

The Carpenter's Helper

This Week..we strive to listen like Samuel

Thank You

Today I am writing to say thank you. Thank you for your Christmas greetings and gifts. This has been an unusual season, but it was special and meaningful in new and different ways. Your generosity mean a lot to me. Blessings to you all as we begin a new year together!

Kenie +



Thank you for wearing a mask in the church building. It protects those who are worshiping, and communing. Your mask protects the clergy, staff, faith family members, and community. Let's keep our church building safe, healthy, open, and a respectful place for all.

A note from Bishop Kevin regarding virtual worship continuing:

The vaccine is coming. It will take some months still for it to be widely administered, but there is no question that the deep pain of separation we feel will be temporary. We will be together again. Until then, let us resolve to save as many lives as we can from COVID-19. Stay home, wear your masks, wash your hands, stay at least six feet apart. Stay strong, for this too shall pass. When we are on the other side of the pandemic, I am confident we will look back and say we are proud that our church did everything we could to reduce suffering in the world around us.

Your brother in Christ,
+Kevin

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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.

ORDINARY VIRTUES: Spirituality in the Lord of the Rings

3 WEEK SERIES
VIA ZOOM
1/17, 1/31, AND 2/7 AT 10:30AM



A SHORT COURSE EXPLORING THE RELIGIOUS LANDSCAPE OF MIDDLE EARTH

Nearly everyone knows something about Middle Earth, the rich fantasy world that emerged from the imagination of JRR Tolkien. Fewer people know that Tolkien was a devout Catholic, and that his stories and characters have much to say about his view of the faithful life.

Referencing Mark Eddy Smith's book "Tolkien's Ordinary Virtues", come along for some clips from Peter Jackson's LOTR movie, and stay for some spirited discussion of what Frodo and Gandalf and even Sauron (the villain of the stories) teach us about living and moving and having our being in God.



Drive Through/Walk Up Communion and Prayers

continues every Sunday
10-11am

ALL are Welcome!

2 SAINT READERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

All are Welcome!

This month:

**Atul Gawande's Being Mortal:
Medicine and What Matters in the End**

"Life is meaningful
because it is
a story ...



... and in
stories,
endings matter."

TUESDAYS AT 10AM

VIA ZOOM

1/19, 1/26, AND 2/2

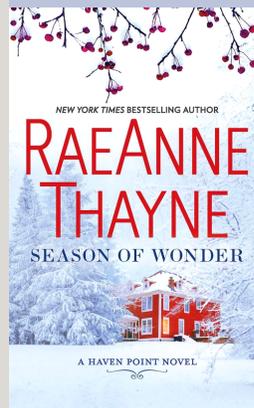
CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR AN INVITATION

January Novel Theology

1/24 at 10:30am

via ZOOM

contact the office
for an invitation



*The 9th book in Thayne's Haven Point series,
if you like feel-good holiday stories with lots of traditions,
hot cocoa and warm fuzzies,
you will enjoy this wholesome romance.*



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

Beryl King

JANUARY 12, 2021

Beryl has a heart of gold and is a friend to all. And so, it is no surprise that even during this time of social distancing, it was important to us to find ways to celebrate this significant birthday, and amazing woman!

Beryl is know for sending cards: it is always a special treat to receive a birthday, get well, or just a hello from her in the mail. Reciprocating the sentiment, her daughter Helen reported that over 100 birthday cards came pouring in for her.

Gorgeous bouquet after bouquet were delivered, and multiple cakes were enjoyed. I'm told, Beryl enjoyed her favorite crab cakes for dinner, with all four of her daughters in attendance.

The prior Sunday, after the service, over 100 of her St Thomas faith family were shown in a moving slide show, holding signs of love and well wishes. For weeks, the great hall had been stirring with a mysterious sewing project, so large it took up 6 tables pushed together. On Sunday, it was revealed that it was a new frontal for the altar, in which a special dedication to Beryl has been painstakingly and lovingly embroidered.

I am certain that that does not cover all of the ways that Beryl was honored on her special day. But those mentioned reflect am amazing life, filled with faith, family, community, and love. We are so fortunate to know her. Beryl King is an inspiration to us all!

