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~ *October 6, 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:

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| 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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: *Hab1:2-3; 2:2-4~ The prophet laments the violence and destruction the Hebrew people are experiencing because they have not aligned themselves with God.*

Responsorial: *Psalm 95: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

Reading II: *2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14~ God did not give us a spirit of fear but rather of power, and love and self-control.*

Gospel: *Luke 17:5-10~ The apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith.*

Readings for Next Sunday

2 Kgs 5:14-17 2 Tim 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19

DAILY MASS READINGS

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| Monday: | Jonah 1:1-2:1-2, 11 | Luke 10:25-37 |
| Tuesday: | Jonah 3:1-10 | Luke 10:38-42 |
| Wednesday: | Jonah 4:1-11 | Luke 11:1-4 |
| Thursday: | Mal 3:13-20b | Luke 11:5-13 |
| Friday: | Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2 | Luke 11:15-26 |
| Saturday: | Joel 4:12-21 | Luke 11:27-28 |

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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| Sunday 8:45am | All Impacted by Breast Cancer |
| 11:30am | Evangelist Richard Lane |
| Monday | In memory of Margarita Perez-Birthday |
| Tuesday | Myrtle Daniel-Birthday |
| | In memory of Augustine Tom-Sahr, Sr. |
| Wednesday | All Revival Participants/Attendees |
| Thursday | Well-being of Audrey Caldwell |
| Friday | Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones |
| Saturday | In memory of Aaron Otis-Coker |

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 SESCOE, 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 longtime parishioner, **Mary Delaney**, and the comfort of her loved ones. *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, 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 29, 2019** amounted to **\$6,992.00; Youth-\$2.00**

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| Attendance | 5:00pm | 21 |
| | 8:45am | 138 |
| | 11:30am | 83 |
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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: *Classes began on September 15. We are entering the fourth week of classes and have yet to see the smiling faces of some of our children. Attendance is paramount to all that we teach and learn about Jesus. 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 meets each Tuesday evening at 7:30pm in the rectory. All are invited to join in our lively discussions.*

NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK!

All are encouraged to attend our 30th Annual East of the River Revival!

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

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION!

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
only \$20.00 per family to help with the cost of materials
and supplies. Registration continues! Please direct all
questions to Ms. Wanda Brooks, Religious Education
Coordinator.

~ SODALITY NEWS ~

TODAY, October 6: STM General Meeting following
8:45am Mass. Rosary at 8:10am.

Saturday, October 12: Sodality Union Parliamentary
Workshop, STM Cedar Room, 9:30-11:30am.

Cost~\$1.00. All are welcome.

Please see any Sodalist for more info.

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.***

STM ACADEMY NEWS!

Members of the ***STMCA Third Grade Class*** recently travelled
to Frank W. Ballou High School for a Water Safety Clinic led
by Gold Medalist Olympic Swimmer Cullen Jones. The
students were invited by Eta Iota Sigma Chapter of Sigma
Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. in honor of their classmate Jason
Plaskett, Jr., whose untimely death due to drowning has forced
us to redouble our efforts to insure the safety of our children
when it comes to water related activities. The clinic focused
on the importance of learning to swim and water safety.

Jason's family joined the students for the clinic and spoke to
them about how they will celebrate Jason through programs
like the Water Safety Clinic.

The students also received souvenir swimming items for their
participation.

