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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

Third Sunday after the Pentecost

8:00 a.m. N **Holy Eucharist Rite I**
9:15 a.m. P Adult Education
10:30 a.m. N **Holy Eucharist Rite II**
10:30 a.m. U The Crèche (Nursery, birth to 3 years)
10:30 a.m. U Children's Worship
12:00 p.m. GH Feast and Fellowship
12:30 p.m. P Vestry Meeting
7:00 p.m. GH UD Ballroom Dance Team

Monday to Friday 5:15 p.m. N Evening Prayer

Monday, June 19 6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
10:00 a.m. Hope Dining Room – Kingswood UMC
6:00 p.m. Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow (see article)
7:30 p.m. GH Scottish Dance

Tuesday, June 20 6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
7:00 a.m. P Bible Study
5:30 p.m. CO AIDS Delaware Test Site
6:00 p.m. P Pastoral Care
6:30 p.m. U Dusk Patrol
6:30 p.m. GH UD Ballroom Dancing
8:00 p.m. U AA Meeting

Wednesday, June 21 6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
10:30 a.m. C Bible Study
6:00 p.m. P Centering Prayer
8:30 p.m. GH, K South College Speakers AA Meeting

Thursday, June 22 6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting

Friday, June 23 6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
12:00 p.m. U Al-Anon

5:00 p.m.	GH, K	U.D. Yalee Group
6:30 p.m.	P	Women's AA Meeting

Sunday, June 25 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost We Welcome Fr. Ed Godden

8:00 a.m.	N	Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:15 a.m.	P	Adult Education
10:30 a.m.	N	Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:30 a.m.	U	The Crèche (Nursery, birth to 3 years)
10:30 am.	U	Children's Worship
12:00 p.m.	GH	Feast and Fellowship
7:00 p.m.	GH	UD Ballroom Dance Team

Tuesday, July 4 – Parish Office Closed – Independence Day Holiday

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 the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month starting in June in the Undercroft. . For further information contact Karl Krauss at ktkdelaware@gmail.com or go to <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/stthomas-climate-change-ministry>.

Worship

FR. PAUL AWAY -- Fr. Paul is away June 23-25 to celebrate the blessings of vows for his niece Rachel Vasey & her partner Jay Cosela in Alexandria, VA. Please welcome back **the Reverend Ed Godden** who will lead the morning worship services on Pentecost 3, June 25. Ed is a long standing presence to our diocese, serving as rector to Immanuel-on-the-Green in New Castle for over 20 years. Since retirement, Ed has served in many supply roles as today as well as a transition pastor for a local Lutheran congregation. For a pastoral emergency , please call Deacon Cecily at 302-530-3493.

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 together for racial justice and a better understanding of the impacts of racism in our state. We will meet **Monday, June 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek, 579 Polly Drummond Hill Rd., Newark.** The speaker for the evening will be Kate Parker West of the Delaware Center for Justice speaking on Money Bail Reform. If you are interested or would like more information contact Connie Malin at 302-834-3016 or Cami Seward at 907-321-3336 or at camiseward@gmail.com.

ADULT EDUCATION – Continues the journey exploring the book *THE SHACK until June 25th*. 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

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 leaders Marilyn Prime and Rejane deMoraes, or the parish office.

Service

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 Adele Meredith or put in an envelope marked to Adele's attention and place in the offering plate.

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.

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 **TOMORROW, Monday, June 19**. 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.

And Also

CONGRATULATION GRADUATES – June is upon us and that means graduations. We have several graduates who we will be acknowledging as the month goes on. If you do not see your graduate's name listed please contact the office as soon as possible so your St. Thomas family can celebrate with you!!

Emma Catherine Thomas – Cab Calloway School for the Performing Arts;

Jordan Wenz (grand-daughter of Ann Wenz) – Severna Park High School;

James Cedric Deaton, Doctor of Law – Salmon B. Chase School of Law, Northern Kentucky University;

Max Holdsworth, Matanda Mondo, and Catherine Morse – University of Delaware;

Jordan E. Kinsey, Doctor of Musical Arts, Wind Conducting – Rutgers University;
Mariah Jeanne Payne, BS in Exercise Science – Wesley College.

GARDEN TREKKERS – Enjoy a flower trek with Brenda Tunis to guide you through the romantic, imaginative gardens of Chanticleer. Pack a lunch for a picnic, bring \$10.00 for admission and wear sturdy shoes for the rolling terrain. We will meet on Saturday, June 17th, at 9:30 a.m. at the St. Thomas's parking lot to carpool. Call or email for any questions at 302-530-1492 or brendatunis@yahoo.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. Announced on May 6, our slate of five candidates are **the Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens, Suffragen Bishop, Diocese of Connecticut; the Very Rev. Michael Battle, Director of the Desmond Tutu Center at General Theological Seminary, New York, NY; the Rev. Kevin Brown, rector Church of the Holy Comforter, Charlotte, NC; the Rev. Patricia Downing, rector, Trinity & Old Swedes Parish, Wilmington, DE; and the Rev. Canon Scott Gunn, Executive Director, Forward Movement, Cincinnati, OH.** A book containing all information about each candidate, including resume and responses to questions during the process, is available to review on the nametag table. This is the **ONLY COPY**, so please return when you are finished reading. Please add to your prayers each of our candidates and our delegates to the Special Convention: **Devon Miller Duggan, Marilyn Prime, Sr. Jackie Fossler, and Mariah Payne.** Our delegates and clergy will meet **TODAY** for prayerful conversations about each candidate in preparation for the Meet and Greet sessions, June 28, 29, and 30.

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 -- Laura, Michael, Kevin, Patricia and Scott -- 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.

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