

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church & Academy

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September 21, 2025 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Reviving the Flame of Hope



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)

Monday & Wednesday, 9:00am – Rectory Chapel

Friday, 10:00am – Church

SACRAMENTS

Infant Baptisms: Parents should contact Father Moore to arrange for preparation and scheduling.

Matrimony: Couples planning a Catholic wedding, please contact the Pastor for instruction, at least six months in advance.

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 for Children: Sunday following 10:00am Holy Mass.

High School Youth Group: Sunday after 10:00am Holy Mass.

Adult Faith Formation (OCIA): This group is intended for adults who would like to become Catholics. Please contact the parish office.

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

<i>Sunday</i>	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13
<i>Monday</i>	Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18
<i>Tuesday</i>	Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21
<i>Wednesday</i>	Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
<i>Thursday</i>	Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9
<i>Friday</i>	Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22
<i>Saturday</i>	Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45
<i>Sunday</i>	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- We easily forget what we have done: our greed, our anger, our impatience. We forget, and then we act again. Our lack of awareness spins us into a cycle, a habit, and a careful cultivation of sin that damages our life in Christ and our life with our loved ones. God does not forget—but not so that he can hold it over our heads with wrath. God does not forget us because God loves. He is waiting for us to remember his mercy and to turn to him desiring his pardon and peace.
- We don't just pray for the people we like. We are called to pray for all people: for those who disagree with us; for those whose policies we don't like; for those who like rock music, country, jazz, or K-pop. We are called to pray for all so that we might practice in our prayer what we have not yet accomplished in our lives: living with peace and unity as we seek the common good of all and solidarity with all peoples. We hope that one day the will of our hearts might be united with our lives and that all might find unity in the one who draws us all to himself, Christ Jesus.
- Can we lift up holy hands without anger or argument? Sometimes it is difficult to get through Mass without some sort of grievance emerging, be it squabbling children or a grudge we're busy nursing against our neighbor. Despite the graces present in the liturgy, our hearts remain resentful, untamed by alleluias. Holding on to anger—serving anger—is just as problematic as serving mammon. Are we proud or are we greedy? Are we duplicitous or are we jealous? Both anger and greed break down our response to the command to love: to love one another and to serve God alone.

(Living Liturgy)

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

PRAYER CORNER

Peace Prayer -- Written by [Saint Francis of Assisi](#).

Lord, make me a channel of your peace,
that where there is hatred, I may bring love;
where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of
forgiveness;
where there is discord, I may bring harmony;
where there is error, I may bring truth;
where there is doubt, I may bring faith;
where there is despair, I may bring hope;
where there are shadows, I may bring light;
where there is sadness, I may bring joy.
Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be
comforted;
to understand than to be understood;
to love than to be loved.
For it is by forgetting self that one finds;
it is by forgiving that one is forgiven;
it is by dying that one awakens to eternal life. Amen.

Revival Prayer 2025

Almighty and loving Father,
We pray that you Revive *the Flame of Hope* in our
lives through our annual revival. We ask your blessing
on our prayers, praise and preaching. Touch our
hearts and open our minds with your grace, favor,
and mercy.

May our gathering minister forgiveness, healing, and
peace in our hearts, homes, churches and our world.
Anoint our revivalists with powerful messages and
inspire in us the desire to show and share Jesus with
others. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
AMEN

The East of the River Revival Committee (ERRC)
presents

The ERRC Youth Rally (Ages 5-17)

Saturday, October 4, 10:30am – 4:30pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church
1600 Morris Road SE, Washington, DC

The East of the River Revival '25

***"Reviving the Flame of Hope,"* October 6 – 8**
Mount Calvary Catholic Church
6700 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD

To support the East of the River Revival, use the QR Code
below. We thank you for your contribution!



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

Fr. Raymond Moore, Ed Poindexter, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Frank & Reta 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, Vance Harris II, June Harrison, Shant'e Hawkins, Gilbert Herrera (brother of Henry Herrera), Maximillon Holland, Christopher Holton, Sr., Darryl Jackson, Dr. Jimmie Jackson, Leane Jean-Charles, Carolyn Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Seymour & Patrick Jones, Barbara Kennedy, Esme Kosier (sister of Henry Herrera), David Larison, Erma Lewis, Dennis Lucas, Ronald McCants (son of Houston & Linda Roberson), Gloria & William McCaskill, Herb Meredith, Beverly Miller, Dorothy Myrtle, Angela Neal, Mamie Outlaw, Tammy Peterson, Charles Queen, 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, Paul Waters, Marilyn Denise Whetstone, Monei Williams, William Wims, Kobe M. Williams, Jane Willis, David Wilson, Gloria Wilson, Jean Wright, Marianne Young.

**PLEASE KEEP THOSE PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS
IN YOUR PRAYERS**

~Preparing for Confirmation~

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday In loving memory of Joe Elliott-Birthday
Monday Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Tuesday Paul Waters
Wednesday Charles & Gloria McIntosh-Anniversary
Thursday In loving memory of James Butler-Birthday
Friday In loving memory of Sylvia Proctor-Peterson
Saturday In loving memory of KiKi Butler-Bates-Birthday

***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 Conv.*



Religious Education News

Religious Education classes will resume **today, September 21, 2025**, after the 10 o'clock Mass.

We look forward to seeing you after Mass!

**The Religious Education Team of
Saint Thomas More Catholic Church**

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: stmcdc.org

School Office: 202-561-1189

We thank you for your continued support!

VISION AND DREAMS FUND

St. Thomas More Catholic Academy needs your help to provide a Catholic education at an affordable cost to families. Currently, plans are being formulated to launch a fundraising campaign that will keep our school affordable for present and future generations. Many in our Parish know the value of a good Catholic education. Families, past and present, have been blessed by our school. Let's work together to make this a blessing for present and future families.

More details are coming soon!

