

February 14, 2021

St. Thomas's Episcopal Parish
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weekly newsletter

The Carpenter's Helper

This Week..we prepare for the Lenten Season

SAVE THE DATE

St Thomas's 179th ANNUAL MEETING

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

- Included in the agenda is an election for 3 new Vestry members.
- This election will be done by mail this year, in an effort to keep the process valid and fair, while caring for the health and safety of our parish and community.
- Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters by Monday, Feb 15th.
- A return envelope with postage will be included, though ballots may be dropped off in the ballot box in the lobby.
- ALL BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, MARCH 15TH

Ash Wednesday 2021

The season of Lent begins next Wednesday. Since we are not able to gather to receive our outward mark of devotion, Fr Howie has mailed ashes and a special note to each household in our parish! This is yet another creative way that we are practicing our faith in a socially distant way that cares for the health and safety of our Parish and community.



Thank you for wearing a mask in the church building. It protects those who are worshipping, 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 worshipping 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.



Drive Through/Walk Up Communion and Prayers

continues every Sunday
10-11am

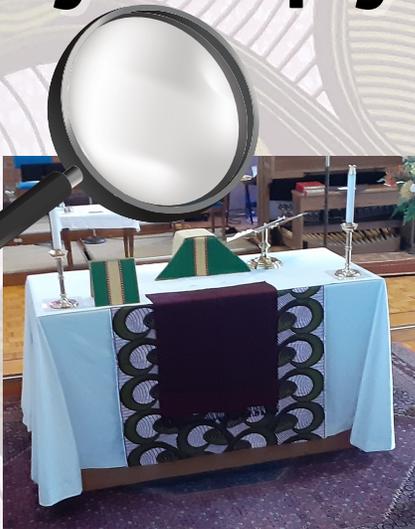
ALL are Welcome!

Eye Spy

Welcome to the new feature in our weekly Carpenter's Helper where we take a look at a feature within our church building.

This week, you can't help but notice the beautiful piece of African cloth that is on the altar. Deacon Cecily acquired this piece of South African cotton in honor of Black History month. She specifically chose a green motif to go with our current liturgical season. Green is the standard color for "Ordinary Time," the stretches of time between Easter and Christmas, and vice versa. It is meant to represent the anticipation and hope in the resurrection of Christ. Green symbolizes the hope and life of each new day. In traditional African kente cloth, green symbolizes spiritual renewal, and the maroon hue behind the green pattern on this cloth represents healing and caring for the earth. The tie-dyed cotton cloth is easy to care for and will last for years to come.

If you have questions about what material you see on the altar, please ask a member of the Altar guild, or contact the office. Much care and consideration goes into dressing this special place in the church.



THE NEWARK PARISHES OF SAINTS NICHOLAS & THOMAS ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

LENT 2021: THURSDAYS AT 11AM
ALL ARE WELCOME!

THE HOPE OF GLORY by Jon Meacham
Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross
Lead by Fr Bill Lane of St Nicholas

- FEB 18: PROLOGUE AND FIRST WORD (FATHER FORGIVE THEM; LK. 23:34)
- FEB 25: SECOND WORD (YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE; LK. 23:43)
- MAR 4: THIRD WORD (BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER; JN. 19:26-27)
- MAR 11: FOURTH WORD (WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME; MT. 27:46)
- MAR 18: FIFTH WORD (I THIRST; JN. 19:28)
- MAR 25: SIXTH WORD (IT IS FINISHED; JN. 19:30)
- APR 1: SEVENTH WORD (I COMMEND MY SPIRIT; LK. 23:46)

WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE

Jon Meacham



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OF GLORY

If you would like to take part and are not already participating in the Thursday Adult Study, please e-mail your request to wmbplane@gmail.com and you will receive the sign on information.