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***November 15, 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

## **Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

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

**Reading I:** Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 ~ Advice to a king on living a worthy life.

**Responsorial:** Ps 128 ~Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

**Reading II:** 1 Thes 5:1-6 ~ St. Paul encourages the Thessalonians to stay alert for the coming of the day of the Lord.

**Gospel:** Mt 25:14-30 ~ A parable on acting responsibly as we await the future.

#### **Readings for Next Sunday**

**Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Matt 25:31-46**

### **DAILY MASS READINGS**

Monday:	Rev 1:1-4, 2:1-5	Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Rev 3:1-6, 14-22	Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Rev 4:1-11	Luke 19:11-28
Thursday:	Rev 5:1-10	Luke 19:41-44
Friday:	Rev 10:8-11	Luke 19:45-48
Saturday:	Rev 11:4-12	Luke 20:27-40

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

Sunday	Cardinal-elect Wilton Gregory In loving memory of Lydia Johnson-Birthday
Monday	Anne Dawson-Birthday
Tuesday	In loving memory of Lydia Johnson, 5yrs.
Wednesday	Lennox Coles, III, 21 <sup>st</sup> Birthday
Thursday	In memory of Jakari Butler
Friday	In loving memory of James Ligon, Sr.
Saturday	In loving memory of Yvonne K. Wilson Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones

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

Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Viola Barnes, Betty Beatty, Shirley Brown, Francillia Browne, Cynthia Bruce, Felicia V. Bush, John Bush, Audrey Caldwell, Jane Cannon, Dixie Clark, Shertia Clark, Odessa Curtis, Fracess Davies, Barbara Deale, Barbara DeJesus, Renee Felio, 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, Leane Jean-Charles, Ivy John, Nancy Johnson, 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, Gail Ruffin, Thelma Sawyer, Robin Sescocoe, 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 Dorisa Whalen, niece of Billy Hawkins, who died of COVID-19, and for the comfort of her family.*

*Your special prayers are asked for the well-being of Audrey Caldwell.*

*Please also pray for all victims of COVID-19, their loved ones and caregivers.*

*Your continued prayers are requested for Shirley Adams, Sheila D. Brown, Fracess Davies, Priscilla Fuller, Elizabeth Holmes, Bernard Jarvis, Nancy Johnson, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Robert Robinson, Yolanda Rollins, Jean Stewart, 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**

*From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be expected. (Luke 12:48b)*

Today we realize how much you have given for us, dear God. Inspire us to be generous givers, placing before you all that we have so that our gifts may be used for the glory of your kingdom. 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, were dropped off or mailed in amounted to \$7,640.00 and \$2,905 for Maintenance.*

*Faith Direct contributions totaled \$7,990.74.*

*Mass attendance this week: 39 people physically present in church, and over 225 joining live by Zoom or YouTube.*

### **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 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).*

### **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. **The NEW Zoom Meeting ID is 87377549190. The NEW password is 548415. And, the phone dial in number is 301-715-8592.**

### **- AMONG US FOR NOVEMBER**

The *Word Among Us for November* is 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.

### **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

The rectory office is now operating Monday thru Friday between 9:30am and 4:00pm. *Please wear your mask!*

**~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~**

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Dear Church Family,*

As we journey forward--confronting the COVID-19 Pandemic (which is on the rise) and the election transition, I have very positive news to share with the STM family:

1. Stewardship (tithes and offerings) have increased dramatically.
2. Our YouTube capacity has increased dramatically, and we are on the verge of installing internet in the church.
3. Our efforts to abate the effects of storm water flooding on the campus have shown promising results as we have planted new sod and trees to better manage water flow on the property.
4. We have begun to renovate and redecorate the rectory chapel. You will be pleasantly surprised with the end results.
5. Our food pantry continues to provide food for those who are in need in our church and community.
6. Families are responding in great numbers and supporting our religious education and sacramental preparation programs.

*Continue to pray for our country as we make the  
Presidential transition and dealing with the Coronavirus.*

*May the Lord bless and keep us all in his peace.  
Stay safe and stay connected to your church family.*

***Father Moore***

**CONGRATULATIONS, CALEB!**

**Caleb Wallace**, a graduate of our STM Academy, and a junior at Bishop McNamara Catholic High School, completed his community project, required for the rank of Eagle Scout, by constructing an “Outdoor Teacher’s lounge” in the back of our school. The project included the assembly of two tables and the planting of trees and sod in support of our rainwater abatement efforts. Congratulations and thanks to Caleb and his parents, John and Earlene Wallace.

