experienced losses through death, debilitating illness and other life disappointments, perhaps the time has come to revisit this powerful prayer!

*To support all 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!

“GRIEFSHARE” IS HERE TO HELP!

It hurts to lose someone. Find help and support at GriefShare, a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. There are many churches with GriefShare Support Groups meeting weekly throughout the country. The STM Parish Council has provided some general information about GriefShare, along with a list of nearby churches holding group meetings to help you in this process of healing.

Detailed info may be found in the back of the church.

ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL 2019

The Annual Archdiocesan Appeal needs our support! 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 \$31,540.00 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.



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 entrance.

NEW MEMBERS PLEASE REGISTER!

We welcome all new members and kindly ask that you formally register by completing a Registration Form, which you may obtain from one of our ushers.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED!

Our very fine team of Sunday School teachers is in need of instructors who are committed to share their faith and the teachings of the church with our young. If interested, please contact Ms. Wanda Brooks, Coordinator of Religious Education. The rewards are great!

CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS

TO THE

~OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE~

AS THEY MARK 190 YEARS OF SERVICE

IN THE

AFRICAN AMERICAN

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY!

*Let us keep this beloved community of
women religious in our heartfelt prayers!*

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

**STM Outreach Committee's
Annual Crab Feast**

Sunday, September 15, 2019, STM Cedar Room.

Stay tuned for more detailed information!!

SECURITY AWARENESS AND BRIEFING!

We are all responsible for the safety and well-being of one another here in our church. Our security plan consists of three responses to danger. **These are:**

- 1. Be aware of your surroundings.**
- 2. Report suspicious behavior to Minister of Hospitality.**
- 3. Recommended Response:**
 - a) Run away from danger.**
 - b) Hide by falling to the FLOOR & under a pew.**
 - c) Fight the attacker.**

We will be conducting periodic safety training and publishing our procedures in the Sunday Bulletin.

PLEASE REMEMBER: “Be alert. Be safe!”

