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~ *March 22, 2020* ~



***Our Focus for 2020: With New Eyes,  
A Fresh Vision and Pure Hearts.***

**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

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**Preparing to Hear God's Word**

**Reading I: Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a** ~ Not as human beings does God see. Humans see the appearance while God looks into the heart.

**Responsorial: Ps 23:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Reading II: Eph 5:8-14**~ Live as children of the light.

**Gospel: Jn 9:1-41**~ Jesus opens the blinded eyes of the blind man.

**Readings for Next Sunday**

*Ez 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 John 11:1-45*

**DAILY MASS READINGS**

Monday:	Is 65:17-21	John 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12	John 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10	Heb 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38
Thursday:	Ez 32:7-14	John 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22	John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20	John 7:40-53

**PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Sunday	In loving memory of Lenora Lancaster- <i>Jyr</i> All Recovering from Coronavirus
Monday	Safekeeping of STM Parishioners
Tuesday	In loving memory of Leo Brown
Wednesday	In loving memory of Alice Baruwa-Birthday
Thursday	In loving memory of Sandra Barron
Friday	In loving memory of Edith F. Ellis-Birthday
Saturday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones

**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 Felio, 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, Dr. 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, 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, Suzanne Chandler, Frances Davies, Priscilla Fuller, Elizabeth Holmes, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Robert Robinson, Yolanda Rollins, Margaret Spencer, Mary Travers 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 (once we are cleared to do so)** 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 lasts only about 30 minutes.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT!**

*Wednesdays at 12 Noon in the Rectory Chapel...*  
**(ONCE WE ARE CLEARED TO MEET AGAIN!)**

**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. (Lk 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."

**Given the cancellation of Masses throughout the AOW as a result of the Coronavirus Emergency, there is no Tithing Report for March 15, 2020.**

**Let us continue to keep each other lifted in prayer!**

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!**

**Can't find your checkbook or envelope Sunday morning?**

Join the parishioners who are using *Faith Direct* for automated giving to St. Thomas More Church. It is secure, convenient and *Faith Direct* will provide you an Offertory Card to place in the basket during the collections. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. *Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/DC773](http://faith.direct/DC773).*

**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.

**FISH FRY FRIDAYS!**

Please come out and support our final Fish Fry on **April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00am to 3:00pm in the Cedar Room.** Dinners are \$12.00 and sandwiches are \$8.00. We are featuring both croakers and whiting filet. Proceeds will benefit our Cedar Room renovations.

**\*THIS EVENT IS CONTINGENT UPON THE STATUS OF THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY.**

~ **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** ~

**\*Coronavirus Special Announcements\***

*Dear Church Family,*

I want to reach out to all of you under the present National Health Emergency. Although this is a very fluid and unfolding situation, it remains likely that **we will not be able to gather this Sunday for Mass.** With that being said, there are several things I want to share with you:

1. **Play It Safe:** Please be sure to continue to adhere to the best practices which have been recommended such as social distancing, hand washing, and staying at home and avoiding close contact with others.

2. **Reaching Out To You:** We have formed the **STM Community Connection Ministry** to reach out to all of the STM Church family to be of service in meeting needs that may arise during this crisis. You are invited to contact Clinton Ray (240-271-6164), Margaret Spencer (202-561-8974) or Margaret Butler (301-702-1398) or the Church office (202-562-0431).

3. **Mass On Air and Online:** Mass is celebrated daily on EWTN Catholic Television. The Archdiocese of Washington livestreams Mass on **[adw.org/live-streamed-mass-and-prayers/](http://adw.org/live-streamed-mass-and-prayers/)**. **The Sunday TV Mass** is broadcast on WDCW 50 at 10:30am Sunday morning: Comcast DC channel 23, and PG channel 3. Please make use of the ***Word Among Us*** and ***It Is Finished, the last words of Christ.***

4. **Food Pantry:** At the present time the food pantry is closed to the public. However, any members of our church family who have a need for food should call the church (202-562-0431).

5. **Your Financial Support:** St. Thomas More, like most churches, depends on the financial support of our members. This is especially true under the present circumstances. Please do whatever you can to continue to support our church. You may mail your tithes and offerings, or you may use Faith Direct electronic giving by going online: [faith.direct/DC773](http://faith.direct/DC773).

6. **Pray for Our Church and the World:** With confidence in God's grace and mercy, continue to pray for healing for each other, and the whole world.

*Peace and blessing to all!*

*Father Moore*



**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.*

*Please keep in your prayers all those  
preparing to receive the following Sacraments:*

~ **Baptism** ~

*Dominique Brooks                      Tylia Pilgrim  
Taj Lee Tolliver*

~ **First Holy Communion** ~

*Dominique Brooks                      Penelope Hawkins  
Ashwin Gordon                      Jonah Kamara  
Terrence Tyer, Jr.*

~ **Confirmation** ~

*Ariana Brooks                      Tyree Jones  
Renee' Douglas                      Tyrone Jones  
Dionni Gillis                      Journee Logan  
Brianna Jean-Charles                      Aysha May  
Gabriel Jean-Charles                      James M. Morton III  
Nahsaan Curtis                      DeMarcus Moore*

~ **Full Communion** ~

*Njeri Jarvis Washington*

**2020 LENT/HOLY WEEK/EASTER  
SCHEDULE**

**Stations of the Cross**

Wednesdays at 12 NOON in the Rectory Chapel.

**Confessions**

Sundays after both Masses  
Tuesdays from Noon to 1:00pm & 6:30 to 7:30pm  
in the Rectory Chapel.

**Special Lenten Bible Study**

Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the Rectory

**April 5- Palm Sunday**

*Blessing and Distribution of Palms  
Mass at 5:00pm (Vigil), 8:45am & 11:30am*



**\*PASCHAL TRIDUUM\***

*(7:30pm each evening)*

**April 9- Holy Thursday**

*Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of Feet*

**April 10- Good Friday**

*Service of the Lord's Passion (Youth Passion Play)*

**April 11- Great Easter Vigil**

*Mass, Baptisms and Reception into the Church*

**\*\*EASTER\*\***

**April 12- Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection**

*Mass at 8:45am & 11:30am*

