

January 24, 2021

St. Thomas's Episcopal Parish  
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weekly newsletter

# The Carpenter's Helper

*This Week..we pray for a peaceful transitions*

# SAVE THE DATE

## St Thomas's 179th ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 21st  
11am-noon  
LIVE via Zoom

look for more information soon  
regarding voting and participating, via email  
or contact the office with your questions



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.

### **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

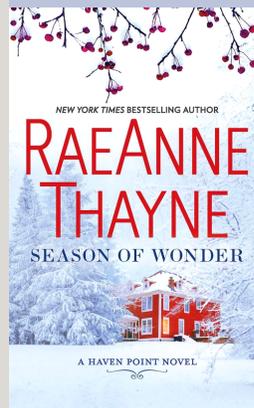
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## January Novel Theology

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.*