

**Saint Thomas More Parish & Academy**  
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**School: 202-561-1189**

***August 2, 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

***Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time  
Preparing to Hear God's Word***

**Reading I:** *Is 55:1-3~ All who thirst, come, without paying and without cost.*

**Responsorial:** *Ps 145: The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs.*

**Reading II:** *Rom 8:35, 37-39~ Nothing shall separate us from God's love.*

**Gospel:** *Mt 14:13-21~ Jesus feeds the multitudes with five loaves and two fish. All were satisfied!*

***Readings for Next Sunday***

***1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Rom 9:1-15 Mt 14:22-33***

***DAILY MASS READINGS***

Monday:	Jer 28:1-17	Mt 14:26-36
Tuesday:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22	Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday:	Jer 31:1-7	Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14	Mt 17:1-9
Friday:	Na 2:1,3; 3:1-3,6-7	Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Hab 1:12-2:4	Mt 17:14-20

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

Sunday	In memory of Williard Pinkney
Monday	Health of Bernard Jarvis
Tuesday	Desmond Bowser-Birthday
Wednesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Thursday	Health of Jawan Whittaker
Friday	In memory of Doris & Dcn. Martin-Prayer Gp
Saturday	Karen Coles-College Blessings

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

Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Viola Barnes, Betty & Joseph Beatty, Shirley Brown, Francilla 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, Kenneth Louis, Dennis Lucas, James Makle, Jr., Gloria & William McCaskill, Ed Miller, 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 ~***

*Please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of **Jeanette Hooks**, aunt of Lindora Owens, and **James Taylor**, brother of Faye Powell. Pray also for the consolation of each 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, Bernard Jarvis, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Robert Robinson, Yolanda Rollins, Margaret Spencer, Mary Travers, Jawan Whittaker, 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***

*Now, the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.  
(Acts 4:32)*

*How can we not give, Father, when we remember your abundant blessings in our own lives? Here is our offering this week. May it increase as we learn to love you more and more and understand our purpose in your perfect plan for our lives. This we pray in Jesus' name. AMEN!*

***They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love***

*Thanks for your loving commitment to your church family.*

***Tithes and offerings*** that were received at Mass, or were dropped off or mailed in amounted to ***\$2,678.00***. ***Faith Direct*** donations amounted to ***\$6,166.64***.

***Mass attendance this week: 25 people present in church, and over 60 joining by Zoom.***

***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, August 4***, 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=NzBSa1lXRVP5eVF5OUZCRVZFbXdlOT09>***

***OR...***

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

**~PRAYER FOR OUR NATION~**

*Rise up, Lord, in defense of your people  
and this nation.*

*Do not hide your face from us in our  
trials and tribulation.*

*Father of orphans, friend of the widow,  
wealth of the poor,*

*Provider for the hungry and the oppressed,*

*Healer of the sick and hope for us all,  
we rejoice in making you known to others.*

*May we find in you comfort and security  
in times of pain and anxiety*

*as we work to make this country  
“One nation under God.”*

**~PASTOR'S PEN~**

**MESSAGE FOR EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Dear Church Family,*

I am pleased to share with you that we have worked out most of the complications involved with live streaming our **10:00am Sunday Mass**. Please see the details in the announcement below concerning accessing Mass via Zoom.

Other Zoom opportunities include our Tuesday evening Adult Bible Study and the PAC Community Connection Chat. Please see announcements included in this Bulletin regarding Bible Study and the PAC-Chat. And, just a reminder that you may still come by the rectory on Wednesdays between **11:00am to 1:00pm** for Holy Communion and prayer. *Please call ahead so we can be prepared to welcome you.*

*Let's continue to stand together as the Body of Christ here at  
St. Thomas More as:*

1. We continue to fight the virus with face coverings, hand washing, and physical distancing. This is how we “love our neighbor as ourselves.”
2. We reach out to others and help when the need arises. Practicing physical distancing doesn't mean social isolation. Keep on caring for each other.
3. We recognize the sacred and prophetic power we possess as we exercise our right to vote.

*Stay safe and be blessed,*

*Father Moore*

**10:00AM SUNDAY MASS LIVE ON ZOOM**

We will celebrate Sunday Mass each week at 10:00AM for the foreseeable future. Those who wish to participate on Zoom are most welcome. **Meeting ID: 852 3811 8028, AND Password: 545701. Phone in: 1-301-715-8592**

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM**

All are encouraged to join with us in our weekly Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 7:30. **Meeting ID: 808 120 8607 AND Password: 2y94hR.**

**ST. THOMAS MORE BUILDING**

**CLOSED AUG. 6, 7, 8!**

**In order to safely abate asbestos, our building,  
including the School, Cedar Room and Red Room**

**WILL BE OFF LIMITS TO EVERYONE**

**AUGUST 6, 7 AND 8, 2020!!**



*Please continue to keep in prayer  
our candidates for the sacraments of  
First Communion and Confirmation.*

*We will celebrate First Communion on  
Saturday, August 15, at 11:00am.*

*Confirmation will be scheduled at a later date.*

**~ First Holy Communion ~**



*Dominique Brooks*

*Penelope Hawkins*

*Ashwin Gordon*

*Jonah Kamara*

*Terrence Tyer, Jr.*

**~ Confirmation ~**

*Ariana Brooks*

*Renee' Douglas*

*Dionni Gillis*

*Brianna Jean-Charles*

*Gabriel Jean-Charles*

*Nahsaan Curtis*

*Tyree Jones*

*Tyrone Jones*

*Journee Logan*

*Aysha May*

*James M. Morton III*

*DeMarcus Moore*

**~ Full Communion ~**

*Njeri Jarvis Washington*

**WELCOME TO THE STM FAMILY!**

*We warmly welcome Tylia Pilgrim and Dominique Brooks, who were baptized Saturday, August 1. Tylia is the granddaughter of Clinton Ray, and Dominique is the granddaughter of Wanda Brooks. Congratulations to these families, and our prayers, too!*

**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 \$18,265.00 toward our goal of \$37,000!***

Thanks for your generous support of the parish and the Appeal.

**WORD ALMONG US FOR JULY/AUGUST**

The *Word Among Us* for July and August are now available at the Sunday Mass or at the rectory during the week. Those who are attending Mass should bring their copy with them since we will have no other printed aids such as missalettes or hymnals.

# 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*

## 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 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)

## FOOD PANTRY DATES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST!

*The Food Pantry will be open on Friday, August 21, from 11:30am to 2:00pm in the Cedar Room.*



*Donations to the pantry will also be received on August 21, 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 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!*

## FLOCKNOTES INFORMATION!

### ~STREAMLINED SIGN-UP~

*The process had been a little complicated for some, 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.*

## 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 Thursday evening*