

Saint Thomas More Parish & Academy
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~ November 10, 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

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14~The Maccabean martyrs profess their faith in the afterlife.

Responsorial: Psalm 17: Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Reading II: 2 Thes 2:16--3:5~We are encouraged to keep living the Christian life.

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38~God is the God of the living. Every day is an opportunity to live discipleship fully and confidently. Every day is an opportunity to grow in our relationship with Jesus who promises Life to his faithful ones.

Readings for Next Sunday

Mal 3:19-20a 2 Thes 3:7-12 Luke 21:5-19

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Wis 1:1-7	Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Wis 2:23--3:9	Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11	Luke 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b-8:1	Luke 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9	Luke 17: 26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9	Luke 18:1-8

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am	In Honor and Memory of Our U.S. Veterans
11:30am	In loving memory of Lula (Lu) Hamilton
Monday	Daisy Ogene-Birthday
	Everett & Jennifer Jacobs-30 th Anniversary
Tuesday	In loving memory of Andre Lyles
Wednesday	Sharie B. Wood-Birthday
Thursday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Friday	In loving memory of Lydia Johnson-Birthday
Saturday	Lennox Coles III- Birthday
	In loving memory of Anne Dawson-Birthday

PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiati, 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 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, Mary Travers, 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, **Mary Travers** (mother of Renee Coles), 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 in the rectory chapel. Mass only lasts 30 minutes.

~ THANKSGIVING MASS ~

Let's gather as a church family to celebrate Thanksgiving at 7:30pm on **Wednesday, November 27, 2019.**

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 **November 3, 2019** amounted to **\$8,923.00. Maintenance-\$3,374.00. Youth-\$3.00**

Attendance	5:00pm	11
	8:45am	144
	11:30am	<u>100</u>
		255

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: 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.

IN APPRECIATION OF OUR VETERANS!

Tomorrow, November 11th is Veteran's Day. Let us not only remember to pray for those who have served our country, but to also take a moment to stop and personally thank them as we move through this special holiday. **God bless you, Veterans!**

~ **ELDERS' PRAYER FOR OUR YOUNG** ~

*Creator God,
Jesus, our Savior,
Holy Spirit of Wisdom, knowledge and understanding:
Bless our young with
Minds eager to learn,
Memories strong to remember,
Hearts ready to love,
And lives committed to Jesus Christ.
Keep them safe this week under the protection of
Your Grace and Mercy.
This we pray through Christ our Lord. AMEN.*

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Church Family,

The word for this week is *thank you*. We have so much to be thankful here at St. Thomas More. The great outpouring of love last Saturday as we celebrated the gracious service of our two heroes, Mr. Marion Richardson and Mr. William Hawkins, was indeed an awesome testimony to them. We are also indebted to those who so generously organized and prepared and served the delicious luncheon. Thanks to all our members who took the time to come and fill the Cedar Room with your love.

My thanks is also extended to all of you who have responded so generously by "Taking the Next Step" and committing to church ministries. Our church is only as strong as you, our members. Your commitment of time, talent and treasure is also an incredible testimony to your devotion to our 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 \$20,447 toward our goal of \$37,045 with only 73 gifts. This is 41% 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.

LIFELINE HEALTH SCREENING RETURNS!

Lifeline Screening will be here on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, offering various health screenings. This important health event is sponsored by our Parish Council. *Please mark this date on your calendars now. More details to come!*

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE:

*Annual Christmas Concert ~ STM 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.

*Please keep in your prayers
our young people who are preparing for
Confirmation and First Holy Communion:*



~ Confirmation ~

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| <i>Ariana Brooks</i> | <i>Tyrone Jones</i> |
| <i>Renee' Douglas</i> | <i>Journee Logan</i> |
| <i>Dionni Gillis</i> | <i>Aysha May</i> |
| <i>Brianna Jean-Charles</i> | <i>James M. Morton III</i> |
| <i>Gabriel Jean-Charles</i> | <i>DeMarcus Moore</i> |
| <i>Tyree Jones</i> | <i>Kennedi Price</i> |



~ First Communion ~

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| <i>Dominique Brooks</i> | <i>Penelope Hawkins</i> |
| <i>Ashwin Gordon</i> | <i>Jonan Kamara</i> |
| <i>Terrence Tyer, Jr.</i> | |

HAROLD HOLMES FOOD DRIVE!!

Please be as generous as you possibly 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.

UPS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

For those in need of a job, UPS (United Parcel Service) is currently recruiting drivers, helpers, package handlers, and personal vehicle delivery drivers. *For more information please call Sherri Grimes (202-855-0694).*

PLEASE SUPPORT KAREN COLES!!

Elizabeth Seton HS is holding its Annual Dance Marathon Fundraiser to raise money for the Music Program and the students' trip to Boston in March. As a member of Elizabeth Seton's Music Program since grade 9, Karen, *now in her final year at Seton, is seeking our support!*

The link to donate is

<https://tinyurl.com/setondancemarathon19>

For more information, please call 240-381-9267.

All donations are appreciated!

