

The Carpenter's Helper

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WELCOME! Please introduce yourself to any of our parish family and complete our yellow Welcome Form found in the pew card-holder. Place the form into the alms basket or give it to an usher. Join us for fellowship in the Great Hall following services. Guests are invited to put on a hand-written blue name tag which an usher or greeter can give you. The ushers will also be glad to help with any questions you may have.

Location Key *C: Classroom* *CO: Counter's Office* *GH: Great Hall* *K: Kitchen* *MR: Music Room*
N: Nave *P: Parlor* *U: Undercroft* *TBD: to be determined*

TODAY	8:00 a.m.	N	Holy Eucharist I
	9:15 a.m.	U	The Crèche (Nursery, birth to 3 years)
	9:15 a.m.	N, U	Children's Worship
	9:15 a.m.	P	Adult Education
	10:30 a.m.	N	Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist II
	11:30 a.m.	GH	Feast & Fellowship in the Great Hall
	12:00 p.m.	C	CREW Youth Group
	12:30 p.m.	P	Vestry Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	N	<u>No</u> Inclusive Language Liturgy & Holy Eucharist
	7:00 p.m.	GH	UD Ballroom Dance Team
Monday to Friday	5:15 p.m.	N	Evening Prayer
Monday, February 27	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	U	Climate Change Ministry Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	GH, K	Scottish Dance
Tuesday, Feb. 28	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	7:00 a.m.	P	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	U	Musik Garten
	10:00 a.m.	P	Staff Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	CO	AIDS Delaware Test Site
	5:30 p.m.	GH, K	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
	6:30 p.m.	U	Dusk Patrol
	7:00 p.m.	GH	<u>No</u> UD Ballroom Dance Team
	8:00 p.m.	U	AA Meeting
Wednesday, March 1	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	7:30 a.m.	N	Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist
	10:30 a.m.	C	<u>No</u> Bible Study
	12:10 p.m.	N	Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist
	1:00 p.m.	U	Musik Garten
	5:30 p.m.	GH, K	Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM)
	6:00 p.m.	P	<u>No</u> Centering Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	N	Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist
	8:30 p.m.	GH	<u>No</u> South College Speakers AA Meeting

Thursday, March 2	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	MR	Lights Children's Choir
	7:30 p.m.	MR	Adult Choir
Friday, March 3	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	12:00 p.m.	U	Al-Anon
	6:30 p.m.	P	Women's AA Meeting

First Sunday in Lent – March 5, 2017

8:00 a.m.	N	The Great Litany & Holy Eucharist I
9:15 a.m.	U	The Crèche (Nursery, birth to 3 years)
9:15 a.m.	N, U	Children's Worship
9:15 a.m.	P	Adult Education
10:30 a.m.	N	The Great Litany & Holy Eucharist II
11:30 a.m.	GH	Feast & Fellowship in the Great Hall
5:30 p.m.	N	Inclusive Language Liturgy & Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m.	GH	UD Ballroom Dance Team

Diocesan Prayer for 11th Bishop Search & Calling

In your Name, Lord Jesus, the community that is the Diocese of Delaware has been raised up and has flourished. We pray that in our day we as a Diocese may continue to be a sign of your presence in this State, a people devoted to You, and willing agents of your peace. In this time of transition as we seek a new bishop, help us to discern your will for us, to receive with joy and grace those who offer themselves to the election process, and to celebrate the episcopal ministry we have been given and that which is yet to come. Give us open and gracious hearts, patience with one another, and joy in anticipation. Lord Jesus Christ be with us in these days, as you are with us always, for You, with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, are one, Our God, now and forever. Amen.

175TH ANNUAL MEETING - The Wardens and Vestry of St. Thomas's Parish have set aside the second Sunday in Lent, **March 12, 2017 for the 175th Annual Meeting** of St. Thomas's Parish. This important gathering gives us an opportunity to gather as a community of faith, to hear reports of our ministry activities over the year past and plans for the year ahead, and to elect four [4] people to three year terms as servant leaders of our parish. We will also be affirming/electing delegates to represent St. Thomas's at the Special Convention for the election of the 11th Bishop of Delaware scheduled for July 15, 2017. The current delegates to the Diocesan Convention are willing to serve – **Devon Miller Duggan and Marilyn Prime** as delegates, **Mariah Payne** as our under 30 year old delegate. We will gather at 12:00 p.m. in the Great Hall, beginning with a time of fellowship, and a light lunch with refreshments. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. We are offering activities for our children so that parents may participate fully in the life and ministry of our parish. We will again offer the Annual Report electronically at least one week before the Annual Meeting.

Stewardship -

ST. THOMAS CLIMATE CHANGE MINISTRY – On the Climate Change Ministry Wall: Please borrow and return the resources you find there in the way of books or magazines. **The Climate Change Ministry meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m.** in the Undercroft. For further information contact Karl Krauss at ktdelaware@gmail.com or go to <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/stthomas-climate-change-ministry>.

