

The Carpenter's Helper

May 27, 2018

St. Thomas's Parish, Newark, DE

302-368-4644

www.StThomasParish.org



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.

*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

Trinity Sunday – Visitation of Bishop Kevin Brown

8:00 a.m.	N	Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 a.m.	U	Youth Confirmation meeting with Bishop Brown
9:15 a.m.	U	Nursery (Crèche)
9:30 a.m.	U	Children's Worship
10:30 a.m.	N	Confirmation & Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:00 p.m.	GH, K	Confirmation Reception
7:30 p.m.	GH	UD Dance Team

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day – Offices Closed

6:30 a.m.	C	Serenity at Sunrise
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Tuesday, May 29

6:30 a.m.	C	Serenity at Sunrise
10:15 a.m.	U	Musikgarten
12:00 p.m.	P	ECM Council
5:00 p.m.	CO	AIDS Delaware
6:30 p.m.	U	Dusk Patrol AA
7:30 p.m.	GH	U D Dance Team
8:00 p.m.	U	AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 30

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

Thursday, May 31

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, June 1

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

Saturday, June 2

Sunday, June 3

Second Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m.	N	Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:15 a.m.	U	Nursery (Crèche)
9:30 a.m.	U	Children's Worship
10:30 a.m.	N	Baptism & Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:00 p.m.	GH, K	Feast and Fellowship
7:00 p.m.	GH	UD Dance Team

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.

Transition Topics

Thanks to everyone who attended one of the CAT information meetings. We appreciate your feedback and involvement in this important process. Don't forget we have a Suggestion Box if you have additional comments. The box is on the small table on the left as you come in the main entrance.

After much discernment, the Parish Profile is complete and is available on our website under the Rector's Search tab.

As always we thank you for your support, prayers and participation during this transition. We open every meeting with the prayer above and invite you to join us in daily offering this prayer.

Stewardship -- *Responsible Vestry Members – Rich Wadman & Denise Burgher*

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. 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 or Wendy Campbell at 302-368-9562 or 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.

Education– Responsible Vestry Member – Kristin Sausville

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, June 18, 6:00 p.m. at New Elizabeth, A.M.E., Pencader Corporate Center, 250 Corporate Blvd., Newark, DE 19702.** If you are interested or would like more information, contact Cami Seward at 907-321-3336 or at camiseward@gmail.com.

DELAWARE RACIAL JUSTICE COLLABORATIVE CANDIDATE FORUM

Ending Structural Racism in Delaware: The Role of the Attorney General. **Wednesday, June 13, 6:00 p.m.**
The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew, 719 North Shipley Street, Wilmington, DE 19801
Attorney General Candidates: Kathleen Jennings, Christopher Johnson, Tim Mullaney, LaKresha Roberts.
Moderator: Emilie R. Ninan, Esq., Partner, Ballard Spahr LLP

ADULT EDUCATION –The adult education (parlor) group is now on summer hiatus and will resume on the first Sunday AFTER Labor Day -- September 9, 2018. We will be exploring the book - *The Misunderstood God* by Darin Hufford. It can be obtained on Amazon or Barnes and Noble for new folks who are interested in joining. Questions? Feel free to contact Ronnie Wilbur at vfwilbur@gmail.com or Larry Duggan at lgjd@udel.edu

GRADUATE RECOGNITION – Please let us know who our high school and college graduates are by June 12 so they may be recognized in the Carpenter’s Helper.

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

NOVEL THEOLOGY – Suggestions for next year’s reading list are being accepted by Susan Hechter. For further information or questions please contact Susan Hechter at susanahechter@gmail.com or 302-738-9918.



**St Thomas Children’s Ministries
May 2018 Newsletter**

- May 20 was the last day of regular Sunday School until September.
- From May 27 to September 2, the St Thomas nursery for children aged birth to 3 years will be open from 10:15 to the end of the 10:30 service.
- Summer Children's Worship for children 3 years and older will begin on **June 10** and run through **August 19**. Our summer theme this year is The Fruit of the Spirit, based on Galatians 5:22-23 (But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control). Each week, we will learn about a different spiritual gift through scripture lessons, stories, hands-on play/art activities, service projects, and/or take home assignments to promote real life applications of the fruit of the Spirit. On most Sundays, this summer (when children's worship leader is available), children are invited to the Undercroft from 10:30-11:10. The children will rejoin their families at the Peace. On some Sundays (when a children's worship leader is not available), children will remain with their families and are invited to complete the activity in the Fruit of the Spirit bags found in the basket by the sanctuary door.
- St. Thomas is not planning to host Vacation Bible School this summer. But stay tuned to your email for information about VBS in other area churches.
- Regular Sunday School will resume on **September 9, 2018**.
- If you have questions, need more information, or would like to volunteer to help this summer, please contact Belinda Young-Payne at 302-388-4017

Evangelism— *Responsible Vestry Members – Joe Corsello, Cana Hartman & Joy Lynam*

COFFEE HOUR – After our Sunday 10:30 a.m. service, please join us for fellowship in the Great Hall. Coffee hour offers light refreshments such as coffee, tea, iced tea or lemonade. Parishioners are invited to bring light fare such as cookies, fruit, vegetables, or cheese/crackers. Volunteers for making the coffee and juices and clean-up afterward are also appreciated.

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.

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, 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— Our Prayer List is comprised of folks who are ill and those family members who support them, and folks who are in the military or have return home from deployment. 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 – Jerry Schultz

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.

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 from May 23-26! 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! Your support and donations have been very much appreciated, and the team has reached their fundraising goal. Now they just need your prayers and Good Luck wishes!

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Facebook Page: [facebook.com/StThomasEpiscopalChurchNewarkDelaware](https://www.facebook.com/StThomasEpiscopalChurchNewarkDelaware)

To view Parish Emails: <http://groups.google.com/group/StThomasParish>
To subscribe to automatically receive Parish Emails see the "Google Groups"
section on the Parish Website.

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