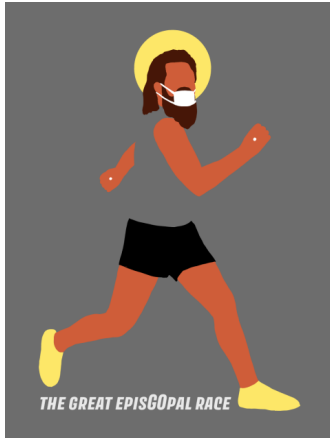


# The Carpenter's Helper

*This Week..we are reaching out to our community*



The United Thank Offering is running a virtual marathon from July 24th to August 1st "The Great EpisGOPal Race". We will join together as St Thomas's team **The Soul Surrenderers**, to race for OUR lives and the lives of those affected by COVID-19.

- If you are able, sign up for at least 1 km (0.621371 miles). You were emailed a sign-up genius: contact the office for assistance.
- Then, send me a pic of your chosen modality(s). This virtual race can be walked slowly, run fast, skateboarded, swam, etc.
- And finally, please send in your donations to the church office. We will put them together and send it as one large team donation from St Thomas.

Everyone signing up for The Soul Surrenderers will receive a team water bottle, so please let the office know the number of people participating from your household. We are asking for a suggested donation of \$5 per km. Please feel free to solicit additional donations from family and neighbors- 100% of the money raised will go to the 2020 UTO Ingathering in support of Episcopal ministries responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is a FUN opportunity for our faith family to join together- in a safe, socially distant way, to make a positive difference. It is a relaxed low-pressure effort that can be done at your own pace, over several days. Everything is by the honor system. Please let me know if you have any questions.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Thomas's is alive and well. We are worshiping via live streaming on YouTube (See our YouTube Channel and hit Subscribe!). The full-text bulletins for our services can be found on our website, and by email request.

We also continue to respond to the needs of the Newark Community through our collaboration with the Newark Empowerment Center and others. Those who would like to support our work may do so by going to our "Giving to St Thomas's" page.

Our prayers are with all those who are ill, all who are caring for them, and all who are striving to hear the voice of God in these challenging times. May God bless you and keep you, now and always. For more, see the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware COVID-19 site.



THE BLESSING OF A LIFE-LONG RELATIONSHIP

*the Rev. Elizabeth Masterson*



*the Rev. Charles Cloughen*

WILL TAKE PLACE AT 9 AM, SUNDAY, JUNE 28,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION

IT WILL BE LIVESTREAMED.



'TIS THE SEASON TO BE  
**MERRY, BRIGHT  
&  
SAFE**

From July 1-13, 2020, the City of Newark Parks and Recreation is having a Decorating Tour! St. Thomas's will be participating. This is an awesome opportunity to share some Spirit with our neighbors and gain some visibility for our parish.

On July 1, starting at 8am we will be putting up our display on the corner of S. College and Park Place Avenues. Our theme and WWJD, and we will be showing one of the most easily identifiable scenes in Christianity- the nativity along with the 3 wise men.

And here is the kicker- **our figures will be wearing masks:**  
***an outward display of caring for one another, these strange days.***

Thanks to Amy for initiating our participation in this event. Let's support her. Come on ... where are my other Christmas fanatics? I know you have amazing festive display ideas, miles of extension cords and wowza decorations packed away. Please let Amy or myself know if you are available to help with the assembly or have decorations that our parish can borrow.

