

# The Carpenter's Helper

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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.

Our Heavenly Creator, who has blessed this dedicated church family for 175 years, serving our community in your faith and love; we give you thanks, and we ask for guidance for our Parish, Transition Committee and Vestry as we continue on our journey to mutual ministry with our next rector, Fr. Howie Sasser. 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***

### **SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS:**

The Vestry and Search Committee of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Newark, Delaware, announce with great joy and elation the acceptance of the call to serve as Rector: The Reverend Doctor Howell C. Sasser. Father Sasser is, at present, serving as Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. We eagerly anticipate his arrival at St. Thomas's in early March 2019. We ask God's blessing upon the other candidates. May they continue with God's grace on their journeys to future mutual ministries. We thank our Congregation, Search Committee, Consultant, and Vestry for their hard work and continued support throughout this entire process. Respectfully yours in Christ, Regina M. McCann, Senior Warden- St Thomas Vestry, Marilyn Prime, Chair – St. Thomas Search Committee, Donna Weaver, Chair – St. Thomas Search Committee.

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

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES AVAILABLE** – The 2019 contribution envelopes are still available please contact Jeanne Moore at [jeannesmoore1@verizon.net](mailto:jeannesmoore1@verizon.net) or 302-2921326 or Barbara Graham at [44graham@comcast.net](mailto:44graham@comcast.net) or 302-598-4143 to arrange a pick up.

### **DID YOU KNOW YOU MAY BE ABLE TO USE YOUR IRA TAX-FREE?**

In December 2014 Congress enacted legislation making QCDs (qualified charitable distributions) permanent. If you're over age 70 1/2, you can send up to \$100,000 per year directly from your IRA to a qualifying charity -- including St. Thomas's. The distribution is excluded from your gross income making it tax free. For more information, contact Amy Keach or your tax advisor.

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

**THE CHOIR SCHOOL OF DELAWARE** - will visit St. Thomas's on Sunday, February 3, 2019, at the 10:30 service. A reception will follow in the Great Hall. We are excited to host this incredibly talented group of musicians. The plate offering this Sunday will be donated to the Choir School of Delaware. Checks may be made payable to St. Thomas's Church with a note in the memo line for the Choir School of Delaware. Please

note: there will be an 8:00 service but please stay for the 10:30 service to hear these young musicians sing. Learn more at [www.choirschoolofdelaware.org](http://www.choirschoolofdelaware.org).

**RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND** – The plate offering for Sunday, February 10 will go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

**FOURTH SUNDAY CHOIR** - This year I am trying a new idea to help interest anyone out there to sing with the choir. Here is my plan: It is called *Fourth Sunday Choir*.

On the 4th Sunday of each month (not necessarily the last Sunday....) anyone who is interested in singing with the choir will be encouraged and welcomed. This will also involve the Thursday evening rehearsal just before that Sunday, for the first part of the rehearsal. The anthems for these Sundays will be fairly uncomplicated and the choir will already have rehearsed them. New singers will be able to sing either the melody or try one of the other parts, depending on their voice range.

This idea is different than the Summer Choir in that new singers will be expected to attend the prior Thursday's rehearsal for the first half-hour or so. If they can't then they wouldn't sing on the Sunday.

The strong choral tradition of St. Thomas's is in jeopardy unless a new wave of singers comes forth to make a commitment to our parish and our liturgy. Experiencing the joy and fellowship in the rehearsal room is an essential ingredient in understanding how important and rewarding this way of giving time and treasure is to the life of our parish.

Please consider giving this a try! The next Fourth Sunday Choir will be on February 24, 2019.

Thank you, and....CHEERS!

Marc Cheban

**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).

**FLOWER DONATIONS** – Between this Sunday and March 3 there are available slots to be filled for Flower Donations. Flowers may be donated to remember a loved one, or celebrate an occasion or person in your life. Flower Donation forms are available at the bottom of the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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

**CAMP ARROWHEAD** – Brochures are now available in the Narthex for the summer of 2019 at Camp Arrowhead. Additional information regarding applications and costs are available from Belinda Young-Payne.

**COPING WITH GRIEF** - The daily struggle of missing loved ones that are no longer with us is always hard. The holidays are a time of gathering with family and friends, a time full of traditions and memories. It can be particularly difficult for those who are dealing with loss to navigate through the holiday season.

The Reverend Deacon Cecily Sawyer Harmon, LCSW, and Dr. Lisa DiRenzo are continuing to offer the grief workshop. The group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 9:15 in Deacon Cecily's office. Please call Adele Meredith at the church office, 302-368-4644, to register.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES LEADERS NEEDED** - Please consider the INVITATION to join the St. Thomas's children's ministries team. It is a wonderful ministry that richly blesses everyone involved. The children teach and inspire us as much as we do them. And the team members are tremendous supports and inspiration to each other. We are so thankful for all the children and adults who have been and still are a part of the program. However, we need new faces to join us. Maybe God is calling you?

“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 are more comfortable being the helper teacher each time, that is fine too. If you feel called to be a part of children's ministry in any way, please contact Belinda Young-Payne via email at [belmar43@aol.com](mailto:belmar43@aol.com) or by phone at 302-388-4017 (cell) or 302-832-8834 (landline).

**NOVEL THEOLOGY** – The reading list for the coming year's Novel Theology is below.

February 10 *The Centurion's Wife* Davis Bunn  
March 10 *The Damascus Way* Davis Bunn  
April 14 TBA  
May 12 *Remarkable Creatures* Tracy Chevalier

For further information or questions please contact Susan Hechter at [susanahechter@gmail.com](mailto:susanahechter@gmail.com) or 302-738-9918.

