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June 15, 2025 – The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity



Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12
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Barry Rhodes, Assistant to Pastor and Facilities
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Henry Herrera, Gospel Choir Director

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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: <u>Tuesdays at Noon</u>, and <u>Thursdays at 11:00am</u>.

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



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Sunday	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
	Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15
Monday	2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15
Friday	2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-23
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga,
	Religious
	2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Matthew 6:24-34
Sunday	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body
	and Blood of Christ
	Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;
	Luke 9:11b-17

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- The Holy Trinity the three Divine Persons of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is a mystery that Scripture reveals to us in John's Gospel. Christ tells his apostles that the truth *will* come to them, but over time. The Holy Spirit will come to them as the power and presence of God, and the Spirit will voice what the Father commands. Note here that even the Persons of God do not simply do or say what they want without willing it together: the Spirit wills what the Father wills, and Christ teaches us to pray to the Father, "thy will be done."
- If the Holy Trinity does not will alone, then we who are in God's image are called to will as God wills. Our glory is not in doing what we want alone but in choosing with Christ! He glories in the multiplication of his work and the amplification of his voice!
- Everything Christ has, he is willing to share with others. His words, his love, and his very life are all to be given and shared. The Holy Spirit's job is to keep us united in Christ's work so that we are his Body on earth. In this way, we, too, take on the trinitarian life. We are sent by the Father, united in Christ, and are kept holy by the teaching of the Holy Spirit. When we serve, teach, and love in God's name, we pass on this trinitarian life. We are called to inspire others to serve in the Father's name, we call them to seek life in Christ, and we teach all of this in the power of the Holy Spirit. What a gift that Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have given us!

 (Living Liturgy) May the Lord's peace and grace be with you!

Thank You

Father Moore sincerely thanks Father Peter Chineke, Celebrant for Saturday's Pentecost Vigil Mass, and Cardinal Wilton Gregory, Celebrant for Sunday's Pentecost Mass!

For the upcoming weeks, see the schedule below.

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

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (Prayer for Peace)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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, Maximillon 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 Sescoe, 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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Fathers & Father-Figures~Living/Deceased

Pamela Meredith-Birthday

In loving memory of Shirley Brown-Birthday

Monday Intentions of STM Parishioners

Tuesday In loving memory of Calvin Williams

Wednesday Health of Andre Cooper

Thursday John & Mary Travers-71st Anniversary

Safekeeping of All on Juneteenth

Friday Shirley Adams-Birthday Saturday Jean Robinson-Birthday

In loving memory of Jean Hamilton-Birthday

PLEASE KEEP THOSE PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS

~<u>Rite of Christian Initiation for Children</u>~ Ashanti Sedega Sarai Sedega

~Preparing for Confirmation~

Terral Lewis, Jr. Karter Martin
Marleigh Campbell Tylia Pilgrim
Damari Dozier Terrance Tyer

Ashwin Gordon

HAPPY, BLESSED FATHER'S DAY TO ALL FATHERS, FATHER-FIGURES



AND THOSE WHO LEAD & GUIDE IN MANY WAYS! MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU!!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Tithes and offerings for last Sunday: In-church tithes and offerings totaled \$5,356.00, the Maintenance Fund totaled \$807.00.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 4:00pm 15 in the Rectory Chapel

Sunday 10:00am 131 in Church

209 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 <u>SUNDAY</u>, <u>JUNE 22</u>, 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.

"love rules without rules"

— Thomas More



To Our STM 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

To Our 2025 Graduates of STM Parish:

Jahnae' Haskins, Wanda Brooks' granddaughter, graduated Summa cum laude on May 17, 2025, from Loyola University Baltimore, with a Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts with an Innovation and Entrepreneurship Minor.

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: stmdc.org School Office: 202-561-1189

We thank you for your continued support!

Mother's Day Diaper Drive — THANK YOU! HUGGIES KNICHTS OF PETER CLAVER LADIES AUXILIARY SISTER THEA BOWMAN COURT #364 MOTHER'S DAY DIAPER DRIVE FOR BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

Knights of Peter Claver Auxiliary Sister Thea Bowman Court #364 would like to thank everyone for supporting the Mother's Day Diaper Drive. It was a huge success and very much appreciated!

SHARE INFORMATION

Value Package \$25.00

Please contact Flo Gantt for Registration info.

Please also consider making a monetary donation of <u>\$25.00</u> 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 <u>600+ SHARE PACKAGES</u> that have been purchased to support those we serve from our STM Food Pantry! Thank you!

STM FOOD PANTRY

NEXT DISTRIBUTION: Monday, June 30, 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!!

<u>NEEDED:</u> 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!

Please Pray for the Canonization of Our Seven AFRICAN AMERICAN CANDIDATES FOR SAINTHOOD

Venerable Henriette DeLille
Venerable Pierre Toussaint
Venerable Mother Mary Lange
Venerable Augustus Tolton
Servant of God Julia Greeley
Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman
Servant of God Father Martin de Porres Ward, OFM
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