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October 5, 2025

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12

Ed Poindexter, Installed Acolyte

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Mary Waters, Office Assistant, x10

Barry Rhodes, Assistant to Pastor, Facilities Director

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Wanda Brooks, Coordinator of Religious Education, x31

Henry Herrera, Gospel Choir Director

Renee Coles, Parish Council Chair

Finance Council: Tracey Jean-Charles, Damon Smith,

Patricia Thomas, George Hanna

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)

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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10
<i>Monday</i>	Jonah 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Luke 10:25-37
<i>Tuesday</i>	Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42
<i>Wednesday</i>	Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4
<i>Thursday</i>	Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13
<i>Friday</i>	Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26
<i>Saturday</i>	Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28
<i>Sunday</i>	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17: 11-19

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- What’s normative? If we turn on whatever our network, cable, or streaming service has to offer us, we get a pretty ugly picture. Even if the people might look beautiful, we see intrigue, blatant disregard for integrity of personhood, violence, and vice. And this is for entertainment? Tuning in to what takes millions (or billions) of dollars to produce makes us little better than the ancient Romans who gathered in the Colosseum to watch victims be torn apart by captured animals. Christ calls us out of this strange darkness that traps our hearts and imaginations to recall our origins as creatures of the living God. God defies sin and death. Let us go and do likewise.
 - The evils we face in the world run ragged against our psalmist’s encouragement to “[c]ome” and “sing joyfully to the Lord.” How and why should we sing a song of gladness when we see destruction all around us? But what would happen if we *didn’t*? Age after age, God has called our ancestors in faith to live in righteousness, to seek justice, to pursue peace, and to love with joy. God also calls us. God defies death with joy, calling us to hope in him and not to harden our hearts. Hardened hearts feed a culture of violence and death. In faith alone we will make his justice known to all the world.
 - How can we possibly respond to all the needs that surround us, the depth and breadth of the transformation that is needed in the world let alone in our hearts? We cannot. But Jesus has some surprising news for us. Yes, we are unprofitable servants. But he asks us to have faith only the size of a mustard seed—a very small seed. With faith as solid and fruitful as the smallest seed, we could change the world—and certainly change ourselves.
- (Living Liturgy) May the Lord’s peace and grace be with you!*

Please Pray For Our Recently Deceased And His Family:

Mr. Paul Waters (husband of Mrs. Mary Waters)

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

PRAYER CORNER

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 East of the River Revival ‘25

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

Confessions, 6 - 7:30 pm
Praise & Worship, 7 pm
Revival, 7:30 pm

Below are the YouTube Live Stream Links for The East of The River Revival on October 6, 7, & 8, 2025 @ 7PM:

October 6th

<https://www.youtube.com/live/Hv3Z5Jpvc3o>

October 7th

<https://www.youtube.com/live/LLnQBugVlbw>

October 8th

<https://www.youtube.com/live/i70uPb3mR74>

To support the East of the River Revival, scan 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 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, 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 Lucille Rivas
In loving memory of Roderick Bell-Birthday
Myrtle Daniel Birthday
Monday In loving memory of Elizabeth Holmes
Tuesday East of the River Revival
Wednesday In loving memory of Augustine Tom-Sahr, Sr.
Thursday Peace in Ukraine
Friday Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Saturday Peace in the Middle East

SAVE THE DATE

Sight & Sound Theatres

Joshua

LIVE ON STAGE

July 11, 2026 @ 3pm

**Sponsored by the Parish Action Committee (PAC)
MORE INFORMATION WILL BE FORTH COMING.**

SAVE THE DATE

November 9, 2025, 3-5pm

Choir Concert Sponsored by the Sodality

HAIL TO THE COMMANDERS



RAFFLE FUNDRAISER!!!

2 Tickets

WASHINGTON COMMANDERS vs SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Sunday - November 2, 2025 - 8:20 PM
Northwest Stadium, Landover, MD

Section 214, Row 4, Seats 5 and 6
(Estimated Value: \$180 each)

*Proceeds to Support St. Thomas More Catholic Academy
Vision and Dreams Fund*

Drawing Date:

Sunday, October 26, 12 Noon, STM Cedar Room

Donation:

One Ticket for \$15 or Two Tickets for \$25

**St. Thomas More Catholic Academy
Vision and Dreams Fund**

UPDATE

St. Thomas More Catholic Academy needs your help to provide a Catholic education at an affordable cost to families. In order to keep our school affordable for present and future generations, parishioners currently receiving envelopes from Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) will now receive a School Support envelope in your packet, beginning with the November-December distribution. This packet should arrive mid-October.

For ONLINE contributors using ParishSOFT Giving (formerly Faith Direct), you will also be able to contribute to our Vision and Dreams School Tuition Fund by scanning the QR Code below.



This is a fundraising effort, so feel free to include contributions from family members, friends, and co-workers who understand 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.