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

**PARISH DIRECTORIES** – Additional copies of the Parish Directory maybe found in the office in the black shelving unit. Look for the bright pink cover!!

**WINTER LADIES NIGHTS** - Ladies, it looks like the 15th will be a great date for Ladies' Night Out this winter. Let me know if you have suggestions for locations for the remainder of the winter. We hope you can make this relaxing opportunity to visit with other ladies from St. Thomas's.

Friday, Feb. 15th: Location TBD

Friday, March 15th: Location TBD

Monday, April 15th: Location TBD

Sue Houghton

**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.

**CHRIS DONOHO MEDICINE MINISTRY** - Did you know that medical expense assistance is available from St. Thomas's Chris Donoho Medicine Ministry account? We have a small endowment in memory of Chris Donoho which generates interest designated to be used for medical expenses (doctor appts., medicine, equipment, etc.). If you, or someone you know, in need of help with medical expenses, please contact Fr. Ed or any member of the Finance Committee for details. Please do not let a lack of money keep you from taking the medications you need or from seeing a doctor.

**Service** – *Responsible Vestry Member*

**BLUE HEN BOUNTY NEEDS RE-STOCKING-** The spring semester will soon be starting, and students will be hungry. *Blue Hen Bounty*, ECM's and St. Thomas' food pantry for U of D students is in need of food - *especially instant food like Easy Mac, canned tuna, and other instant one-serve meals, snacks such as crackers and granola bars, and non-perishable breakfast foods.* Please bring your contributions to the stage in the Great Hall.

**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. 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 nave. 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).

**GO BAGS NEEDED** - NEC is currently at a critical shortage of Go Bags. *There are none in stock.* Please ask your congregation to provide Go Bags as quickly as possible. Don't wait until you've collected supplies for 50 or so. Even 15-20 will help for now. Use your social media. Host a Go Bag Party. Ask your office friends. Don't keep it a secret!

The contents, all assembled in a 1 gallon zip lock bag, with a napkin and spoon are: individual Chef Boyardee meals in microwaveable container, snack cracker packs (cheese or peanut butter), granola type bars, individual fruit cup or applesauce, box or pouch drink.

**CODE PURPLE** – Winter is an especially hard time for those who are homeless. Code Purple is a ministry of the Newark Ecumenical Community to answer the needs of those who are homeless when the outside temperature dips below 20 degrees. Through a rotation of churches who willingly open their doors to the homeless, the Newark Ecumenical Community, organized by Friendship House and the Newark Empowerment Center, provides hospitality in the forms of a supper, a place to sleep, and breakfast in the morning. Each member congregation of the NEC provides the manpower necessary to provide the hospitality that is offered. When a Code Purple is declared, the NEC sends out an email to the member congregations soliciting manpower for that night's housing as well as the site for that evening. Would you consider helping provide the hospitality the homeless so deeply need?

### **Coming Soon**

**YOGA CLASS FOR BEGINNERS** – Have you ever thought about trying yoga? Starting Tuesday, January 15 there will be a “Yoga for Beginners Class” meeting at St. Thomas's. The class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am – 11:00 am in the Great Hall. There is a \$10.00 drop in fee. Contact Jennifer Riley at [wooze100@aol.com](mailto:wooze100@aol.com) or 610-715-4316 for further information.



**Sunday, February 3, 2019, St. Thomas's Episcopal Church, 10:30 am.**

# Parish Calendar

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

## Sunday, January 27, 2019 - We welcome

Dean Melosh as our Guest Preacher

- 8:00 am N Holy Eucharist Rite I**  
 9:00 am U Youth Confirmation  
 9:15 am P Adult Education  
 9:15 am U Nursery  
 9:15 am U Children's Worship  
**10:30 am N Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
 11:45 am GH, K Hospitality Time  
 7:00 pm GH UD Ballroom Dance Team

## Monday, January 28, 2019

- 6:30 am C Serenity at Sunrise  
 7:30 pm GH Scottish Country Dance

## Tuesday, January 29, 2019

- 6:30 am C Serenity at Sunrise  
 10:00 am GH Yoga  
 5:00 pm CO AIDS Delaware  
 6:30 pm U Dusk Patrol  
 7:00 pm GH UD Ballroom Dance Team  
 8:00 pm U AA Meeting

## Wednesday, January 30, 2019

- 6:30 am C Serenity at Sunrise  
 10:30 am C Bible Study  
 6:00 pm P Centering Prayer  
 8:00 pm GH South College Speakers

## Thursday, January 31, 2019

- 6:30 am C Serenity at Sunrise  
 10:00 am GH Yoga  
 7:30 pm MR Choir

## Friday, February 1, 2019

- 6:30 am C Serenity at Sunrise  
 12:00 pm U Al-Anon  
 6:30 pm U Women's AA Meeting

## Saturday, February 2, 2019

## Sunday, February 3, 2019

- 8:00 am N Holy Eucharist Rite I**  
 9:00 am U Youth Confirmation  
 9:15 am P Adult Education  
 9:15 am U Nursery  
 9:15 am U Children's Worship  
**10:30 am N Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
 11:45 am GH, K Hospitality Time  
 12:00 pm C C.R.E.W. Youth  
 7:00 pm GH UD Ballroom Dance Team



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