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~June 13, 2021~



**Jesus Is The Answer
For The World Today**

Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12
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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:**

Sunday 10:00am *Livestreamed on YouTube* *

Weekdays *No Daily Mass on site at this time**

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: *By appointment only at this time.**

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: *Virtually at this time.**

Bible Study: *On Summer Break*

**Due to Coronavirus Precautions*

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: Ez 17:22-24 ~ God offers a vision of promise and hope when the end is not yet in sight. God takes a "tender shoot" from a tree, plants it and it grows and bears fruit.

Responsorial: Psalm 92~ Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Reading II: 2 Cor 5:6-10 ~ Walk by faith, not by sight.

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34~ The kingdom of God is like a seed. Jesus speaks divine words to his disciples so that they might "grow" the kingdom of God.

Readings for Next Sunday

Job 38:1, 8-11 2 Cor 5:14-17 Mark 4:35-41

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	2 Cor 6:1-10	Matt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 8:1-9	Matt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-11	Matt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	2 Cor 11:1-11	Matt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30	Matt 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 12:1-10	Matt 6:24-34

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday	In loving memory of Dr. Donald Weber
Monday	Elizabeth Holmes-Birthday In loving memory of Lum Garnett-Birthday
Tuesday	Pam Meredith-Birthday
Wednesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Thursday	In loving memory of Kevin Ford
Friday	In loving memory of Sue Hamilton-James
Saturday	Safekeeping of Our Youth

PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Viola Barnes, Betty Beatty, Blondinia Brown, Shirley Brown, Francillia Browne, Cynthia Bruce, Felicia V. Bush, John Bush, Audrey Caldwell, Jane Cannon, Dixie Clark, Shertia Clark, Jeff Cory, Odessa Curtis, Frances Davies, Barbara Deale, Barbara DeJesus, Renee Felieu, 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, Dennis Lucas, 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 Sescove, 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 souls of **Kevin Ford**, brother of Mary Ford Toomer, who, over the years, supported the Wonderful Smiles of Children as Santa Claus; and **Sue Hamilton-James**, cousin of Pattie Hamilton. Please pray for the consolation of the families of these dearly departed ones.

Please also remember all victims of COVID-19, their families, caregivers and all of our frontline workers.

Your continued prayers are requested for Shirley Adams, Blondinia Brown, Sheila D. Brown, Viola Barnes, Audrey Caldwell, Frances Davies, Priscilla Fuller, Elizabeth Holmes, Bernard Jarvis, Marquel Poindexter, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Robert Robinson, Yolanda Rollins, Jean Stewart, John Travers, Jr., Monei Williams, our members who are on the road to recovery, sick, shut-in or grieving; and Pope Francis, Cardinal Gregory, Fr. Moore, Fr. Casmir, Ed Poindexter and Seminarian Jonathon Barahona.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

EFFECTIVE SUPPORT OF YOUR CHURCH IS WISE STEWARDSHIP

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. (Matt 5:16)

Lord of life, who can make of small things, simple deeds, and quiet actions mountains of mercy and rivers of grace, bless our offerings this week to its greater good, 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 \$3,558.00, and \$600.00 for Maintenance.

Faith Direct contributions will be posted at a later date.

Mass attendance this week: 63 people were physically present in church, and 85 joined live via YouTube.

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 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!

Thank you for supporting St. Thomas More!

FAITH DIRECT!

The easiest way to support our church is through Faith Direct, our online giving platform that so many have been using over the past year. It is this easy:

Go to our website: www.stthomasmoredc.org. Click on **DONATE** and make your contribution by choosing ***Enroll in Recurring E-giving or Make A One Time Gift Now.***

10:00AM SUNDAY MASS

Mass continues to be Livestreamed on YouTube. The link is sent weekly via Flocknote.

BIBLE STUDY SUMMER BREAK

Our weekly Adult Bible Study will be on summer break until the Fall.

WORD AMONG US FOR JUNE

The ***Word Among Us for June*** is now available for you to pick up at the Sunday Mass, or at the rectory during the week.

Those who are attending Mass in the church ***should bring their personal copy of Word Among Us with them*** since we will have no other printed aids such as missalettes or hymnals.

~PASTOR'S PEN~

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

STM Family,

Below you will find the wonderful poem written by our own Michael Russell, entitled "The Table."

And so we come...
We come in all shapes
We come in all sizes
We come in all colors
We come in all guises.
Some come in rags,
Some come in gold,
Some were once sellers,
Some were once sold.
We come in small numbers
We come in great throngs,
Two or three gathered,
Or millions in song.
We come then, the broken
Some of us healed,
But by his word spoken,
All of us sealed.
Sealed in His friendship,
Sealed in His love,
By the grace of His Spirit,
By His only Son's blood.
Sealed in His love
Against all hate,
We are wondrously fed
From heaven's gate.
We come then, the halt,
The willing, the able,
To share at His feast,
At this special table.
Two lowly substances
The bread and the wine,
Call from eternity,
God into time.
A feast which unites
The old and the young
The Wonder of Wonders
God on our tongue.
And so we keep coming
'Til time itself ends
For we are His brethren.
We are His friends.
We come then in unity
Day after day.
For we are His people
We, of THE WAY.

