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***June 14, 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

## THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



### Preparing to Hear God's Word

**Reading I: Deut 8:2-3, 14b-16a** ~ God fed the Israelites for forty years in the desert with manna.

**Responsorial: Ps 147** ~ Praise the Lord Jerusalem.

**Reading II: 1 Cor 10:16-17** ~ St. Paul asks the question, "The bread we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?"

**Gospel: Jn 6:51-58** ~ Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven."

#### Readings for Next Sunday

**Jer 20: 10-13 Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10: 26-33**

#### DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	1 Kgs 21:1-16	Matt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 21:17-29	Matt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14	Matt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Sir 48:1-14	Matt 6:7-15
Friday:	Dt 7:6-11	Matt 11:25-30
Saturday:	2 Chr 24:17-25	Luke 2:41-51

#### PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday	Elizabeth Holmes-Birthday
Monday	Pamela Meredith-Birthday
Tuesday	Our Dedicated Volunteers
Wednesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
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 ~

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Catherine L. Holton**, mother of Pamela Holton Morris, and aunt of the Bush family.

Prayers are also 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 its 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 & Deacon 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 **\$6,163.00; and \$1,010.00 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. 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 Tuesday, June 23,** and continuing on a bi-weekly basis, PAC will host a **Mental Health Check/Chat** with anyone who wishes to attend. **The one-hour session begins at 10:00am.**

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

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86506112799?pwd=NzBSa1lXR\\_Vp5eVFSOUZCRVFZbXhLQOT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86506112799?pwd=NzBSa1lXR_Vp5eVFSOUZCRVFZbXhLQOT09)**

**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, TODAY, PLEASE!

We are expecting a large delivery of food **TODAY, 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 CORPUS CHRISTI**  
**TOGETHER IN UNITY**  
**AS THE BODY OF CHRIST**

*Dear Church Family,*

Today we celebrate the great gift of the Holy Eucharist (the Body and Blood of Christ). And though we have been unable to share the Eucharist all together on Sunday, we are still bound all together in unity as the Body of Christ. This has been demonstrated in so many ways as we all together confront the Coronavirus, and all together confront the virus of racism.

*We are the Body of Christ* as we stand connected and committed to one another as St. Thomas More through our Community Connection Ministry. This ministry is all about keeping us all informed and supported as we care for each other and check up on each other.

*We are the Body of Christ* as we join together in our "Covit Chats" on Zoom where we are able to share, reflect, pray and enjoy one another. To participate in "Covit Chats" see the announcement in this bulletin.

*We are the Body of Christ* as we work and share together in supporting our food pantry and this vital effort to provide food for those who find themselves needy and hungry in our larger community. We will do this in a special way this afternoon (June 14) at 3:00pm, as all together we help unload the food truck. At this time, we will also pray together and receive the Lord in Holy Communion.

*Finally, a word of thanks to all who make up the Body of Christ here at St. Thomas More. Be strong in the Lord and find peace in His Love.*

*Be blessed and stay safe!*

**Father Moore**

~ **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 St. Thomas More let us keep him in our prayers!*

**WE CONGRATULATE OUR  
ADDITIONAL  
CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATES!!**

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

*~Demia Lee~*

*Master of Criminology and Justice  
St. John's University*

*~Kennie May, Jr.~*

*Master of Business Administration in Accounting  
Hampton University*

*~Alena Russell~*

*Master of Social Work  
The Catholic University of America*

**\*COLLEGE\***

*~Chereese Ray~*

*Bachelor of Science in Government  
Bowie State University*

**~HIGH SCHOOL~**

*Logan Harrison Bishop McNamara High School  
College: Morgan State University*

*Calia Lee Georgetown Visitation High School  
College: St. John's University*

*Kamrin Porter Dr. Henry Wise High School  
College: Bowie State University*

*Damon Smith II Gonzaga College High School  
College: Prairie View A&M University*

**~MIDDLE SCHOOL~**

*DeMarcus Moore D. Kennedy French Immersion School  
High School: North Point*

*James Morton III Archbishop Neale Catholic School  
High School: St. Mary's Ryken*



*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



*Serving Students in Grades Pre-K3-8*

*~ Catholic Environment ~*

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*Mr. Gerald Smith, Jr., Principal*

*Before & After School Care Provided.*

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## FOOD PANTRY DATES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE!



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

*Donations to the pantry will also be  
received on June 26, from 11:30am to 2:00pm  
in the Cedar Room.*

*Helpful items include non-perishables such as  
Rice/Pasta/Dry Beans, Hot & Cold Cereal  
and*

*Canned goods such as  
Meat/Tuna/Beans/Soup/Fruits, Vegetables, etc.*

*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 contact Flo Gantt for June Registration info.*

*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!*

## 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.

## 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!*

## ST. THOMAS MORE COMMUNITY CONNECTION MINISTRY!

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

## 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.*