

## Saint Thomas More Parish

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## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

### ONGOING ACTIVITIES

**Bible Study Group** – 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Parish Center. (Sept.-June)

**Men's Fellowship Group**—2nd Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. in the TMR.

**Parish Council** — 2nd Tuesday of January, March, May, September, and November, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. All Parishioners are welcome!

**Religious Education — Grades K-12 & Why Catholic (for Adults)** classes are held on Sundays from Sept-May 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

**Rosary Group**—after the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

**PLEASE JOIN US!**



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### Mass Schedule

**Saturday 4:30 p.m.**

**Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

Please see the weekday schedule inside this bulletin.



**Confessions** - Saturday from 3:45 - 4:15 p.m. or by appointment.

**Rev. Msgr. James P. Farmer, Pastor**

**Rev. Mr. Michael P. McCoy, Deacon**

**Rev. Mr. Michael Baxter, Deacon**

**Mrs. Jane G. Brown, Music Minister**

**Mrs. Ana R. Trujillo,**

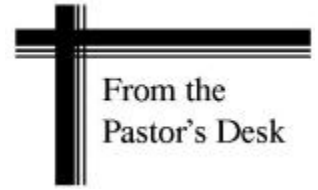
**Coordinator of Religious Education**

**Ms. Maria A. Boling, Office Manager/Bookkeeper**

**Mrs. Carole Small-Charles, Receptionist**

Dear Parishioners,

**The Peace of the Lord Be With You!**



“You formed my inmost being; You knit me in my mother’s womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; My very self you knew; my bones were not hidden from you. When I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth. Your eyes foresaw my actions; in your book all were written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be.” Psalm 139:13-16

Each human being is a unique creation of Almighty God. We need to help people recognize this reality. Human life is sacred. We are made in the image and likeness of Almighty God.

St. Pope John Paul II called our society the “Culture of Death”. There have been approximately 60 million legal abortions in the United States since 1973.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to embrace a “Culture of Life”. The term Pro-Choice means death for a pre-born baby. The baby has no choice.

We constantly encounter people who do not understand that a pre-born child is a person. Pray for them. Try to persuade not provoke; convince not confront.

How long will this horror continue? Let us pray, fast, and peacefully protest.

**In Christ,**

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We Pray in Faith that all who have died especially **Christine Kurgan** may be welcomed into the peace of God’s Kingdom.

**Please pray for our Parishioners and Friends, especially:** Maureen Maguire, Rita Connor, Mary Berry, Frank Ciesla, Betty Burns (Joyce McCoy’s sister), Baby Kaiden, Terry Shelley (Sue Lovell’s daughter), Sr. Isabel Marie Haughey, OSF (Sr. Kathleen’s sister), David Brown, Howard Baldwin, Terry Doyle, Maureen LaCotti (Maria’s sister-in-law), Jim Gay, Ana Trujillo and Claire Pistorio



**Readings for Sept. 2, 2018**  
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8  
Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]  
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27  
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The flowers this weekend were dedicated in honor of **Laura Woods & Audrey Drimal’s Birthdays** by Mary.





**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday 08/27**  
8:30 a.m. Mass

**Tuesday 08/28**  
8:30 a.m. Mass **James Farmer, Sr.**

**Wednesday 08/29**  
8:30 a.m. Mass

**Thursday 08/30**  
8:30 a.m. Mass **Frieda Koubek**

**Friday 08/31**  
8:30 a.m. Mass **Anthony Kurgan**

**Saturday 09/01**  
4:30 p.m. Mass **Myrtle Markland**

**Sunday 09/02**  
8:30 a.m. Mass **For the Parishioners**  
11:00 a.m. Mass

**LIVE THE LITURGY -  
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Jesus' teaching is hard and challenging. In fact, many who originally believed in him left and returned to their former way of life. They were not able to accept what he had to say or to make the changes that are necessary to conform their lives to the Gospel. We often water down our faith and make it more about securing our place in heaven than leading a life in pursuit of the kingdom of God. Following Jesus and living the Gospel require action now. The Gospel demands that we change the way we conduct the business of our lives. Sadly, many are still afraid of taking risks and cannot accept change. Are we really ready to venture forth into the unknown, or would we prefer to simply return to our old ways of doing things?



The Parish office will be closed on Monday, September 3, 2018. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m.

**ANNUAL LABOR DAY FESTIVAL**

Monday September 3 — 12 noon until 5:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Thurmont, MD Family style Fried Chicken and Ham Dinner. Air-conditioned dining room and ample parking. Live Music by the Home Comfort Bluegrass Band, Bingo, Large White Elephant Sale, Bake Sale and Raffle. Carry out available. Enjoy a day with us!

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**CATHOLIC QUOTES - WORDS TO INSPIRE  
THE FAITHFUL**

God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them.

-- St. Augustine

**A CAPELLA CONCERT AT  
ST. THOMAS MORE**

Please join the Pride of Baltimore Chorus and their Summer Singers on Monday August 27 at 7:30 PM . Admittance is free, and light refreshments will be served after.

Contact Jane @  
[j.brown@prideofbaltimorechorus.com](mailto:j.brown@prideofbaltimorechorus.com)  
With any questions



**CLASSES BEGIN September 9, 2018**  
9:30 -11:45 am.  
Thank You!

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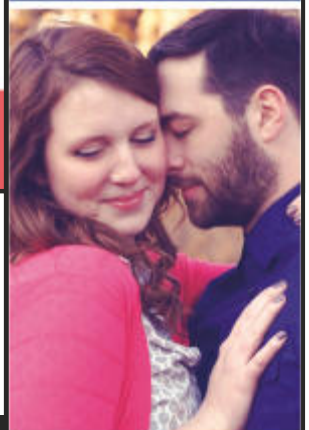
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