

**Saint Thomas More Parish & Academy**  
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***June 28, 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

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Preparing to Hear God's Word

**Reading I:** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a ~The Shunemite woman opened her home in hospitality to Elisha, the prophet who visited her. In giving to the prophet she received new life—the promise of a son.

**Responsorial:** Ps 89~ Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**Reading II:** Rom 6:3-48-11~ “Think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.”

**Gospel:** Matt 10:37-42 ~Jesus calls us to form a good habit of thinking about others as we think about him and ourselves.

### Readings for Next Sunday

Zec 9:9-10, Rom 8:9, 11-13, Matt 11: 25-30

### DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Acts 12:1-11	2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18	Matt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12		Matt 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Am 5:14-15; 21-24		Matt 8:28-34
Thursday:	Am 7:10-17		Matt 9:1-8
Friday:	Eph 2:19-22	John 20:24-29	
Saturday:	Am 9:11-15	Matt 9:14-17	

### PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday	In memory of William Kemp-Birthday
Monday	In loving memory of Tony E. Bush, Sr.
Tuesday	Victims & Survivors of Violence
Wednesday	Rev. Raymond Moore-13 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Thursday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Friday	In memory of Doris & Dcn. Martin-Prayer Gp
Saturday	In loving memory of Jason Plaskett, Jr.-1 year

### 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 peaceful repose of the soul of **Tony E. Bush, Sr.**, brother of Annette Hebb and Flo Gantt, and the comfort of his family.

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 its lingering effects. Please also pray for all victims/survivors of violence.

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 and Seminarian Jonathon Barahona.

## 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 **\$2,222.00**; and **\$50.00 for Maintenance**. Support received through **Faith Direct (electronic giving)** totaled **\$8,867.00**.

**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).

### STM-PAC INVITES ALL TO JOIN OUR COMMUNITY CONNECTION CHATS ON ZOOM!

**On Tuesday, July 7**, and continuing on a bi-weekly basis, PAC will host another **CONNECTION CHAT** with anyone who wishes to attend. **Join us as we connect to pray and check in with one another.**

**The one-hour chat begins at 10:00am.**

**YOU MAY ALSO JOIN USING ONLY YOUR PHONE  
BY CALLING THE FOLLOWING FREE NUMBER:**

**1-301-715-8592.**

**You will be asked to give our STM:**

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

**For those who wish to join via Zoom video, please use the following info:**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86506112799?pwd=NzBSa1lXRVP5eVF5OUZCRVFZbXdlOT09>**

**OR...**

**Simply download Zoom onto your device and click on the log-in LINK emailed via Flocknotes.**

~ 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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Dear Church Family,

Today we resume Sunday Mass at 10:00 am. While we would all like to get back to Mass, please be encouraged to "play it safe" and do what is healthy for you and safe for your loved ones and church family as well. If you are dealing with health issues or over sixty, the best choice for you is to avoid large gatherings of people, which includes Mass.

In our ongoing efforts to better serve the STM family, we will be offering "drive though" prayer and Holy Communion on Wednesday between 11:00am and 1:00pm at the rectory. Just call 202-562-0431 to let us know you are here, and someone will come out to serve you.

Thanks also for your generous financial support of the church and the food pantry.

*Stay safe and be blessed,*

*Father Moore*

**2020 ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL**

With the onset of the pandemic back in March, the Archdiocese suspended active solicitation of this major funding effort for ministries and services of the Archdiocese. However, we are pleased to report that thanks to your generosity our parish has, despite the pandemic, committed to pledges of \$18,265 toward our goal of \$ 37,000. Thanks for your generous support of the parish and the Appeal.

**VIEW THE SUNDAY BULLETIN ON-LINE**

Our Sunday Bulletin continues to be available on our STM website each week. Please visit [www.stthomasmoredc.org](http://www.stthomasmoredc.org) to access the church website. Click on the "Sunday Bulletin" link to open the specific Bulletin you would like to view. The Sunday Bulletin is generally uploaded onto our STM website by Friday evening.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY,  
FATHER MOORE!!**

On Wednesday, July 1, 2020, our pastor,  
Reverend Raymond Moore, will mark his  
Thirteenth Anniversary  
as  
Pastor of St. Thomas More Church!!

Although we may not be able to extend best wishes to Fr. Moore in person, please continue to remember him in your prayers as he continues to shepherd us through this time of social distancing, while keeping us physically safe and spiritually nourished!

May our gracious and loving God continue to bless and keep you, Father, and may you know that your STM church family deeply appreciates you!



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

**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 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*

### FOOD PANTRY DATES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY!

*The Food Pantry will be open on  
Friday, July 10 & 24, from 11:30am to  
2:00pm in the Cedar Room.*



*Donations to the pantry will also be received on July  
10 & 24, 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 July 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!*

### 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.*