

Saint Thomas More Parish & Academy
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~ *October 13, 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	(Rectorly Chapel)
Sunday	8:45 am	Youth Choir
	11:30 am	Gospel Choir
Weekdays	8:00 am	(Rectorly 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 Rectorly.

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

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: 2 Kgs 5:14-17~ Elisha heals Naaman, the foreigner.

Responsorial: Psalm 98: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Reading II: 2 Tim 2:8-13~St. Paul is imprisoned for preaching the Gospel.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19~The healed Samaritan leper returns to give thanks to Jesus.

Readings for Next Sunday

Ex 7:8-13 2 Tim 3:14-4:2 Luke 18:1-8

DAILY MASS READINGS

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:

Sunday 8:45am	All Impacted by Breast Cancer
11:30am	In loving memory of Jason Dantley-Birthday
Monday	Health of Margaret Chambers
Tuesday	Daphne Andrews-Birthday
Wednesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Thursday	Well-being of Audrey Caldwell
Friday	In loving memory of Anthony B. Savoy
Saturday	Intentions of STM Parishioners

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, Shertia Clark, Odessa Curtis, Frances Davies, Barbara Deale, Barbara DeJesus, Renee Felieu, 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, 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 **Elois Clark**, sister of Barbara Kennedy, and for the comfort of her family. *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 **October 6, 2019** amounted to **\$11,870.00; Maintenance- \$3,730.00. Youth- \$3.00**

Attendance	5:00pm	12
	8:45am	144
	11:30am	<u>94</u>
		250

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 fifth 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.*

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Church Family,

We have just finished a wonderful week of revival. Building on this Spirit-filled energy, I want to invite your participation in our Fall Stewardship Initiative. There are three components to this effort: time, talent and treasure. This week you will be given the opportunity to commit to ministry and service to our church (time and talent). Then on next weekend you will be asked to "take the next step" in your financial support of St. Thomas More (treasure).

We depend on your generosity of time, talent and treasure to serve the Lord in ministries and programs. We can be very proud in the various liturgical, educational and social services that your support enables. We are blessed with three great choirs. We operate one of the largest food pantries in the area. Our St. Thomas More Academy is doing incredible work in educating our children. The Wonderful Smiles provides countless gifts to families in this neighborhood.

Despite all of these great efforts, we continue to be challenged with repairs that are expensive and extensive. But I am confident that we can meet these challenges if each member of this church family makes a commitment to respond in love and with generosity.

As we embark on this Fall Stewardship Initiative, I know that I can count on you to do your part in serving and supporting this great church.

In His Love,

Father Moore

ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL 2019

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

*Thus far we have pledged \$ 19,522 toward our goal of
\$37,045 with only 68 gifts. This is 38% of our goal.*

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

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

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

During the month of November, we honor our faithful departed in a special way. You are invited to write the names of your departed loved ones in the "Book of the Names of the Dead" which is in the back of the church. The book will be displayed in front of the altar during November.

~PLEASE SAVE THE DATE~

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**St. Thomas More Church
Sunday, December 15, 2019!**



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.

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.***

HAROLD HOLMES FOOD DRIVE!!

Please be as generous as you can in supporting the ***Harold Holmes Food Drive***. This the third year that the Holmes family has memorialized this great gentleman, husband, father, teacher and coach. Thank you for your kind donations that will replenish our food pantry.

SPECIAL THANKS FROM STM OUTREACH!

Many thanks to all who attended the Community Outreach Committee's Crab Feast. We hope you enjoyed yourselves! Your participation also helped make it a successful fundraiser. The funds raised will be used towards the cost of the Wonderful Smiles of Children Christmas Party, and our Senior Citizens' Spring Luncheon. We appreciate you!

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!

***Happy (Belated) Anniversary to
William and Connie Wims,
who marked 50 years of marriage
September 6, 2019!***

***We congratulate and applaud you on this
wonderful milestone in your married life!
May your union continue to be blessed by God!***

