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*~ April 26, 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

## Third Sunday of Easter



### Preparing to Hear God's Word

**Reading I:** Acts 2:14, 22-33~St. Peter compares Jesus to King David in the Old Testament.

**Responsorial:** Ps 16: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

**Reading II:** 1 Pet 1:17-21~We are ransomed from sin by the Blood of Christ shed on Calvary.

**Gospel:** Lk 24:13-35~The two disciples recounted how the risen Jesus was made known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread.

### Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Pet 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10

### DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15	John 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51-8:1a	John 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8	John 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40	John 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20	John 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42	John 6:60-69

### PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday	In loving memory of Robert Moore, Jr. In loving memory of Shantel Bright
Monday	In loving memory of Leroy Wallace
Tuesday	In loving memory of Monica Coates
Wednesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Thursday	Safekeeping of STM Church/School Families
Friday	In memory of Doris & Dcn. Martin-Prayer Gp
Saturday	Karen Coles-18 <sup>th</sup> 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, 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, 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 ~

Please remember in your prayers the happy repose of the souls of **Leroy Wallace**, brother-in-law of Jean Stewart, and **Robert Moore Jr.**, father of Robert Moore III (member of our youth group.) Please pray also for the comfort and consolation of these families.

Your continued prayers are requested for Shirley Adams, Sheila D. Brown, Audrey Caldwell, Suzanne Chandler, Francess 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.**

## 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!

### SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH THROUGH THE CRISIS!

*Tithes and offerings* that were dropped off or received in the mail **amounted to \$1,335, and \$103 for Maintenance.** Support received through Faith Direct (electronic giving) will be reported next week.

*Thank you for your financial support of your church!*

Please continue to support the church in the manner with which you are most comfortable. You may **donate online by going to the STM web page: [www.stthomasmoredc.org](http://www.stthomasmoredc.org)** and clicking on "Donate" and then on "Make A One Time Gift Now." You will then be asked for credit card information. Making a one-time gift DOES NOT sign you up for Faith Direct!

*Thanks for supporting St. Thomas More!*

### 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.*

**~ 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~**

**\* Message For Third Sunday of Easter \***

*Dear Church Family,*

This Easter season has been marked with confusion, fear, uncertainty, and insecurity about the future as we deal with the pandemic and social distancing. However, we see the same emotions at work in the lives of two of Jesus' disciples after the crucifixion. They probably listened as he taught and were present when he healed the sick or forgave sinners. Surely, He was more than a teacher or a prophet. They had hoped that he was the Messiah! Then came that Fateful Friday and he was condemned to a cruel death, suffered horribly, was nailed to a cross and died. That Fateful Friday their lives were upended, their faith shaken, and their hopes dashed. The next day was even worse, Silent Saturday. They found themselves with the other disciples, locked up in the house, dealing with social isolation from the rest of the world. Then came Sunday Morning and these two, one we know by name as Cleophas, give up and decide to leave the others and return to their home. As they travel toward their destination, Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem, they are approached by a stranger. They converse with him, and they even invite him into their home and share a meal. Then they realize that this is no stranger after all but Jesus himself! They immediately get up return to Jerusalem and join the other disciples who are still practicing social distancing behind locked doors. These two eagerly confess that their eyes, which were blinded by confusion, fear, uncertainty and insecurity, were now opened as they recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Their situation is much like ours today. We are confused, afraid, uncertain and insecure. But we also long to break the bread of the Eucharist together with Jesus and one another. The Great News in this Gospel is that we will gather together again to be strengthened and nourished with the Bread of Life. But for now, we are nourished with his Word and strengthened with the bond that unites us one to another, this faith in the risen Lord Jesus. We may not be together, but we are surely united to one another in our St. Thomas More family.

My hope and prayer for you today is that you are all safe and in good health on this Third Sunday of Easter.

*The blessings of Easter peace and mercy be with all of us.*

*In the joy of the Resurrection,  
Father Moore*

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS,  
CHANDRAI JACKSON-SAUNDERS!!  
Caritas for Distinguished Alumni Award!**

In the words of McNamara's president, Marco Clark: "The vision we have for our graduates today is that they will become empowered leaders, inspired by the Gospel, who transform the world. You are a shining example of this ideal and a great role model for today's young people. You have distinguished yourself professionally and personally and have made your La Reine High School and the Bernadine Franciscan Sisters proud."

