

Saint Thomas More Parish & Academy
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~ September 22, 2019 ~



*As Generous Distributors of God's Manifold Grace,
Put Your Gifts at the Service of One Another (1 Pet 4:10)*

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	(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 12:00pm 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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: Amos 8:4-7 ~ God is aware of Israel's greed and the needs of the poor.

Responsorial: Psalm 113: Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

Reading II: 1 Tim 2:1-8 ~ St. Paul's urges prayer for those in authority.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13~The dishonest steward exemplifies wisdom and the use of money.

Readings for Next Sunday

Amos 6: 1a, 4-7 1 Tim 6:11-16 Luke 16: 9-31

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Ezra 1:1-6	Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20	Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Ezra 9:5-9	Luke 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hag 1:1-8	Luke 9:7-9
Friday:	Hag 2:1-9	Luke 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a	Luke 9:43b-45

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones

11:30am Well-being of Audrey Caldwell

Monday Charles & Gloria McIntosh-Anniversary

Tuesday In memory of James Butler-Birthday

Wednesday In memory of Sylvia Proctor-Peterson

Thursday In memory of "KiKi" Butler-Bates-Birthday

Friday Intentions of STM Parishioners

Saturday East of the River Youth Revival Participants

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, Theelma 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, 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, 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 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

When someone is given a great deal, a great deal will be demanded of that person, when someone is entrusted with a great deal, of that person, more will be expected. (Luke 12:48b)

Father, we bring our offerings now to be joined with those of many others as we cooperate to accomplish your purpose in this world. May every tithe, every gift, and all offerings be magnified by power that they may ably serve your purpose in Christ, Jesus, our Lord. May our generosity be a blessing to others. 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 September 15, 2019 amounted to **\$5,483.00 + Faith Direct-\$2,302.00. Maintenance-\$204.00.**

Attendance	5:00pm	19
	8:45am	108
	11:30am	<u>106</u>
		233

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 **TODAY, 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 resumed Tuesday, September 10th. We meet at 7:30pm in the rectory living room. All are invited.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS NOW AVAILABLE:

Lectors are reminded to please pick up their Lector Workbooks. They are available in the Hospitality Ministry Room of the church.

**THIRTIETH ANNUAL
EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL!**

October 7-9, 2019!

**Mt. Calvary Catholic Church
Forestville, MD**

Revivalist: Evangelist Richard Lane

~ REVIVAL PRAYER ~

Almighty and Loving Father,
We humbly pray that you will bless our
Revival with the powerful assistance of your
Sweet Holy Spirit. Grant that our parish may
respond to this time of grace and mercy through
our *Revival Theme*:

“Be Still and Know that I am God”.

Help us to put aside all things that crowd our lives
so that we can schedule ***these three days*** to come
together as a praying and fasting Catholic
community. We ask for the grace to learn to live
the simplicity that Jesus taught in our complex
world.

Bless our revivalist, Evangelist Richard Lane.
Prepare his heart with the message you have
for us. Fill him with your Sweet Spirit to help us
to be transfigured in Christ.

May Mary, our Mother, our model and guide,
obtain from her Divine Son, all that we need to
make this a time of spiritual renewal.

***We ask this of you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. AMEN!***

ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL 2019

***Let's all get behind the
2019 Archdiocese of Washington Annual Appeal!***

**Thus far we have pledged \$14,910 toward our goal of
\$37,045 with only 41 gifts.**

Our generous support will help drive efforts of faith, hope and
mission in the Church of Washington.

Faith: Formation of seminarians, deacons and religious; and
support for the Office of Vocations and Permanent Diaconate.

Hope: Tuition assistance for Catholic schools; parish religious
education programs; educator and catechist development and
training; university and campus ministries.

Mission: To spread the Good News of Christ's love and truth;
support for ministries to foster and promote marriage and
family, cultural diversity, youth and young adult engagement;
outreach and assistance to uphold the dignity of all human life;
and support of Catholic Charities.

In gratitude for all that Christ has given us and the gift of
being able to help those in need, please consider committing to
support the 2019 appeal.

Appeal pledge forms are available in the back of the church.



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.

**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!”

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
REGISTRATION!**

***Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year began
September 15, 2019!***

Please remember to register your children for
Religious Education! ALL participants from Pre-K
thru 12th Grade must have a completed registration
form on file with ***current Emergency Contact
Information***. There is a nominal fee of \$20.00 per
family to help with the cost of materials and
supplies.

**STM MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR
UPDATE:**

Recently, we completed several important repairs-

The porch on the choir side of the church was replaced
(\$1,500.) Pews in the church were re-secured (\$600.)
Removed large maple tree in back of the rectory (\$2,268.)
Facial boards and gutters on church replaced (\$10,070.)

Pending projects include-

Roof repairs to rectory (\$19,200); replace church roof
(\$58,540); Repave playground/rear parking lot (\$50,000);
Replace school roof (\$140,000.) Repair/replace heating
system in church (estimates pending.)

***We depend on your generous support for our ministry and
services to our congregation and community.***

