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June 8, 2025 – Pentecost Sunday



Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12

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Renee Coles, Parish Council Chair

Finance Council: Tracey Jean-Charles, Damon Smith, Patricia Thomas

Hope Dwells as the Desire and Expectation of Good Things to Come



WELCOME VISITORS!

We warmly welcome you to St. Thomas More Church! If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join our parish family. We hope you worship with us again soon!

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4:00pm – Rectory Chapel

Sunday, 10:00am – Church (also Livestreamed on YouTube and link is sent weekly via Flocknote)

Weekday Mass will resume in July.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office to register for classes.

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.

Penance (Reconciliation, Confession): Sundays after the 10:00am Holy Mass and by appointment

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 after 10:00am Holy Mass

Adult Bible Study is on Summer Break and will resume in the Fall.

RE-Member The Church

If you have been away from the Church and are led by the Holy Spirit to come back to us, please consider our invitation to **“RE-MEMBER”** the Church. Call the Church office (202-562-0431) or speak to Father Moore for more details.

PRAY THE ROSARY

*St. Thomas More Sodality welcomes you to join us as we pray the Rosary: **Tuesdays at Noon, and Thursdays at 11:00am.***

Dial-in: 605 313 5818. Access code 883049#.

DAILY MASS READINGS

Sunday	Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23
Monday	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Genesis 3:9-15, 20; John 19:25-34
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:13-16
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday	2 Corinthians 3:15 - 4:1, 3-6; Matthew 5:20-26
Friday	Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 5:27-32
Saturday	2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Matthew 5:33-37
Sunday	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- We are reminded in Acts that the power of the Spirit comes from God and exists only for his sake; the gift of tongues is given for evangelization, to bring all peoples back to God! Like the apostles, God offers us the Holy Spirit at baptism and at confirmation, so that we can offer our gifts, through Christ, to the Father of nations.
 - The Holy Spirit dwells with us and teaches us the wisdom of God from age to age. Saint André Bessette, a Holy Cross brother from Montreal, once said, "Put yourself in God's hands; he abandons no one." This is what the Spirit means for us. We are forever accompanied by the power and presence of God, who showers us with his gifts so that we can be converted and convert others in turn. Just as God never abandons us, so we must never abandon others in fidelity to his Spirit.
 - The Christian life, the road we walk when we turn away from sin and are faithful to the gospel, is always uncharted territory. The Holy Spirit is our compass and our guide. When we lose our way, it is the Spirit that gently (or firmly) guides us back to Christ and his church. It is the quiet but potent voice that whispers within us, reminding us of our origins and our destiny in Christ. Seeking forgiveness is often the first step in learning how to become a child of God more fully. Once freed of our obstacles to God and his work, we can see the way forward with greater ability and stronger resolve, both of which are from God. The Spirit of truth, which leads us and teaches us, is also the strength that helps us to walk toward Christ our goal!
- (Living Liturgy)*

May the Lord's peace and grace be with you!



MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Nahja Smith
 will be held here at St. Thomas More Church on
 Thursday, June 12, with Visitation at 9:30am -
 11:00am, and Holy Mass at 11:00am.

PRAYER CORNER

Healing Prayer by St. Padre Pio

Heavenly Father, I thank you for loving me.
 I thank you for sending your Son,
 Our Lord Jesus Christ, to the world to save and to set me
 free.
 I trust in your power and grace that sustain and restore me.

Loving Father,
 touch me now with your healing hands,
 for I believe that your will is for me to be well in mind, body,
 soul and spirit.

Cover me with the most precious blood of your Son,
 our Lord, Jesus Christ from the top of my head to the soles
 of my feet.

Cast anything that should not be in me.
 Root out any unhealthy and abnormal cells.
 Open any blocked arteries or veins and rebuild and
 replenish any damaged areas.
 Remove all inflammation and cleanse any infection
 by the power of Jesus' precious blood.
 Let the fire of your healing love pass through my entire body
 to heal and make new any diseased areas
 so that my body will function the way you created it to
 function.

Touch also my mind and my emotion,
 even the deepest recesses of my heart.

Saturate my entire being with your presence,
 love, joy and peace and draw me ever closer to you every
 moment of my life.