*We, your church family, congratulate you  
and share in your joy, Chandrai!*



*Please continue to keep in prayer our candidates for the sacraments. These celebrations are delayed and will be rescheduled once it is safe to gather again!*

**~ 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*

**STM  
COMMUNITY CONNECTION  
MINISTRY!!**

To assist our STM Church Family during these difficult times we have formed the

**STM Community Connection Ministry.**

*Our goal is to reach out to the STM Church family to be of service in meeting needs that may arise during this Coronavirus crisis.*

**You are invited to contact:**

*Clinton Ray (240-271-6164)  
Margaret Spencer (202-561-8974)  
Margaret Butler (301-702-1398)  
or the Church Office (202-562-0431)*

# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC ACADEMY



*Serving Students in Grades Pre-K3-8*

~ Catholic Environment ~  
~ Academically Excellent ~

*Mr. Gerald Smith, Jr., Principal*  
*Before & After School Care Provided.*  
*(202)-561-1189*

**STM FOOD PANTRY**  
**PLEASE HELP US PROVIDE**  
**NUTRITIOUS FOOD FOR FAMILIES!**



We are seeking the following donated items:

~DRY GOODS~

*Rice/Pasta/Beans/Hot & Cold Cereal*

~CANNED GOODS~

*Meat/Tuna/Soup/Fruits & Vegetables*

*STM has served as a REFUGE OF RELIEF for many!*  
*Food/Monetary donations will help keep our pantry viable!*  
**Thank You! God Bless!**

## SHARE INFORMATION!

**Value Package- \$22.00.**

**Schedule for MAY 2020:**

**PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES TBD.**

*Please also consider making a monetary donation of \$22.00 to provide a SHARE Package to a family in need. If interested, please see any member of our SHARE Team. Thank you!*

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

*(Once we are again able to resume normal activities.)*

Sunday	Religious Ed Classes-(10:30am-Classrooms) Second Chance (3:30pm-Old Library)
Monday	Youth Choir Rehearsal (7:00pm-Church)
Tuesday	Bible Study (7:30pm-Rectory Living Rm) NCW 2 <sup>nd</sup> Community (8:00pm-Cedar Rm)
Wednesday	NCW 1 <sup>st</sup> Community (8:00pm-Cedar Rm) Praise Team Rehearsal (7:00pm-Church)
Thursday	Adult Choir Rehearsal (7:00pm-Church)
Friday	AA (8:00pm-Old Library)
Saturday	NCW Communities (8:00pm-Church)

**NEW!**

**FLOCKNOTES STREAMLINED**

**SIGN-UP:**

A number of you have expressed a desire to be a part of our online church via Flocknotes, joining with **162** others.

*The process has been a little complicated so, to simplify it, you are asked to contact one of these members who will help you:*

*Margaret Butler* (Sodality Prefect)  
202-549-1506

*Darren Coles* (Flocknotes Manager)  
240-605-8467

*Clint Ray*  
(STM Community Connection Coordinator)  
240-271-6164

~ **FLOCK NOTES TECHNOLOGY** ~

*So far \*162\* of you have signed up for this helpful and important communications tool.*

**Flock Notes has been a highly valuable tool for spreading important information about recent events and activities regarding St. Thomas More, particularly during the Coronavirus Emergency.**

## **CONTINUED IMPORTANT REMINDERS** **DURING THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS!**

**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.

**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).

**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.

**Stay Informed with Flock Notes:**

*If you are not yet signed up, please see directions for Flock Notes listed above in this Bulletin.*

## STM SODALITY TRIP!

Please join the Sodality for a trip to see "Queen Esther" at Sight & Sound Theater, Lancaster, PA on **Wednesday, July 29, 2020.** Cost: Adults-\$150; Children (2-12 yrs.) \$85.

***Payment schedule may be obtained from one of the Sodalists listed below.***

**Contacts:** Laura Brown, 301-899-8099; Margaret Butler, 202-549-1506; Margarine Neal, 202-438-1865.