

The Carpenter's Helper

This Week...we begin our Lenten walk WITH God

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

One way that we walk the Lenten journey with Jesus is through the Stations of the Cross. Prayerful meditation through the Stations is a commemoration of Christ's Crucifixion on Good Friday. The devotion may be done individually or in a group and is particularly important in Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran traditions.

There are Stations around the sanctuary of St Thomas, and typically they are set up with special hands-on activities to help deepen the experience.

This year, because of Covid 19, we are unable to practice this ritual as we normally do. I encourage you to find new and creative ways to walk this path. YouTube is a wealth of virtual Stations. I particularly enjoyed one presentation on the history by a Franciscan monk, Fr Casey: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KR5hXcwELVY>. What is your creative solution for the season? Please share!!



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.



Drive Through/Walk Up Communion and Prayers

continues every Sunday
10-11am

ALL are Welcome!

Eye Spy



This Sunday, and throughout the Lenten season, you will notice that the crucifix is covered. But, why? Why cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven?

First of all, we use veils to remind us of the special time that we are in. Because when we see all the crosses covered, we immediately know that something is different. In a second thought, the veils help us to focus our attention on the words being said where we hear how Jesus hid his glory during his Passion.



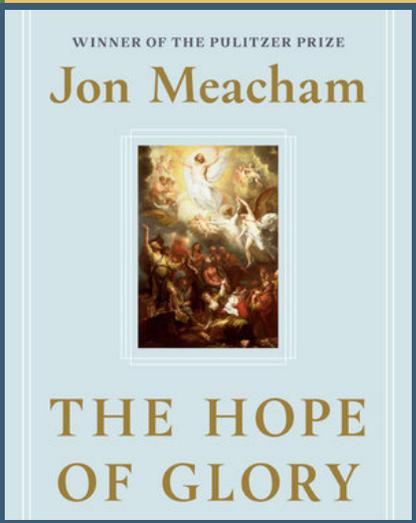
Thirdly, the Church uses veils to produce a high sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images. And here lies the whole point, the veils are not meant to be there forever. The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a good reminder of our own life on earth. We find ourselves in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is taken off and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

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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)



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.