The Lord replied, “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.” Luke 17:5-10
Readings for the week of October 6, 2019

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15: 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Observances for the week of October 6, 2019

Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Monday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Wednesday: St. Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

Thursday:

Friday: St. John XXIII, Pope

Saturday:  

CALENDAR

SUNDAY

6 OCTOBER

8:15 AM MASS GEORGE HEATH - D

11:00 AM MASS BEN FRIAR - D

9 OCTOBER

5:15 PM MASS DEA. FRED SCARLETTO - D

10 OCTOBER

12:05 PM MASS MEMBERS OF STM

11 OCTOBER

12:05 PM MASS PHILLIP WRIGHT - D

12 OCTOBER

5:00 PM MASS CARMELITA GALVEZ

13 OCTOBER

8:15 AM MASS MEMBERS OF STM

11:00 AM MASS MARY ALICE FITZGIBBONS [BIRTHDAY] - L

MASS INTENTIONS

6 OCTOBER

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

7 OCTOBER

9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER

6:30 PM BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

7:00 PM HANDS TO HARTS CARD MIN.

TUESDAY

8 OCTOBER

9:00 AM MORE AID OUTREACH

10:15 AM THE HOLY ROSARY

3 & 7:00 PM BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY

7:00 PM HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY

9 OCTOBER

6:00 PM LIFE MATTERS WITH VCC

6:30 PM RCIA

THURSDAY

10 OCTOBER

9:00 AM MORE AID OUTREACH

10:30 AM BIBLE STUDY

12:05 PM MASS

2:00 PM SEASONS OF HOPE

6:30 PM MUSIC MINISTRY PRACTICE

FRIDAY

11 OCTOBER

12:05 PM MASS

1:00 PM BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY

SATURDAY

12 OCTOBER

9:00 AM LORD’S PRAYER RETREAT

3:30 PM RECONCILIATION

5:00 PM MASS

NEXT SUNDAY

13 OCTOBER

8:15 AM MASS

10:00 AM K-5 RELIGIOUS FORMATION

11:00 AM MASS

6:00 PM RCIA FOR YOUTH

6:30 PM YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

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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 finalized 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, reformation@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)237-5911.

**24 WEEK CLASS 10 SEPT – 3 APRIL**

Unlock the Sunday Readings

**TUESDAYS AT 3 & 7 PM / FRIDAYS AT 1 PM**

**BIBLE TIMELINE**

The Story of Salvation

**Thursdays at 10:30 AM**

**Faith Matters** is beginning the bible study “Romans” by Jeff Cavins this week. Join us Thursday at 7:00pm. Please contact Sybil Frey for more information at info@stmva.org or (434) 237-5911.

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**YOUTH MINISTRY**

6 October 2019

4:00 pm Middle School Youth

* No High School Youth Group

6:00 pm Confirmation Class

**NEXT WEEK...**

6:30 PM OCT 13TH

**MOVIE NIGHT**

Join us on Facebook at Saint Thomas More Lynchburg

Join us on Instagram at st.thomasmorelynchburg
Prayer Intentions

Peter Gulak
Stephen Salsabod
Lucas Pierce
Clair Ickes
Stuart Desso
Ashley Cook
Carmen Evans
Mae Moser
Don Moser
Leigh Grundy
Rosemary Quadrini
Geri Cousart
Gloria Flicker
Sandy Mieczkowski
Kenny Murphy
Teresa Epperson Clay
Rita Clark

And for the repose...
Chester Lehmans

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.

VOCATIONS

Hearing God’s Voice

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” Will you let the Holy Spirit guide you beyond your hesitation and follow Christ as a priest? The Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano; or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP

28/29 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!

Social Ministry

KOC Baby Bottle Fundraiser

In honor of October as Respect Life / Pro-life month The Knights of Columbus are raising funds by conducting a Baby Bottle Campaign at our church the weekend of October 12-13. After mass they will be passing out baby bottles for you to take home and asking you to return them with your donation no later than October 27th to the parish. If you would like to write a check address it to Knights of Columbus - Council #593, and indicate it’s for the Respect Life Campaign. All monies raised will go to support respect life/pro-life projects, such as sponsoring a bus for the March for Life in January.

Prayer Intentions

Volunteers Wanted

Do you like reading stories to young children? Would you like to help enter info into our new library software? We are looking for volunteers at Holy Cross School and if you are Virtus trained please give us a call at 434-847-5436 and ask for Mrs. Wingfield.

Golf Coach

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 5th & 6th

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

OCTOBER 5TH & 6TH

The Respect Life Ministry is conducting a non-partisan voter registration drive after all Masses Sat. & Sun. October 5th & 6th. We urge you to register and vote in the upcoming election. There will be tables at each exit with registration cards. If you are not registered or have moved recently, please register.

October 9th

Life Matters learning about the issues

October 9th

Dinner - 6:00 pm
Presentation - 6:45 pm

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.

October 12th

LORD’S PRAYER RETREAT

Come immerse yourself in the prayer of Jesus in our Lord’s own language, Aramaic. Experience and pray our Lord’s prayer as his 12 disciples did. For more information contact Norah Jones (presenter) at (434) 907-1709 or the parish office. RSVP on our website at www.stmva.org.

October 12th

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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/

October 19th

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October 19th

STM Oktoberfest

Set aside the 19th of October at 6:30 pm for Sausages, Sauerkraut, Beer, Wine, and entertainment. STM will be having it’s first ever Oktoberfest. All proceeds go to the Christians in the Holy Land. Speak with Sybil Frey in the parish office for more information.

October 31st

TRUNK OR TREAT

SAVE THE DATE - STM will be hosting a Trunk or Treat in our parking lot starting at 6:00 pm on the 31st of October. Please contact Trish Pabis if you would like to host a “Trunk” or run games at reform@stmva.org or (434) 237 -5911 ext. 211.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Fran and Jim Dorman! They were married at Holy Cross Church in Lynchburg, VA on October 6, 1951 by Fr. Henry Hammond. They have been blessed with four children, 11 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren!

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 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. Please contact the parish office (237-5911) or Sharon Gadarowski (525-3615) (sharon.g6366@yahoo.com) for more information.

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