**SODALITY ROSARY**

Please join the STM Sodality, via Zoom, to pray the Rosary each **Wednesday at Noon**. Detailed information has been sent to all parishioners 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.*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
ARCHBISHOP GREGORY!**

*Our Holy Father Pope Francis has named our own  
Archbishop Wilton Gregory to the College of Cardinals.*

He is our first African American Cardinal and will receive this honor in a “Consistory” in Rome on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

We are so blessed by the ministry Cardinal Gregory has rendered here in our own Archdiocese, in Atlanta and the church in the United States.



**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS  
WHO RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF  
CONFIRMATION ON NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>!**

***Renee’ Douglas***

***Dionni Gillis***

***Brianna Jean-Charles***

***Gabriel Jean-Charles***

***Lisa Chinn***

***Journee Logan***

***Aysha May***

***James M. Morton III***

***DeMarcus Moore***

*Please continue to pray for them now that they have taken  
this final step in their full initiation as members of the  
Catholic Church. May the Holy Spirit lead and guide them  
as they grow into maturity as young women and men of the  
Lord.*

**UPCOMING BAPTISM!**

We are pleased to ask your prayers for the family of **Mia Nakia Wallace**, daughter of Tony Wallace and Sherita Clark, **who will be baptized on November 21<sup>st</sup>**.

We are grateful that her parents have made the commitment to bring Mia into the Church through Baptism.

Our faith teaches us: “Baptism, the door to life and to the Kingdom, is the first Sacrament, which Christ offered to all that they might have eternal life and which, together with the Gospel, he later commanded his Apostles: ‘Go, teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.’” Baptism is the sacrament by which we are incorporated into the Church and are built up together into a dwelling place of in the Holy Spirit.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Parents, please check your email for Registration Forms and other pertinent information relative to the 2020-2021 Religious Education Year.

## ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC ACADEMY!



*Serving Students in Grades Pre-K3-8  
Catholic Environment~Academically Excellent  
Mr. Gerald Smith, Jr., Principal  
(202)-561-1189*

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR STM ACADEMY by purchasing a stylish and comfortable face mask, featuring our logo!** This mask also has the added convenience of adjustable ear loops that insure a perfect fit for everyone. The fabric is soft and very wearable. **Your purchase will help support our school.**  
**The cost is just \$5.00.**

They are available at the school or rectory, and on Sunday morning at the 10:00 Mass. **Thanks for your support!**

### \*FOOD PANTRY NEWS\*

**Our Food Pantry is open each Friday  
from 11:30am to 2:00pm.**

Our ongoing efforts to combat hunger are supplemented by **Curbside Groceries**, a mobile grocery truck that brings the grocery store to the neighborhood. Choose from a variety of high-quality fresh foods, and pantry staples **at very affordable prices!**

**Curbside Groceries is here on the Merrick Center parking lot from 10:00am- 4:00pm each Saturday.**

Together we can make an impact and help meet the food needs in our community. **Thanks for your help!!**

**Needed pantry items include non-perishables such as**

***Rice/Pasta/Dry Beans,  
Hot & Cold Cereal,  
and***

***Canned Goods such as  
Meat/Tuna/Beans,  
Soup/Vegetables/Fruits***

*To drop off food at the rectory, please call ahead  
to make sure someone is there to accept it.*

Again, thanks to our many members who have donated to the pantry throughout this pandemic!

**STM continues to serve as a  
REFUGE OF RELIEF for many!**

### 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!*

### **2020 ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL!**

*Our Archbishop, Wilton Gregory, extends his heartfelt gratitude for our support of the 2020 Annual Appeal.*

Church members across the Archdiocese have contributed \$10 million for the many charitable works supported by the Appeal. Thanks for your generous support of the parish and the Appeal.

**Our parish currently stands at  
58% of our 2020 goal of \$37,000.**

If you have not yet made your gift to the 2020 Annual Appeal, it is not too late. Simply visit [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org) and make your gift. **Thus far, we have pledged \$21,750.**

***Again, thanks for your generosity!***

### **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 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~**

***To simplify the process of signing up, 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*** (Coordinator) 240-271-6164

**So far \*185\* 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. Questions: Please contact Pattie Hamilton, [hamisings@msn.com](mailto:hamisings@msn.com).*

