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***June 7, 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

## **MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**

### **Preparing to Hear God's Word**

**Reading I:** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9~ *God's mercy and forgiveness are revealed to Moses.*

**Responsorial:** Dan 3~ *Glory and praise forever!*

**Reading II:** 2Cor 13:11-13~ *Christ's grace, God's love and the Spirit's fellowship.*

**Gospel:** Jn 3:16-18~ *"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."*

### **Readings for Next Sunday**

**Deut 8:2-3, 14b-16a 1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58**

### **DAILY MASS READINGS**

Monday:	1 Kgs 17:1-6	Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 17:7-16	Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 18:20-39	Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	1 Kgs 18:41-46	Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16	Mt 5:27-32
Saturday:	1 Kgs 19:19-21	Mt 5:33-37

### **PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Sunday	In memory of George Floyd
Monday	In loving memory of Jacqueline Ray-Birthday
Tuesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Wednesday	In loving memory of Bertha Williams-1 year
Thursday	Intentions of STM Parishioners
Friday	Peace in our Communities/Nation
Saturday	Safekeeping of Our Youth

### **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, 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 ~**

*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, 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.**

### **~ 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. **As we warmly welcome Jonathan to STM let us keep him in our prayers!**

## **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 **\$3,885.00**. Support received through **Faith Direct** (electronic giving) will be posted 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. 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!***

### **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).*

### **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.**

### **STM-PAC INVITES ALL TO JOIN**

#### **CHECK-INS ON ZOOM!**

**On Thursday, June 11**, 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 11:00am.**

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

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86506112799?pwd=NzBSa1lXRVp5eVFSOUZCRVFZbXdlOT09>**

**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!**

**~ ARCHBISHOP'S STATEMENT ~**

**On May 31, 2020, Archbishop Wilton Gregory released this statement on the Memorial Day death of George Floyd:**

In astonishment, we are seeing the reactions of people across the United States as they express feelings of frustration, hurt, and anger in their cry for justice for George Floyd, whom we painfully watched being suffocated in front of our eyes on video in Minneapolis, Minnesota this past week.

Many of us remember similar incidents in our history that accompanied the Civil Rights Movement, where we repeatedly saw Black Americans viciously brutalized by police on television and in newspaper photos. Those historic moments helped to rouse our national conscience to the African American experience in the United States and now, in 2020, we tragically still see repeated incidents of police brutality against African Americans.

We find ourselves in this national moment again with the awakening of our conscience by heartbreaking photos and video that clearly confirm that racism still endures in our country. On television and in social media, we are observing an overflow of pain felt acutely in the African American community and shared by too many other communities.

Moments like this cause people of good will who believe in the value, respect and dignity of every human life, to wonder if and how we can move on from here. The horror of George Floyd's death, like all acts of racism, hurts all of us in the Body of Christ since we are each made in the image and likeness of God, and deserve the dignity that comes with that existence.

This incident reveals the virus of racism among us once again even as we continue to cope with the coronavirus pandemic.

We owe immense appreciation to our first responders who are currently working tirelessly to care for us and keep us safe. We remain grateful to them for their commitment to serve our community by protecting and saving lives.

However, as a society, we must find ways to understand and to respond to the pain of our brothers and sisters. We see racism destroying the lives of Jewish, Muslim, and Christian people because of their religious and ethnic heritages. Racism triggers the divisive and xenophobic attitudes of nationalism. It also targets people because of their cultural traditions or physical appearances, and it threatens immigrant people who seek nothing more than the opportunity to improve their lives and the lives of their children. We must non-violently and constructively work together to heal and build the "Beloved Community" that was spoken about by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On this Pentecost weekend, I join my brother bishops throughout our nation, and especially Archbishop Hebda of St. Paul and Minneapolis, in calling on the Holy Spirit in the most urgent way. We must examine our own attitudes and actions in order to seek conversion from sin and turn our hearts towards Christ in order to end personal and structural racism. Now, and every day, we must pray to find the strength to do what is right and just as we encounter our neighbors from a culture, country, religion, race, or experience different than our own and see in them God's creative design.

This moment calls us to be the Church of hope that Jesus Christ created us to be in a world full of pain and despair.

We pray for a new Pentecost: a renewal of love, justice and truth in our hearts. We are called to do justice and love goodness in order to walk humbly with God.

Since we are confident that the Father always hears our prayer for reconciliation, together, we join in peaceful, non-violent protest, action, and prayer for the balm to cure all forms of racism starting today.

Please join me in asking Our Father for the balm of love, justice, peace, compassion and mercy to end racism and hatred now.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

**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-**Honors**  
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**

**~ 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.*

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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 contact any member of our SHARE Team.  
**Thank you!***

**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.*