And Father, fill me with your Holy Spirit
 and empower me to do your works
 so that my life will bring glory and honour to your holy
 name.

I ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	In loving memory of Jacqueline Ray-Birthday In loving memory of Nathan E. Saunders-Birthday
Monday	In loving memory of Deacon Nerus Martin
Tuesday	In loving memory of Bertha Williams
Wednesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Thursday	STM Catholic Academy
Friday	In loving memory of Leo Brown-Birthday
Saturday	In loving memory of Elizabeth Holmes-Birthday

PLEASE KEEP THOSE PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS

~Rite of Christian Initiation for Children~
 Ashanti Sedega Sarai Sedega

~Preparing for Confirmation~
 Terral Lewis, Jr. Karter Martin
 Marleigh Campbell Tylia Pilgrim
 Damari Dozier Terrance Tyer
 Ashwin Gordon

Thank You

Father Moore sincerely thanks Father Casmir Onyegwara and Father Charles Okonkwo, Celebrants for Holy Mass last weekend, and Father Peter Chineke, Celebrant for yesterday's Pentecost Vigil Mass, as well as the last two weeks in June. Thank you, Fathers Casmir, Charles and Peter!

Today, Pentecost Sunday, we welcome Cardinal Wilton Gregory as our Celebrant, and we look forward to having him with us next Sunday. Thank you, Cardinal Gregory!

For the upcoming weeks, see the schedule below.

Sunday, June 8, 10 am – Cardinal Gregory
Saturday, June 14, 4 pm – Father Casmir
Sunday, June 15, 10 am – Cardinal Gregory
Saturday, June 21, 4 pm – Father Peter
Sunday, June 22, 10 am – Father Peter
Saturday, June 28, 4 pm – Father Peter
Sunday, June 29, 10 am – Father Peter

Please Pray For Our Sick, Shut-In, And Those In Need:

Cardinal Gregory, Fr. Raymond Moore, Fr. Casmir, Ed Poindexter, Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Frank & Rita Brewer, Blondinia Brown, Sheila D. Brown, Cynthia Bruce, Felicia V. Bush, Jane Cannon, Margaret Chambers, Dixie Clark, Shertia Clark, Odessa Curtis, Damian Daniel, Barbara Deale, Barbara DeJesus, Eleanor Dozier, Renee Feliu, Diane Finley, Priscilla Fuller, Craig Fulmer, Betty Furr, Tanya Gaddie, Tasha Gant, David Garner, Tyrone Garrison, Denzil Garvey, Zynae Green, Emmanuel Greene, Gloria Greene Rodriguez, William Gunn, Andre Harris, Margaret Harris, Vance Harris II, June Harrison, Shant'e Hawkins, Maximillion Holland, Christopher Holton, Sr., Darryl Jackson, Dr. Jimmie Jackson, Leane Jean-Charles, Carolyn Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Sarah Jones, Seymour & Patrick Jones, Barbara Kennedy, David Larison, Erma Lewis, Dennis Lucas, Gloria & William McCaskill, Herb Meredith, Beverly Miller, Dorothy Myrtle, Angela Neal, Mamie Outlaw, Tammy Peterson, Charles Queen, Yvonne Rhodes (mother of Barry Rhodes), Marion & Ruth Richardson, Arthur Robinson, Leroy Robinson, Yolanda Rollins, Robin Sescoc, Ciara Shields, Brenda Smith, Margaret Spencer, Edsel Swann, Jan Thelin, Jane Thomas, Antoinette (Toni) Torain, Mary Travers, Chandra Upsher-Harris, Kristine Vivican, Kayla Warren, Mary Waters, Paul Waters, Marilyn Denise Whetstone, Monei Williams, William Wims, Kobe M. Williams, Jane Willis, David Wilson, Gloria Wilson, Jean Wright, Marianne Young.

Please pray for the well-being of all impacted by changes within our U.S. Government, peace in our world, all victims of violence, all impacted by diseases, all healthcare workers and caregivers.

