

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church & Academy

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November 2, 2025

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)



Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12

Ed Poindexter, Installed Acolyte

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Mary Waters, Office Assistant, x10

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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

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 **(In Church Nov. 8 ONLY)**

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>	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40
<i>Monday</i>	Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14
<i>Tuesday</i>	Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop Romans 12:5-16ab; Luke 14:15-24
<i>Wednesday</i>	Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33
<i>Thursday</i>	Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10
<i>Friday</i>	Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8
<i>Saturday</i>	Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15
<i>Sunday</i>	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- Some of us know how empty and final a death feels. The loss of our loved ones, our family members, our friends . . . breaks apart our lives and burdens our hearts. From a human perspective, death divides us from love. But Christ offers us something else. Jesus promises us that everyone who sees him and believes in him will have eternal life. Jesus divides death, breaking it open, easing our burden, and drawing all souls to life.
- This celebration of All Souls offers us an opportunity to celebrate with all the church. The church is not only spread throughout the world but is spread throughout time as well. We remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection—as some of our prayers for the Eucharist invite us—when we celebrate our Mass. Our liturgy is not simply for us now, but for all the living, including those alive in Christ. In this great opening in time, we join together as one.
- The souls of the just are in the hand of God. When we see a good man or a good woman die, it is not possible to make sense of their suffering. But God’s wisdom assures us that they are in peace. They are no longer trapped by suffering and sorrow. They are as free and bright as sparks of light, flying about a crackling fire. They know only warmth, light, and joy, because they are now in the light of Christ’s presence, dwelling in the house of the Lord. We wait for the day when we may all rejoice together.

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

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 CORNER

Pope Francis’ Prayer for Workers

*Lord God, look down upon us! Look at this city,
 this island. Look upon our families.
 Lord, you were not without a job,
 you were a carpenter, you were happy.
 Lord, we have no work.
 The idols want to rob us of our dignity.
 The unjust systems want to rob us of hope.
 Lord, do not leave us on our own.
 Help us to help each other; so that we forget our
 selfishness a little and feel in our heart the "we,"
 the we of a people who want to keep on going.
 Lord Jesus, you were never out of work, give us
 work and teach us to fight for work and bless us all.
 In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the
 Holy Spirit.*

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 (Houston & Linda Roberson’s son), 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 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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Health of Father Raymond Moore
Monday	In loving memory of Michael Sescoc
Tuesday	Health of Elma Garnett
Wednesday	In loving memory of Harold Johnson
Thursday	Suzanne Chandler-Birthday
Friday	In memory of Audrey Caldwell, Doris & Dcn. Martin
Saturday	Margaret Spencer

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.*

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MOORE

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish. In these difficult times – with the Government shutdown, the layoffs and other economic stressors – you continue to support, not only the Parish, but our food pantry and our school. I am truly grateful.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Tithes and offerings for last Sunday:

In-church tithes and offerings totaled \$2,978.00, ParishSOFT contributions amounted to \$12,870.00 for October, and \$328.00 for the Maintenance Fund.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 4:00pm 12 in the Rectory Chapel
Sunday 10:00am 117 in Church
176 Livestream Views on YouTube

THANK YOU

to all who contributed to our Raffle Fundraiser supporting St. Thomas More Catholic Academy's *Vision and Dreams Fund*. We raised a total of \$1,035.00.

Congratulations to Craig Seastrong, member of St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church, who won the Commanders vs Seahawks tickets. Enjoy the game, Craig!

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!

SHARE INFORMATION

UPDATE: Value Package - \$30.00

Please contact Flo Gantt for Registration info.

Please also consider making a monetary donation of \$30.00 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for
Paul A. Waters
will be held here at St. Thomas More Church on Friday, November 7 at 11:00am.

On Saturday, November 8, the Knights of Peter Claver will celebrate their 25th Anniversary here at St. Thomas More Church. Holy Mass will be held at 4:00 PM, Cardinal Robert McElroy, Celebrant.

This Mass will be held in the Church, not the Rectory Chapel.



Gospel Choir Concert

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Sunday, November 9, 2025, 3-5pm

Tickets: \$20

**Contact Margaret Spencer (202-561-8974),
Laura Brown (301-899-8099),
Margaret Butler (301-702-1398), or any Sodality
Member. Flyers in rear of church.**

Food Drive

We are happy to announce the Harold and Elizabeth Holmes Food Drive. Donations will be collected at the rear of the church until November 16, 2025.

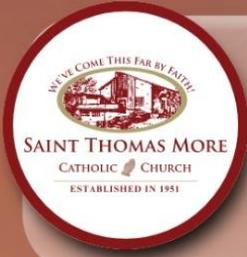
STM FOOD PANTRY

NEXT DISTRIBUTION: Friday, November 14, 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.

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!



PARISH ACTION COMMITTEE 2026 FUNDRAISER

SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE & HERSHEY FARM RESTAURANT

LANCASTER, PA • SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026 (3:00 P.M. SHOW)

Description

Be strong and courageous! Experience one of the most redemptive stories of the Bible as it comes to life in this brand-new original stage production from Sight & Sound Theatres.

From the banks of the Jordan River to the towering walls of Jericho, JOSHUA is a miraculous adventure for the whole family. Journey alongside the people of Israel as they navigate their new-found freedom in an unforgiving wilderness. When Joshua is called to replace Moses as their faithful leader, tensions mount in the midst of dwindling supplies and approaching armies. With one last fortified city standing between the Israelites and the Promised Land, unexpected help emerges from behind enemy lines and Joshua's trust in God's plan is put to the ultimate test.

Each visit to Sight & Sound is a journey back in time as stories from the Bible come to life on a panoramic stage. From sets that tower three stories tall to animals on stage and in the aisles, every original production immerses you in the pages of Scripture.



\$190 PER PERSON

(\$90 CHILDREN UNDER 12 - VERY LIMITED)

COST INCLUDES

- DELUXE MOTOR TRANSPORTATION
- TICKET TO THE BIBLICAL EPIC PRODUCTION OF "JOSHUA"
- ALL YOU CAN EAT LUNCH AT HERSHEY FARM RESTAURANT (NEWLY RENOVATED)

Payment Plan

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INITIAL DEPOSIT

of \$50 (adults/children) to secure seat due no later than December 7, 2025

SECOND PAYMENT

of \$70 (adults) \$20 (children) due February 1, 2026

FINAL PAYMENT

of \$70 (adults) \$20 (children) due no later than April 12, 2026

Payment Methods

PLEASE MAKE PAYMENTS VIA CASH OR CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH (BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER).

For More Information Contact

- ☐ Audrey Plummer Mayo 240-460-6275
- ☐ Liz Thomas-Sahr Berry 240-351-8869
- ☐ Sharie Brown Wood 301-221-1811

BUS DEPARTS ST. THOMAS MORE'S PARKING LOT PROMPTLY AT 8:30 a.m.
(4275 – 4th Street SE, Washington, DC) – RETURN APPROXIMATELY 8:30 p.m.

PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE UNLESS A REPLACEMENT IS FOUND.