

Saint Thomas More Parish & Academy
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~ November 24, 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

Christ, King of the Universe

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: 2 Sm 5:1-3 ~ David is anointed king of Israel.

Responsorial: Psalm 122: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Reading Col 1:12-20 St. Paul, in this hymn exalts Jesus as Lord of all.

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43 ~ "Jesus, remember me when you came into your Kingdom".

Readings for Next Sunday

Is 2:1-5 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20	Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45	Luke 21:15-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28	Luke 21:12-19
Thursday:	Sir 50:22-24 1 Cor 1:3-9	Luke 17:11-19
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14	Luke 21:29-33
Saturday:	Rom 10:9-18	Matt 4:18-22

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am	In memory of Jean Hamilton
11:30am	Health of Audrey Caldwell
Monday	Health of Mary Travers
Tuesday	Safekeeping of Our Youth
Wednesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Thursday	Gratitude for Our Many Blessings
Friday	In loving memory of Julie Robinson-Iyr
Saturday	Margarine Neal-Birthday

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 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, 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 ~

Please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of our parishioner, **Jean Hamilton**, and 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, 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. Casimir, 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 17, 2019** amounted to **\$6,772.00**, plus Faith Direct-\$**2,766.90**. Maintenance-\$**375.00**. Youth-\$**3.00**.

Attendance	5:00pm	16
	8:45am	129
	11:30am	<u>107</u>
		252

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 welcome to join in our study of God's word.

WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE! It's time to sign up for the 2020 challenge. THIS is your year to change, to stay focused and disciplined. We are doing bigger and better things for 2020. Join and see the new challenge for 2020! **Registration: Dec. 8 & 15** in the teachers' lounge after each Mass. Donation: \$20.00.

~ **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,

Many thanks to the sixty-five people who have committed to Taking The Next Step in our Fall Stewardship program. I am also grateful to those who have stepped up to join in our church ministries.

Thursday is Thanksgiving, and we want to invite all of our church family to join together and give thanks for God's blessings in our Annual Mass of Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 27th at 7:30 pm.

In closing, I want to ask your support of the Christmas Concert on December 15th at 2:30pm in the church. Tickets are now available for \$15.00 each. Let's get into the spirit of Advent and Christmas as we enjoy the songs of the season from our Praise Team, Youth Choir, and guest choirs, including the Gospel Choir of St. Joseph Church in Largo. Past proceeds from the concerts have assisted in purchasing the new *Lead Me Guide Me* Hymnals. This year's profits will help defray costs of improvements and upgrades in our church sanctuary. Most recently we have repaired the large window in the back of the church and the lighting that illuminates the large cross that looks out on our neighborhood.

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.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE:

*Annual Christmas Concert ~ STM Church
Sunday, December 15, 2019!*

STM OUTREACH COMMITTEE!

The Outreach Committee wishes to *thank everyone* who chose an Angel from the "Angel Tree" last Sunday. If you did not write your name next to the "Angel" you selected, please do so today.

All gifts for the little angels are due back to the Committee by *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.

WELCOME, ROBINSON FAMILY!

We warmly welcome Kevin and Annie May Robinson and children Noah and Anna.

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 ~

<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>DaMarcus Moore</i>
<i>Tyree Jones</i>	<i>Kennedi Price</i>



~ First Communion ~

<i>Dominique Brooks</i>	<i>Penelope Hawkins</i>
<i>Ashwin Gordon</i>	<i>Jonah 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.

WORKSHOP FOR LECTORS:

We are holding a Lector Workshop on Saturday, January 11, 2020, at 10:00am, in the church. All new and seasoned lectors are encouraged to participate.

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!*

~APPRECIATION~

Many thanks to our STM Church Family members for honoring us with such a nice luncheon, and for the expressions of thanks and love shown to us for doing what we love to do: Serve you and serve the Lord! Thank you for honoring us! *God bless you! Marion Richardson & Billy Hawkins*