Please Pray For Our Recently Deceased And Their Families:

*Kenneth Jones (nephew of Alice Proctor)
Nahja Smith (mother of Damon Smith)*

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



To Our St. Thomas More Academy Classes of 2025:

Kindergarten

Abigail Anum-Addo; Christian Collins; Caleb Evans; Veniece Gross; Aurora Steptoe; Ava Studavent; Benji Thomas

8th Grade

Ayomide Aluko; Noah Brawner; Jakco Byas, Ayden Courtney; Damari Dozier; Anthony Evans; Kingston Fansi; Carleo Foma; Jhazara Jordan; JaMarcus King; Kennedy King; Laila Leach; William Leak; Dermari Lee; Naeem McField-Leach; Genesis Owens; Hassanni Poe; Christopher Poole; Skye Stallings; Ciel Young

and

To Our St. Thomas More Parishioners:

Abdur-Rahman Taalib graduated from Bishop McNamara High School and will attend Prince George's Community College in the fall to study Computer Science.

Habiba Taalib will graduate from 8th grade on June 11th from Accokeek Academy Middle School.



**Calling ALL St. Thomas More Parish Graduates!
Please contact the office so we can acknowledge your accomplishments in our Bulletin. We are proud of you!**

ST. THOMAS MORE



CATHOLIC ACADEMY

**We Are Currently Accepting Registrations
for the 2025-2026 School Year!!**

*Catholic education has always been a strong pillar of
faith and knowledge, especially in the
African American community.*

Parents are encouraged to check out our great Academy!

Please Visit Our Website: stmhc.org

School Office: 202-561-1189

We thank you for your continued support!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Tithes and offerings for last Sunday:

***In-church tithes and offerings totaled \$7,048.00,
the Maintenance Fund totaled \$1,380.00,
Faith Direct donations amounted to \$66,753.69 for the
month of May (which includes a \$50,000.00 individual
donation for the AC and capital repairs expenses)***

Mass Attendance

Saturday 4:00pm **17** in the Rectory Chapel
 Sunday 10:00am **111** in Church
238 Livestream Views on YouTube

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.



OUR COOKOUT AND OFFICIAL FEAST DAY OF OUR PATRON SAINT, THOMAS MORE, WILL BE SUNDAY, JUNE 22, ON THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI).

Holy Mass is at 10am and the cookout will start immediately after Mass! If you would like to contribute, we are still accepting monetary donations to offset the cost of the food, which we will purchase in bulk. Please put your check or cash in an envelope marked **COOKOUT**, and drop it in the collection basket, or give it directly to George Hanna or Linda Roberson. Thank you in advance.

St. Thomas More is the patron saint of adopted children, civil servants, lawyers, politicians, stepparents, widowers.

ST. THOMAS MORE QUOTES:



Lord, give me a sense of humor
so that I may take some
happiness from this life and
share it with others.

~ Thomas More

AZ QUOTES

- If honor were profitable, everybody would be honorable.
- Occupy your mind with good thoughts, or the enemy will fill them with bad ones.
- It is possible to live for the next life and still be merry in this.

SHARE INFORMATION

Value Package \$25.00

Please contact Flo Gantt for Registration info.

*Please also consider making a monetary donation of **\$25.00** to provide a SHARE Package to a family in need. If interested, please contact any member of our SHARE Team.*

We are grateful to you for the 600+ SHARE PACKAGES that have been purchased to support those we serve from our STM Food Pantry! Thank you!

STM FOOD PANTRY

NEXT DISTRIBUTION: *June 13, 10am-Noon*

Our community has been long recognized as a “food desert.” With your help we have been able to continue assisting our neighbors.

We provide nutritious foods, including meat, fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs, and milk in our 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 are also blessed with the ongoing support of the Mulholland Foundation, our Sodality, and the Ward 8 Farmer's Market. Together we can make an impact and help meet the food needs in our community.

Thank you for your help!!

NEEDED: Non-perishable items such as Rice, Pasta, Dry Beans, Hot & Cold Cereal, Canned Goods such as Meat, Tuna, Beans, Soup, Vegetables, Fruits. (Also, items readily useful for those who are homeless are much appreciated.)

Thank you to our many generous members who donated to the pantry throughout the pandemic and have continued doing so!

Bulletin Deadline: Items for Sunday's Bulletin must be submitted via e-mail by 10:00am Monday. Thank you!

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