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## *May 31, 2020 ~ Pentecost*



***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

  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
*Preparing to Hear God's Word*

**Reading I: Acts 2:1-11** ~ The disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial: Psalm 104** ~ Lord, send out your spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

**Reading II: 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13** ~ There are many gifts in the one body of Christ.

**Gospel: Jn 20:19-23** ~ Jesus appears to the disciples bestowing the peace of the Holy Spirit.

**Readings for Next Sunday**

**Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9    2 Cor 13:11-13    Jn 3:16-18**

**DAILY MASS READINGS**

Monday:	Gen 3:9-15, 20	John 19:25-34
Tuesday:	2Pet 3:12+15a, 17-18	Mark 12:13-17
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12	Mark 12:18-27
Thursday:	2 Tm 2:8-15	Mark 12:28-34
Friday:	2 Tm 3:10-17	Mark 12:35-37
Saturday:	2 Tm 4:1-8	Mark 12:38-44

**PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Sunday	Our Class of 2020 Graduates Safekeeping of Our Youth
Monday	In memory of Augustine Tom-Sahr-4yrs.
Tuesday	Wanda Brooks-Birthday
Wednesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Thursday	Liz Berry & Chereese Ray-Birthday
Friday	In memory of Doris & Dcn. Martin-Prayer Gp
Saturday	Nelson Davies-Birthday

**PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Viola Barnes, Betty & Joseph 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 Felui, 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 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 ~**

*Continued prayers are asked for the victims of the Coronavirus and their loved ones, those caring for them, and all who have survived this virus, including those still grappling with lingering effects.*

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* 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!

**THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY, WE ARE MAKING IT!**

**Tithes and offerings** that were dropped off or received in the mail amounted to **\$4,746.00**, and **\$470.00 for Maintenance**. Support received through **Faith Direct** (electronic giving) amounted to **\$9,678.33**.

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

*Please continue to support the church in the manner with which you are most comfortable. Thanks to all of you who have ventured into the new reality of electronic giving.*

*Simply go to the STM web page: [www.stthomasmoredc.org](http://www.stthomasmoredc.org) and click on "Donate" and then "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!***

**CONGRESS HEIGHTS POST OFFICE SERVICE RESTORED!**

The challenges encountered recently at the Congress Heights (20032) Post Office seem to have been resolved. Hopefully, it is safe to mail your tithes now. Sorry for this inconvenience.

**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).*

**STM-PAC INVITES ALL TO JOIN CHECK-INS ON ZOOM!**

**On Thursday, June 9**, and continuing on a bi-weekly basis, PAC will host a **Mental Health Check** with anyone who wishes to attend. The one-hour session begins at **8:30am**.

*The following connectivity info will support you in joining on-line through Zoom:*

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86506112799?pwd=NzBSa1lXR Vp5eVFSOUZCRVFZbXdlQT09>**

**Meeting ID: 86506112799. Password: 045720**

For those who may not be able to connect on-line, you may **CALL-IN** on this one tap mobile number: **1-301-715-8592**. *Use the same Meeting ID and Password for calling in.*

**ALL HANDS ON DECK!**

We are expecting a large delivery of food on **Sunday, June 14, at 3:00pm**. If you are able, please lend us a hand in unloading the truck. *Your love is most appreciated!*

~ 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 PENTECOST!

Dear Church Family,

Today we celebrate the birthday of the Church. We are reminded that over 2,000 years ago believers, like us now, found themselves imprisoned by fear and challenged by the uncertainty that was before them. And then like the sound of a strong wind and in the form of tongues like fire, the Holy Spirit showed up and revealed to them that they had tremendous power within themselves that would change the world forever. That Holy Spirit is still at work in our church right now—a fresh fire and a powerful wind—that enables, empowers and encourages us to move out of the fear and anxiety of today to do some brand new things, using a power we may not have been aware of to strengthen your world challenged by this pandemic. So, we may not be celebrating this birthday in our church building, but we feel the presence of that Spirit in our hearts and we pray:

Loving Lord,  
Here I am, just as I am.  
I trust that you have an incredible plan for me.  
So, Transform me. Empower me. Use me!  
Everything is on the table.  
Take what you want to take  
And give what you want to give  
so that I can live the life you envision for me.  
I hold nothing back.  
I am 100% available.  
Dear God, send your Holy Spirit upon me  
that I may build your Kingdom in my words and work through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be blessed and stay safe!  
Father Moore

SUSPICIOUS AND FRAUDULENT EMAIL ALERT!

The Archdiocese continues to be plagued by fraudulent emails using Archbishop Gregory and other priests' names. The archbishop would never solicit assistance using email. Please ignore them if you receive them.

~ WELCOME ~

SEMINARIAN JONATHAN BARAHONA!

We are pleased to welcome *Jonathan Barahona* to our parish. He is preparing to become a priest for the Archdiocese of Washington and is studying at Catholic University. Archbishop Gregory has assigned him to us for the summer. We warmly welcome *Jonathan* to STM!

WE CONGRATULATE OUR



CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATES!

**\*\*MASTERS\*\***

**Renee Brooks**

Master of Business Administration  
University of Maryland Global Campus

**\*COLLEGE\***

**Taylor Singleton**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Minor in Health Science  
Towson University College of Health Professions  
Candidate for NCLEX Exam to become a Registered Nurse  
Career Path: Holy Cross Medical Hospital Oncology Dept.

~ HIGH SCHOOL ~

**Karen Coles** Elizabeth Seton High School-Honors  
College: Winston Salem University, NC  
**Vanessa Davies** Edmund Burke School  
College: Providence University, RI  
**Jaden T. Farmer** National Christian Academy  
College: Wheeling University, WV  
**Aaryn K. Harris** Eastern Senior High  
College: Morgan State University, MD

~ MIDDLE SCHOOL ~

**Brianna Jean-Charles** Accokeek Academy  
High School: Suitland HS Center for Visual/Performing Arts

~ ELEMENTARY ~

**Adrian Otis-Coker**  
Potomac Landing Elementary

~ KINDERGARTEN ~

**Aria K. Harris**  
School Without Walls



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

# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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## FOOD PANTRY DATES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE!



*The Food Pantry will be open on June 12 & 26  
from 11:30 am to 2:00pm in the Cedar Room.*

*Donations to the pantry will be received on June 12<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am to 2:00pm in the Cedar Room. To drop food off at the rectory, please call ahead to make sure someone is there to accept it (202-562-0431.)*

*Thanks to our many members who have donated to the pantry throughout this pandemic.*

*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.*

### PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR JUNE UPDATES.

*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)

## STM SODALITY TRIP IMPORTANT STATUS UPDATE!!

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and after serious, prayerful consideration, the Sodality Executive Board has decided to **cancel our July 29<sup>th</sup> trip to Sight and Sound.**

The health and welfare of all parishioners and friends who signed up and made payments are of the utmost importance to us, and your support was extremely appreciated.

*No further monies will be collected. Once our deposit is received from Nelson Travel, we will let you know when reimbursements will be made. Please direct questions to: Laura Brown, 301-899-8099; Margaret Butler, 202-549-1506; Margarine Neal, 202-438-1865.*

*Thank you for your understanding and patience!*

## 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.

## ST. THOMAS MORE COMMUNITY CONNECTION MINISTRY!

*To assist our STM Church Family during these difficult times we still have available our*

*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)*

## FLOCKNOTES INFORMATION!

### ~STREAMLINED SIGN-UP~

A number of you have expressed a desire to be a part of our online church via Flocknotes, joining with **163** 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*

***So far \*163\* 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.*