Worship

SHROVE TUESDAY/MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPER -Do you know why it's called Mardi Gras and Fat Tuesday? It's the day before **Ash Wednesday**, and the **beginning of Lent**, when all the food that is sometimes forbidden for Lent - eggs, fat, sugar – is consumed as a feast. It's also called this because it's a time of spiritual preparation for the season of Lent. The aroma of pancakes and sausages will permeate our building as we gather to enjoy ourselves before we enter the rigors of Lent. Come join us on **Tuesday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m.** for delicious pancakes and sizzling sausages. We'll have some entertainment and a great chance for frivolity and merriment.

ASH WEDNESDAY - Our forty day journey with Jesus to the Cross and his Resurrection begins with “... *the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.*” The mark that begins our Lenten journey is that of the ashes of last year's palms from Palm Sunday. Services will be held on **March 1 at 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.** in the Church. In between service times, Fr. Paul and our Eucharistic Visitors will make as many home visits as possible to our shut-ins. If you desire a home visit for the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday, please call or email Cami Seward at the church office [368-4644; camiseward@gmail.com] by **Monday, February 27**. May you join us in a deeper walk of faith in this the most holy season.

CENTERING PRAYER AT ST. THOMAS - *Be still and know that I am God.* Psalm 46:10
Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer by preparing our body, mind, and spirit to receive this gift. For more information contact Joe Corsello at 302-369-0330 or jmcorsello@gmail.com.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL RESOURCE - *FORWARD DAY BY DAY* is a publication that contains Bible readings and devotions and is issued quarterly. They are available in pocket size and large print and can be found in the top shelf of the publications rack in the entry hall. The cost of the booklet is covered by your free will donation.

Education

DISMANTLING THE NEW JIM CROW– *What can I do?* Join us as we work for racial justice and a better understanding of the impacts of racism in our lives. The group meets the third Monday of the month in the Great Hall. The next meeting will be **Monday, March 20th, at 6:00 p.m.** If you are interested or would like more information contact Connie Malin at 302-834-3016 or Cami Seward in the church office 302-368-4644 or at camiseward@gmail.com.

ADULT EDUCATION – The adult education is discussing the first autobiography ever written in English, *The Book of Margery Kempe*, written by Margery Kempe (c. 1372-after 1438). Although it is an autobiography, it focuses largely on her fantastic spiritual life and has much to fascinate modern readers. We will be reading the Penguin translation by B. Windeatt, which is readily available through Amazon. After discussion of *Margery* the class will work with *Revelations of Divine Love* by Julian of Norwich (1342-1416). Please join us at **9:15 a.m. in the Parlor** on any Sunday. For further information, contact Larry Duggan at lgjd@udel.edu or Ronnie Wilbur at vwilbur@gmail.com.

NOVEL THEOLOGY - Novel Theology meets the second Sunday of the month (September - May) **at 9:15 in the Great Hall Classroom**. Below you will find the book list for 2016/2017. If you have questions, call Phyllis Rawling at 239-2689 or phyllcr@gmail.com.

Mar. 12	<i>Union Quilters</i>	Jennifer Chiaverini
Apr. 9	<i>In His Place</i>	Harry C. Griffith
May 14	<i>Proof Of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the After Life</i>	Eben Alexander

Evangelism

WAYS TO STAY IN TOUCH - In addition to the Google group mail list, keep in touch via St. Thomas's web site at <http://stthomasparish.org/> or via St. Thomas's **Facebook** page. To join our Facebook community, you can go to our web site at <http://stthomasparish.org/> and click the Facebook ("F") link at the **top right**, log on to Facebook and *like* us. You can also go directly to Facebook, search for *St. Thomas's Episcopal Parish* just be sure to click that you *like* us! The weekly *Carpenter's Helper*, monthly *Carpenter* newsletters, and sermons are published via all three avenues. Please share our mail list, web site and Facebook page with others who wish to keep in touch with St. Thomas's Church.

Pastoral Care

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY – The Pastoral Care Ministry provides many services to our parish family such as prayers, lay eucharistic visits, prayer shawls, note/cards, hospital/home visits, rides and meals. When you know of a need or can lend a hand, please contact Donna Weaver at dweaver214@gmail.com, your Vestry leader Marilyn Prime, or the parish office.

Service

SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE WITH HOPE – On the third Monday each month, St. Thomas's is committed to preparing & serving a nutritious meal for those in need at Hope Dining Room at Kingswood United Methodist Church on Marrows Road. Volunteers gather by 10 a.m. or after to begin preparation of the meal, set up of the dining room and so on. Lunch is served from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. Our next day to serve is **Monday, March 20th**. If you are able and willing to help, please contact Marge and Jack O'Donnell at 302-832-1419 or jodmod2@yahoo.com or Susan Hechter at 302-738-9918 or susanahechter@gmail.com.

