

# The Carpenter's Helper

May 13, 2018

St. Thomas's Parish, Newark, DE

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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 handwritten 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. 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.

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N: Nave P: Parlor U: Undercroft TBD: to be determined

## TODAY

### The Seventh Sunday of Easter

<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	N	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>
9:00 a.m.	U	Youth Confirmation
9:15 a.m.	GH	Search Committee Report of CAT
9:15 a.m.	P	Adult Education
9:15 a.m.	U	Nursery (Crèche)
9:15 a.m.	C	Novel Theology - <i>The End of Your Life Book Club</i> by Will Schwalbe
9:30 a.m.	U	Children's Worship
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	N	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>
12:00 p.m.	GH, K	Feast and Fellowship
7:00 p.m.	GH	UD Dance Team

## Monday, May 14

6:30 a.m.	C	Serenity at Sunrise
7:00 p.m.	P	Search Committee
7:30 p.m.	GH	Scottish Dancing

## Tuesday, May 15

6:30 a.m.	C	Serenity at Sunrise
10:15 a.m.	U	Musikgarten
5:00 p.m.	CO	AIDS Delaware
6:00 p.m.	P	Pastoral Care
6:30 p.m.	U	Dusk Patrol AA
7:00 p.m.	GH	U D Dance Team
7:30 p.m.	U	Climate Change Ministry
8:00 p.m.	U	AA Meeting

## Wednesday, May 16

6:30 a.m.	C	Serenity at Sunrise AA Meeting
10:30 a.m.	C	Bible Study
4:00 p.m.	GH, C, K	ECM
5:30 p.m.	GH	Evening Prayer

6:00 p.m.	P	Centering Prayer
8:00 p.m.	GH, K	South College Speakers AA Meeting

**Thursday, May 17**

6:30 a.m.	C	Serenity at Sunrise AA Meeting
6:00 p.m.	MR, GH, U	Lights Choir
7:30 p.m.	MR	Adult Choir

**Friday, May 18**

6:30 a.m.	C	Serenity at Sunrise AA Meeting
12:00 pm.	GH	Al-Anon Luncheon
6:30 p.m.	P	Women's AA Meeting

**Saturday, May 19**

**Sunday, May 20**

**Pentecost Sunday and Parish Picnic**

<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>
9:00 a.m.	U	Youth Confirmation
9:15 a.m.	P	Adult Education
9:15 a.m.	U	Nursery (Crèche)
9:30 a.m.	U	Children's Worship
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>
12:00 p.m.	GH	Parish Picnic
12:00	C	C.R.E.W. Youth
7:00 p.m.	GH	UD Dance Team

Kay Reynolds, a long-time member of St. Thomas's died on Monday, May 7, 2018. Arrangements for a Memorial Service will be forthcoming. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Transition Topics**

**SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS** - We are now ready to report the CAT results. The first meeting is Sunday, May 13 between the two services at 9:15 am. Coffee and donuts will be provided. The same information will be presented on Tuesday, May 22 at 6:30 pm in the Great Hall. Coffee and dessert will be provided at this meeting.

We are also very close to completing our Parish Profile and it will be posted to our parish website soon.

Once again, the search committee thanks you for your support, prayers, and participation during this transition.

Our Heavenly Creator, who has blessed this dedicated church family for 175 years, serving our community in your faith and love, we ask for guidance for our Parish, Search Committee and Vestry as we embark on the journey to mutual ministry with our next Rector. Bless us with your grace and fill us with knowledge and fortitude throughout this process. In the holy name of Jesus Christ, our savior, and of the Holy Spirit, AMEN.

**Stewardship** -- *Responsible Vestry Members – Rich Wadman*

**STEWARDSHIP OF THE EARTH: THE CLIMATE CHANGE MINISTRY** - *Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so*

*to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(Book of Common Prayer, Prayer for the Conservation of Natural Resources)

The Climate Change Ministry is back and is looking for a few (or more) good persons! We will begin to deal with follow-up on the diocese-wide acceptance of the Genesis Covenant (50% reduction in carbon emissions in 10 years) and will also discuss education in stewardship of the earth and new ventures for the ministry. We invite everyone to come; the more hands on board, the more we can do. Jerry Schultz, secretary

**CRAFT FAIR** - It is never too early to be thinking about St. Thomas's Annual Holiday Bazaar. This year the fair will be held on November 30 and December 1.

If you have any wine corks or buttons that you could donate, we would appreciate receiving them. There will be a donation box in the great hall.