***Prayer to the Creator in Fratelli Tutti
On Fraternity and Social Friendship***

***Lord, Father of our human family,
You created all human beings equal in dignity:
Pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,
dialogue, justice and peace.***

***Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified
world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.***

***May our hearts be open
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.
May we recognize the goodness and beauty
that you have sown in each of us,***

***and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,
and shared dreams. AMEN***

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION
CLASS OF 2021!**



*With gratitude to God, we offer our sincere
CONGRATULATIONS to the following graduates
from our STM families.*

***We will honor them with a special blessing at
Mass on Sunday, June 27, 2021.***

***May they be blessed with an abundance of success
as they venture into their future endeavors, trusting
in the Lord to guide them!***

~COLLEGE~

Christian Cropp St. John's University

~HIGH SCHOOL~

<i>Janiyah D. Anderson</i>	Eastern High School
<i>Dionni Gillis</i>	Bladensburg High School
<i>Jahnae Haskins</i>	Largo High School
<i>Gabriel Jean-Charles</i>	Friendly High School
<i>Elijah Mayo</i>	Home School 12
<i>Robert James Arthur Moore</i>	Henry Wise High School
<i>Dionne Moore</i>	North Point High School
<i>Jalyn Whitaker</i>	Oxon Hill High School
<i>Bryce A. Wilson</i>	Dacula High School

~MIDDLE SCHOOL~

<i>Gerrod Mayo</i>	St. Peter, Waldorf
<i>Damia Moore</i>	Maya Angelou French Immersion
<i>Abdur Taalib</i>	Accokeek Academy

**MATRIMONY, CONFIRMATION &
FIRST COMMUNION!**

***Your Prayers Are Asked For Those Preparing For
Matrimony, Confirmation and First Communion.***

The seven sacraments give us a door to God's grace. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "The sacraments are signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church by which the divine life (grace) is dispensed to us."

Preparing for Matrimony:

Khadijah McNair and Yonte McCormick

Preparing for Confirmation:

***Charles Anthony, Damia Moore, Selah Smith,
Abdur Taalib and Umaimah Taalib***

Preparing for First Penance/Communion:

Heavenlee Curtis, Terral Lewis and Kennadi Martinez

ST. THOMAS MORE



CATHOLIC ACADEMY

We are pleased to announce that our school has been awarded the

First Annual
Sister Thea Bowman Award
Recognizing Our
Outstanding Efforts Promoting Social Justice
and Community Service.

Our school was also blessed with a
River Smart Grant
which will establish an outdoor classroom and a
Bioretention Cell which will
mitigate water runoff and erosion.

For More Information On Our School
Visit Our Brand New Website: stmhc.org
School Office: 202-561-1189

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Our Food Pantry is Open Each Friday
Beginning at 11:30am.



Even well before the pandemic, our community has been long recognized as a “food desert.” But with your help we have been able to assist our neighbors. We provide nutritious foods, including meats, fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs and milk in our biweekly food distributions. We are indebted to our faithful volunteers and supporters who make this possible. We are grateful to those individuals and families who have made donations of food and cash. We also blessed with the ongoing support of the Mulholland Foundation, our Sodality, and the Ward 8 Farmer’s Market.

Our Food Pantry is open each Friday
starting at 11:30am.

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

(Also, items readily useful for those who are homeless.)

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

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

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. THOMAS MORE!!

We have dealt with so much over the past months! **On Sunday, June 27**, we as a church family will celebrate the Feast of our patron saint, Thomas More. Our church is named after him, but do we know who he is? Do you know that he is the patron saint of lawyers and politicians? Do we know that he shed his blood and died, standing up for what was right and just? ***Let our STM Family reengage, recommit and RETURN to Mass at 10:00am as we celebrate the life of our patron saint!***

2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

Each year our effort in supporting the good works of charity, education and evangelization provided by our Archdiocese gives hope to so many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. You may be aware of the good works of Catholic Charities, but did you know that the Annual Appeal also supports chaplaincy programs in hospitals, jails and college campus ministries, including Howard University? These are just some of the services our generosity supports. **Our 2021 goal is \$33,900! As of today, our total pledges amount to \$20,365, which is 60% of our goal. Sixty-four of us have made pledges that average \$318.**

Through our collective efforts we can achieve our goal and support the ministries of our church.

If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider pledging today. You may use the self-addressed, postage paid pledge form, or go on-line at appeal.adw.org. ***Thanks for your support, and together we will keep making a difference in our community.***

COVID 19 PROCEDURES IN CHURCH

As more and more of us are vaccinated, more and more of us will be returning to Mass on Sunday morning. Here are the procedures that we have been practicing to ensure the health and safety of our church family:

- 1. Please DO NOT come to Mass if you have a fever or are not feeling well.***
- 2. You will sanitize your hands as you enter.***
- 3. Face masks are STRONGLY RECOMMENDED for everybody.***
- 4. The ushers will seat you, maintaining physical distance between you and others.***
- 5. Please follow ushers' directions when receiving Holy Communion.***
- 6. When leaving the church at the end of Mass, ushers will direct you in exiting the church.***
- 7. Please maintain physical distancing in the back and outside of the church after Mass.***

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!