NEWARK AREA WELFARE COMMITTEE'S FOOD CUPBOARD - There is a current need for **small jars of mayonnaise, grape or strawberry jam or jelly, canned fruit, and canned tomatoes**. Contributions go in the baskets as you enter the Sanctuary. The NAWC Food Cupboard **also needs volunteers** to distribute food at the Cupboard housed at the United Methodist Church on Main St. The Cupboard hours are from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information contact Susan Hechter at 302-738-9918 or susanahechter@gmail.com.

HOLY HEARTS AND HELPING HANDS - We ask your prayers and help to purchase a gift card that could help provide a tank of gas or to buy some needed grocery staples at a local store. Please give them directly to Cami Seward or put in an envelope marked to Cami's attention and place in the offering plate.

THE GIFT OF FLOWERS - Each week, during the appropriate Church seasons, a **Flower Guild** member of this parish creates the floral arrangement that adorns the sanctuary. We need new members! If interested contact Karen Krauss at krauss831@yahoo.com for more information.

And Also

FUNDRAISER FOR EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT'S NETS FOR LIFE - St. Thomas's is offering participation in a modified version of *Lent Madness*. For the small sum of \$5, you can complete a bracket form and be in the running for a prize if you get all entries correct. We're even considering allowing a second submission after the first round (for an additional fee and only if you participate in the first round). We're hoping that this will be a great way to raise some money for a good cause and learn about some of the Saints in our windows and those we pray for each day. More information is available at the *Lent Madness* website (www.lentmadness.org) and on our google group page. Sister Jackie Fossler will be distributing the bracket forms today and at the **Shrove Tuesday Supper**.

IT'S TAX TIME! - Sister Jackie Fossler and Ann Banning volunteer doing taxes for AARP at local Libraries and Senior Centers. We would also like to do your taxes if you need some help. We will use the guidelines set forth by AARP (i.e. no clergy, no depreciation, no complex businesses, etc.). Please contact Ann Banning (302-738-6608) or Sister Jackie (302-738-7496) to arrange a convenient time.

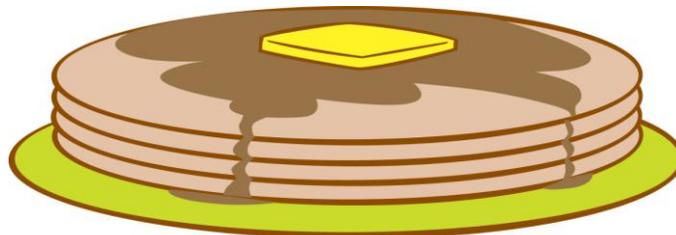
MINDFULNESS BASED STRESS REDUCTION CLASSES - Many people desire to reduce the stress in their busy and over scheduled lives, looking for a way to live with increased ease. Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) is an 8 week class that helps reduce stress, manage and reduce pain and teaches us learn how to respond and not react to life's challenges. It is taught internationally and was started at the University of Massachusetts Center for Mindfulness in 1979 by Jon Kabat-Zinn and follows mindfulness meditation cultivates our own inner resources for healing. The classes begin **March 6 in Pike Creek** area, and **March 7 in Newark**. Please look for the brochures on the nametag table regarding MBSR and email or call if you would like to register for the class or ask further questions at 302-545-6939 or clpalmermindfulness@gmail.com

175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. THOMAS'S - St. Thomas's parish was first organized on August 1, 1842 – 175 years ago in 2017. This year-long birthday party recognizes our enduring ministry in Newark and our warmth as a parish of faithful people. Watch *The Carpenter's Helper* and webpage for further details as the celebration develops. Please contact **Nicole Cebula, Laura Greene, or Tom Fairchild** to learn more about our plans and how you can help.

HISTORY RESEARCH FOR 175TH ANNIVERSARY - In honor of St. Thomas's 175th anniversary, we will continue research into the parish's history that we began in 2015. This will include organizing the parish archives, researching in various sources, and sharing the information with the parish and the larger world. All that is required is an inquiring mind and a commitment to accuracy. If you're interested or have questions, contact Connie Cooper at 302-731-7595 or cjcooper15@verizon.net.

JOURNEY OF CHANGE: CALLING OUR 11TH BISHOP FOR THE DIOCESE OF DELAWARE- You can access all up-to-date information from www.bishopsearchdiodel.org. The prayer for our search will be included in the *Carpenter's Helper*, and will be our concluding prayer during Prayers of the People each Sunday now through the election in the summer of 2017. You are invited to add this prayer of intention in your daily prayer practice.

February 28th



SHROVE TUESDAY

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