Our first meeting of the year will be on May 24, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. We will gather at Sister Jackie's house.

Questions or directions: contact Barb Graham at 302-598-4143

**Worship** - *Responsible Vestry Members – Judy Grabowski & Ronnie Wilbur*

**FLOWER GUILD** – Do you have an eye for color? Do you enjoy mixing different colors and textures? Maybe you are being called to share your gift on the Flower Guild. Folks on the Flower Guild take turns creating the beautiful arrangements that grace our sacred space with color and fragrance. No experience is necessary as the members of the guild will be more than happy to teach what is needed to create the arrangements for our worship. If you are interested in trying on this ministry please contact Barbara Eldred at 302-633-1128 or [breldred@gmail.com](mailto:breldred@gmail.com) or Wendy Campbell at 302-368-9562 or [wjcampbell7@yahoo.com](mailto:wjcampbell7@yahoo.com)

**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](mailto:jmcorsello@gmail.com).

**Education** - *Responsible Vestry Member – Kristin Sausville*

**PICNIC TIME** - Please join me at our annual Pentecost Parish Picnic! The picnic will take place on May 20 after the 10:30 service. St. Thomas will provide hamburgers, veggie burgers, and hot dogs as well as paper products and drinks. There will also be games and activities for all ages. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to help set up, clean up, and help facilitate games. We also NEED YOU to bring a side dish or dessert to complete our celebration meal. (Donations will also be accepted toward the cost of the entrees and paper products.) Signup sheets to get an estimate of how many people are coming, who can help with setup and/or cleanup, and who is bringing what will be on the Great Hall door beginning on May 6. One more thing...you are welcome to bring chairs or picnic blankets for your comfort and enjoyment. Thanks in advance for your help in creating another great fellowship opportunity for our St. Thomas family, especially during, this, our 176th year!! Please feel free to e-mail me at [belmar43@aol.com](mailto:belmar43@aol.com) or call me at 302-832-8834 with questions or to volunteer to help plan or facilitate the picnic.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month with changing locations every month. **Their next meeting is Monday, May 21, 6:00 p.m. at St. Thomas's**

**Church.** If you are interested or would like more information contact Cami Seward at 907-321-3336 or at [camiseward@gmail.com](mailto:camiseward@gmail.com).

**ADULT EDUCATION** –Beginning in May, the adult education group will start discussing the book *The Misunderstood God: The lies religion tells about God.* by Darin Hufford. The book can be purchased from Amazon, B&N in paperback and electronic forms

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[hufford/1112247542?ean=9781935170051](https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/the-misunderstood-god-darin-hufford/1112247542?ean=9781935170051) Consider coming if you have never attended. We always have lively pertinent conversations around our world past and present. Questions for the leaders - contact Ronnie Wilbur ([vwilbur@gmail.com](mailto:vwilbur@gmail.com)) or Larry Duggan ([lgjd@udel.edu](mailto:lgjd@udel.edu))

**FORWARD DAY BY DAY** – The May, June, July edition of Forward Day by Day are now available in the tract rack. Your free-will donation helps defray the cost of the subscriptions for this publication.

**NOVEL THEOLOGY** – Our Novel Theology Book Group will be meeting for the last time this spring. Our last book for this year is *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe. Suggestions for next year's reading list are being accepted by Phyllis Rawling. For further information or questions please contact Phyllis Rawling at [phyllcr@gmail.com](mailto:phyllcr@gmail.com) or 302-545-5105.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** - Children's Worship began again on September 10 for children 3 years (bathroom-trained) to 6th grade. Sunday School normally runs from 9:30 to 11:10. Our goal is to have three Sunday School classrooms this year. In order to do this in the best way that we can, **we need at least two more teachers.** I am praying we can find some new faces to join our children's ministry team. Teaching involves an average commitment of two Sundays a month and an hour or two of preparation the week you are the lead teacher. We teach in teams of two so you would be lead teacher an average of once a month. If you feel called to be a part of children's ministry in any way, please contact me. I can be reached via email at [belmar43@aol.com](mailto:belmar43@aol.com) or by phone at 302-388-4017 (cell) or 302-832-8834 (landline).

