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St. Thomas's Episcopal Parish
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weekly newsletter

The Carpenter's Helper

This Week..we are aware of our Blessings

ALL are WELCOME!

THE BLESSING of the ANIMALS

Sunday, Oct 11th at 2pm, in the Grove
and LIVE on YouTube

Please, send in your photos!
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*masks required for humans
and social distancing will be observed*

many
thanks

With your support we have finally shifted to our home sweet home, in Newark. We can't thank you enough for all the help and generosity you showered on us all along. Your gifts, hospitality, and kinship are truly appreciated.

Blessings, Fr Howie & Fr Jim

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.



Hello beloved of God across the Episcopal Church in Delaware,

Just this past week we passed a sad milestone: over one million people are known to have died worldwide from the novel coronavirus. In all likelihood, there have been many more lives lost to this deadly disease than we know. Let us pause and pray for the souls of our sisters and brothers across the world who are gone. Let us again remember the agony of surviving family and friends, the resolve of steadfast nurses and doctors, and the gratitude for those who lived through COVID-19.

We in Delaware have been living in a bona fide state of emergency for over six months now. Everyday life is much harder and more stressful now, no doubt about it. Few of us are used to thinking that our daily decisions have life and death consequences! But that is surely the truth. Our simple decisions matter, now more than ever. We keep our masks on even when they annoy us and fog our glasses, we avoid big parties we really want to attend, we stay six feet apart even from dear friends. Honest to God, these are life and death decisions. The vast majority of us will never ever know if we've saved a life, but the truth is, when we stay vigilant we don't spread the virus and we keep other people safe. Talk about loving our neighbors!

Just last Sunday, I heard another heart-wrenching story from a Delaware Episcopalian whose brother died alone, frightened, and isolated due to COVID-19. He is now counted among the one million, another victim whose sudden death shattered his family. Sadly, this pandemic is far from over. Please remember that millions of people, ourselves included, are still at risk. Blessedly, each of us has the power to make a difference. With just a mask and caring enough to stay safe, we are making the world a safer, kinder, and healthier place.

In Christ,
+Kevin

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love, in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

This prayer is from the Church of England website.