Then Abraham said, “If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.” Luke 16:19-31

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:15 & 11:00 AM

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:30 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Mon - Fri: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Get All the latest updates from the Parish by joining us on Flocknotes. It’s as easy as texting STMVA to 84576.

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New or Visiting? Stop by our Welcome & Information table in the commons. They can help newcomers register with the parish. During the week registration forms are available in the commons and can be turned into the parish office. Contact us at the email/number below.
Readings for the week of September 29, 2019

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Thursday: St. Francis of Assisi
Saturday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

**MASS INTENTIONS**

29 SEPTEMBER
8:15 AM MASS MEMBERS OF STM
11:00 AM MASS KEN LOVELESS - D

2 OCTOBER
5:15 PM MASS MEMBERS OF STM

3 OCTOBER
12:05 PM MASS MEMBERS OF STM

4 OCTOBER
12:05 PM MASS JAMES A FARRELL SR. - D

5 OCTOBER
5:00 PM MASS MEMBERS OF STM

6 OCTOBER
8:15 AM MASS GEORGE HEATH - D
11:00 AM MASS BEN FRIAR - D

**CALENDAR**

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER
8:15 AM MASS
10:00 AM K-5 RELIGIOUS FORM.
11:00 AM MASS
5:30 PM YOUTH MINISTRY KICK OFF

MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER
9:00 AM PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH
12:00 PM FUNERAL MASS (MILDRED DEXTER)
6:00 PM LECTOR WORKSHOP

TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER
9:00 AM MORE AID OUTREACH
10:15 AM THE HOLY ROSARY
3 & 7:00 PM BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY
6:00 PM COMMUNITY HOMES BONFIRE
7:00 PM HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER
5:15 PM MASS
7:00 PM RCIA

THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER
5 OCTOBER
9:00 AM MORE AID OUTREACH
10:30 AM BIBLE STUDY
2:00 PM SEASONS OF HOPE
6:30 PM MUSIC MINISTRY PRACTICE

FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER
12:05 PM MASS
1:00 PM BIBLE TIMELINE BIBLE STUDY

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER
8:30 AM FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT
3:30 PM RECONCILIATION
5:00 PM MASS

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER
8:15 AM MASS
10:00 AM K-5 RELIGIOUS FORM.
11:00 AM MASS
4:00 PM MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MIN.
6:00 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS
6:00 PM RCIA FOR YOUTH

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**BAPTISM**

The best gift parents can give their newborn is the gift of Baptism. Parents who would like to have their infant baptized are required to take the Baptismal Preparation class which consists of two sessions. These classes are held Monday evenings from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at St. Thomas More.

The final Baptismal Preparation Schedule includes the following sessions and ceremonies:

**Classes:**
- Monday, October 7 & 21
- Monday, January 6 & 13

**Scheduled Baptisms:**
- Weekend of November 9 / 10
  - Dependent upon the number of infants / toddlers to be baptized, the ceremony will either be Saturday, November 9 at 10:30 am or Sunday, November 10 at 11 am Mass. Saturday, February 1 at 10:30 am, Saturday, May 9 at 10:30 am.

**Please note:** There are no Baptism Ceremonies in March and April due to Lent.

Please contact Trish Pabis, rformation@stmva.org for more information.

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**ADULT FORMATION**

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** Are you interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who is? Or just curious about Catholicism? Come join us on Wednesdays starting between 6:30 and 7:00 PM for fellowship followed by the presentation. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information contact Andy & Jo-Ann LaClair at rcia@stmva.org or contact the parish office at (434) 237-3060.

**FAITH MATTERS**

*Thursdays at 7 PM*

**Unlock the Sunday Readings**

*Join Us For Bible Study*

*Thursdays at 10:30 AM*

**Middle & High School**

**Youth Group KICK-OFF!**

Sunday 29 September

Next Week 6 October 2019

4:00 pm Middle School Youth

* No High School Youth Group

6:00 pm Confirmation Class

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**Shopping? Why not use Manna?** Just purchase Gift cards from our friendly volunteers after each Mass and St. Thomas More gets a percentage back with each purchase. If you have to spend it anyways please do it with Manna gift cards.

**Online Giving Reminder**

If you manage your bills online, you can give to St. Thomas More online too. It’s safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. Online Giving lets you set up recurring weekly offertory and special collections gifts, so you will be able to give the way you want—even if you’ve forgotten your envelope. Getting started is easy! Please visit www.stmva.org.

**Buying on Amazon? Why not use Amazon Smile?**

You shop. Amazon gives.

When shopping on Amazon go to smile.amazon.com and set up your account to support Saint Thomas More Lynchburg VA, and we get a percentage back from everything you purchase. It’s an easy way to support our parish while doing your everyday shopping! Thanks!

Join us on Facebook at Saint Thomas More Lynchburg

Join us on Instagram at st.thomasmorelynchburg
Meals on Wheels Drivers Needed!!

St. Thomas More helps our neighbors in the Timberlake area who are in need of meals to be delivered through the Meals on Wheels Program. We make a difference in their lives by allowing them to stay in their homes, maintain some independence, and offer reassurance that someone cares. We currently need drivers for the 2nd Friday and 5th Wednesday (when there is one!) of the month. Meals are picked up (around 10:30 am) at Canteen Food Services on Oddfellows Road. It takes around an hour or so to deliver the meals. Please contact the parish office (237-5911) or Sharon Gadowski (525-3615) or email (sharon.g6366@yahoo.com) for more information.

Vocations

“But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.” Is your faith in Christ leading you to grow in holiness as a priest? The Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Prayer Intentions

Names may be added to the prayer list by calling the parish office during business hours or after 4:00 PM leaving a voice mail at (434) 237-5911 and selecting option 4. You can also email intentions to info@stmva.org. You may also add names to the book of intentions to the right of the main altar. Prayer intentions are prayed over during Mass and intercessory prayer each Monday morning.

* If you know someone who is sick, a shut-in or in a nursing home contact our office at 434-237-5911 so that we can ensure that the Eucharist is brought to them.

Stewardship

21/22 September

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Please remember for STM to cover our budget the weekly collection needs to be at least $18,000 each week. THANKS!
STM’s 2019 Silent Auction will take place in conjunction with the Octoberfest on the 19th of October. If you have donations for the auction please bring them to the parish office or contact Craig Braun at webmaster@stmva.org or 434-237-5911. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Christians in the Holy Land.

On October 9th the STM Respect Life Ministry has invited the Virginia Catholic Conference to St. Thomas More for a night of “Life Matters: Learning about the issues”. The evening will start at 6 pm with dinner followed at 6:45 pm with the presentation and discussion. RSVP on our website at www.stmva.org.

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In preparation for the Diocesan 200th anniversary a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC will take place on Saturday, October 12, 2019. Information about registering for the pilgrimage is available on the bicentennial website https://2020.richmonddiocese.org/

Breakout Sessions Include:
- Faith Formation of Inmates
- Restorative Justice
- Family Support
- Re-Entry
- Advocacy
- Addiction

* Register online at bit.lyu/Prison Ministry Summits

Diocesan Prison Ministry Summits
Saturday, September 28th, 9am - 3pm
St. Andrew - Roanoke
Jubilee House - Abingdon