**Evangelism** – *Responsible Vestry Members* – Joe Corsello, & Regina McCann

**COFFEE HOUR** – During this time of transition and changes within St. Thomas's, the Hospitality Ministry has decided to transform and revamp the coffee hour held after the 10:30 service each Sunday. As our Sunday Service booklet invites us for "fellowship and light refreshment," we have decided to keep the coffee hour to a minimum of light refreshments such as coffee, tea, and iced tea/lemonade. This will be very much like what we offer in the summer months, but now to be all year round. The coffee hour can be expanded to a larger offering if there are special occasions that warrant it, such as special events or if groups or ministries want to have a larger assortment of treats to celebrate an event or milestone. Those individuals/groups can host a Sunday of their choice and announce it to the parishioners as they see fit to communicate it. We welcome parishioners who may want to bring a tray of cookies or cheese/crackers to offer to a regular Sunday coffee hour, but there is no obligation to do so. Volunteers for making the coffee and juices are always welcome and appreciated immensely but, there is no need to a sign up for a designated Sunday. The same will apply for the clean-up process, volunteers to clean up after the refreshments are welcomed and appreciated but, it should be a minimal amount to clean up. The idea is to keep a lighter, simpler method to our gatherings and allow us all to enjoy our fellowship time together as parishioners and congregation.

**SUBMITTING ARTICLES** - Articles submitted for publication in the Carpenter's Helper should reach Adele in the church office by Tuesday noontime each week. This will allow time to insert and proofread the article prior to copying. Send articles to [adelemeredithstthomas@gmail.com](mailto:adelemeredithstthomas@gmail.com).

**Pastoral Care** – Responsible Vestry Members – Rejane DeMoraes & Marilyn Prime

**PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY** – The Pastoral Care Ministry provides many services to our parish family. When you know of a need or can lend a hand, please contact Donna Weaver at [dweaver214@gmail.com](mailto:dweaver214@gmail.com), your Vestry leaders Marilyn Prime and Rejane DeMoraes, or the parish office.

**HOSPITALS, HIPPA, AND YOU** – Being ill is stressful. Whether it is a planned procedure, a long term illness or an emergency, your St. Thomas's family wants to be there to help you get through the period of your illness and your recovery. But we cannot help if the need goes unknown. Take a moment to put Fr. Godden's cell number in your phone (302) 373-7999 and the church office (302) 368-4644. Another option is to ask to speak with a hospital chaplain who can relay the information to us (with your permission.) If there are any questions please contact Fr. Godden or any member of the Pastoral Care Team.

**PRAYER LIST**– We currently have about 50 folks on our “long term” prayer list. We have many folks on the list that have been there so long, we can't remember who asked to put them on. If you have placed a friend or family member on the list please contact Jean Runge to update the person or family's status. Thank you.

**Service** – Responsible Vestry Member –

**UTO** – This Sunday will be our spring ingathering for the United Thank Offering (UTO). Funds received from our ingathering are combined with the offerings of other parishes in our diocese and around the country to fund projects in underserved areas. Participating in UTO is easy and convenient. Pick up a “mite box” and put it together. Then every time you feel thankful, place a coin or two in the box. When the next ingathering is announced, remove the money from the box and either write a check (designate UTO in the memo section) or place the cash in the blue and white UTO envelope found in the bulletin. Place it in the offering basin on the ingathering Sunday.

**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 buy some needed grocery staples at a local store. The office is currently out of both grocery and gas cards. Please give them directly to Adele Meredith or put in an envelope marked to Adele's attention and place in the offering plate. **Donations of gift cards are always welcome – will you help??**

**NEWARK AREA WELFARE COMMITTEE'S FOOD CUPBOARD** - There is a current need for folks to transport the food that has been collected over to Newark United Methodist Church. There is also a continuing 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](mailto:susanahechter@gmail.com).

**CONGRATS & HELPING HANDS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS** -- Our very own Zachary McGough is a member of the Bay View Elementary School Destination Imagination "The Team to DI For"! The team, consisting of seven 4th and 5th graders, had to write their own play and design their own props as their Team Challenge and are given a surprise STEM [science, technology, engineering, and mathematics] problem as an Instant Challenge during each level of the competition. They finished in 1st place at the Regional Tournament and 2nd place at the State Competition, so now the Team will head to Knoxville, TN to represent the state of Maryland at the Destination Imagination Global Tournament next month! You may remember that Zach's team

also earned a trip last year to the Global Tournament, where they placed 12th out of 52 teams from all over the world. They are hoping for an even better ranking this year! They will have to raise \$8000 to pay for registration fees and travel expenses for the team members and their teacher advisor. All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax-deductible. For more information, please visit [gofundme.com/get-em-to-globals](http://gofundme.com/get-em-to-globals) , see the flyers posted on the Great Hall door bulletin board, or ask Zach or Brandi. Thanks for your support!

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