

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

Third Sunday after the Pentecost 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 a.m. U Children's Worship
12:00 p.m. GH Feast and Fellowship
7:00 p.m. GH UD Ballroom Dance Team

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

Monday, June 26 6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
6:00 p.m. Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow (see article)
7:30 p.m. GH Scottish Dance

Tuesday, June 27 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
6:30 p.m. U Dusk Patrol
6:30 p.m. GH UD Ballroom Dancing
8:00 p.m. U AA Meeting

Wednesday, June 28 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 29 6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting

Friday, June 30 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

Sunday, July 2

Fourth Sunday after 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
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. **The next meeting will be June 27th.** 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 today. 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. **And also** Fr. Paul will be taking vacation time July 2-8 For pastoral needs/emergency, please contact Deacon Cecily at [302-530-3493](tel: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. The group meets the 3rd Monday of each month with changing locations every month. **Their next meeting is Monday, July 17th at the Newark United Methodist Church, 69 Main Street, Newark. For GPS use 62 E. Delaware Ave.** 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 **TODAY 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.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY – We are looking for volunteers (two persons each Sunday) to host Coffee Hour starting June 25, 2017 thru Labor Day weekend. This will be a down scale from the regular Coffee Hour. Finger foods such as cookies, donuts, fruit (grapes or strawberries). We will be using paper plates only. Juice, lemonade and coffee will be supplied by St Thomas. There is a sign up sheet on the Hospitality board next to the kitchen. Please try to be at the church between 9:30 and 10:00 on Sunday morning. For any questions please contact Oneta Applewhaite – aoneta@yahoo.com, Joe Corsello – jmcorsello@gmail.com, or Regina McCann – reginamarie9@yahoo.com.

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 **Monday, July 17**. 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 – This will be the final publication of our parish graduates. We congratulate you on your momentous achievement and ask God’s blessings on you as you begin new chapters in your lives.

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,
Luca Smith – Newark High School [son of Rejane deMoraes],
Maggie Doggett – Newark High School.

HOST FAMILIES URGENTLY NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

That spare bedroom of yours is feeling a little lonely! Renascencia Hall International, a global education organization located in Newark Delaware, has a great way for you to fill it- homestays are urgently needed for Chinese students attending local private high schools (Sanford, Tatnall, Tower Hill, St. Marks, etc.) for the 2017-2018 school year. Our students have strong academic skills, speak English, have their own spending money, and are covered by health insurance. Host families will receive a generous stipend of \$1,100 per month to cover the cost of each student’s food, lodging, transportation to school and related activities. I would love to tell you more about our 2-week summer camps (running from July 11 through August 11, 2017) and our mid-August to mid-June school year program. Please contact Karen Krauss at [302.273.2009](tel:302.273.2009) or kkrauss@renashall.com for more information.

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.**

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.

We are tentatively planning an Open Conversation on Sunday, July 9 for those interested to hear reflections from our delegation in response to meeting & hearing each candidate during the Meet & Greet Walkabout sessions June 28-30. Stay tuned for further details and confirmation of this date.

Walkabouts

Your opportunity to Meet the Candidates for the 11th Bishop of Delaware

Wednesday, June 28, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Christ Church Christiana Hundred

505 East Buck Rd., Wilmington, DE 19807

302-655-3379

Light reception

Thursday, June 29, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Church

211 Mulberry Street, Lewes, DE 19958

302-645-8479

Light reception

Friday, June 30, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Christ Church

State and Water Streets, Dover, DE 19903

302-734-5731

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A MESSAGE FROM THE VESTRY

JUNE 2017

As we move into the summer, your vestry would like to update you on several issues.

First, great thanks and appreciation to all for our big events in May and June—the 175th anniversary gala, the tribute to Bob Rys, and the Pentecost/175th anniversary picnic. All of them were wonderful expressions of joy and fellowship, the result of many hours of work by dedicated parishioners.

Many of you are probably wondering about the transition process as Father Paul prepares to retire. First, we have the gift of his presence until the end of October. It's a time to reflect on and give thanks for what his ministry has meant for the parish and for each of us personally.

The vestry is beginning to work on transition plans. We've met with the Rev. Canon Gary Rowe of the diocesan staff and we're studying the diocesan guidelines for parishes in transition. We are working on arrangements for a priest to be with us beginning the first Sunday in November.

Some things in the transition process will be as they have been in the past, but there have been some changes. One big change is the form of the parish profile. In the past, it has been a printed document. Now the diocesan procedure is for the profile to be on the parish web site, as a separate section of the site. Prospective candidates for the position of rector will first meet us through the web site. The web site is also how most visitors and prospective members get acquainted with us. That's why a welcoming and accurate web site is essential—it's our front door, in a manner of speaking, and we want to make a good impression on all who seek us out.

Finally, the transition process requires two committees, the transition committee and the search committee. These committees are appointed by and responsible to the vestry. The transition committee, with three to five members, will be in operation from late summer through the first year of the new rector's tenure. It will handle tasks like farewells, welcomes, and assisting the new rector to settle in to life at St. Thomas's. The search committee will begin its work after Fr. Paul leaves. It will develop the parish profile and handle the search and interview process, ending up with a candidate to recommend to the vestry. The search committee will have eight to ten members.

The vestry is in the early stages of developing these committees. If you have suggestions of people who might be possible members of the committees, please inform me or any vestry member. You don't need the person's consent at this point—once the vestry chooses the possible candidates for each committee, they will be contacted, given a full description of the task, and will be free to make their own decision on whether to accept the call. All suggestions will be held in confidence.

Thank you for your support of St. Thomas's. Please hold the church in your prayers.

Connie Cooper
Senior Warden

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To subscribe to automatically receive Parish Emails see the "Google Groups" section on the Parish Website.

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