

March 14, 2021

St. Thomas's Episcopal Parish
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weekly newsletter

The Carpenter's Helper

This Week...we are making a difference in our community

SAVE THE DATE

St Thomas's 179th ANNUAL MEETING

Next Sunday!

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

THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE

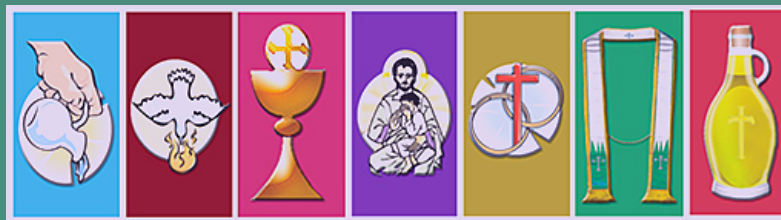
3 WEEK SERIES
VIA ZOOM

3/7, 3/14, 3/28 AT 10:45AM

The sacraments are intended to tie together our life in the world and our relationship with God. In words and gestures, they represent and embody what we believe. So it is well worth the time to think about what the sacraments are saying to and for us.

In this Lenten series, we will take a look at three elements of Christian practice that are among the faithful:

baptism, Eucharist, and the rites surrounding death and burial. We will also review more briefly some of the other sacraments, including marriage, ordination, and unction.



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!



HEROS!



On Wednesday, St Thomas hosted a blood drive for the Blood Bank of Delmarva. The turn-out was amazing! Thank you to everyone who shared this event with friends and families. The great number of donors is evidence of how powerful sharing *good news* can be (pun intended). The majority of donors were UD students, and a few of our ECM students were able to volunteer. There were many people from our community who came to the building for the first time, and several who mentioned that they had been here before for occasions like the women's march, and interfaith events. And, it was heart warming to see many familiar faces from our own faith family.

OVER 50 PINTS OF BLOOD WERE COLLECTED, WHICH CAN SAVE OVER 150 LIVES!!!

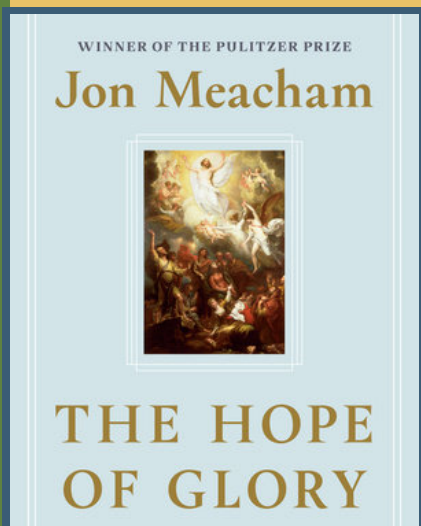
Because of the success of this event, the Blood Bank has asked to return for more events in the future. This is a fantastic way that St Thomas can follow through on our mission to engage in supporting our community. **THE NEXT BLOOD DRIVE IS APRIL 7TH**, and I'm again asking for your support!

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

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.

SOME KIDS DON'T HAVE THEIR OWN **TOOTH BRUSH**

Across America and even in our own community, there are homes that lack the basic tools needed for healthy mouths. **Help us change that!**

**DONATE A NEW TOOTHBRUSH, TOOTHPASTE,
FLOSS OR RINSE FOR LOCAL CHILDREN IN NEED.**

WHEN: Friday, March 19, 2021 4-6pm

HOSTED BY: Girl Scout Troop 719

WHERE: St. Thomas Episcopal Church
276 S. College Ave. Newark, DE

DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT:

The Food Bank of Delaware

America's ToothFairy
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