

The Carpenter's Helper

This Week...we are energized, because Easter Sunday is just the beginning!



Drive Through/Walk Up Communion and Prayers

continues every Sunday

10-11am

ALL are Welcome!

SEEKING A PART-TIME SEXTON

The sexton maintains all interior spaces of the parish's buildings and is responsible for monitoring appliances and systems, performing periodic inspections, making repairs as appropriate, and notifying the property committee when the services of outside contractors are needed. The sexton reports to the rector and collaborates with the parish's property committee, but must be able to work with minimal supervision. S/he must also be flexible in scheduling maintenance activities around the parish and outside events, as well as in periods of heavier use of the parish's buildings (eg. Christmas and Holy Week/Easter).



Please share this opportunity with anyone you feel would be a good fit. Interested applicants, please contact Fr Howie.



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.

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ART IN RECYCLING HOLY LINENS

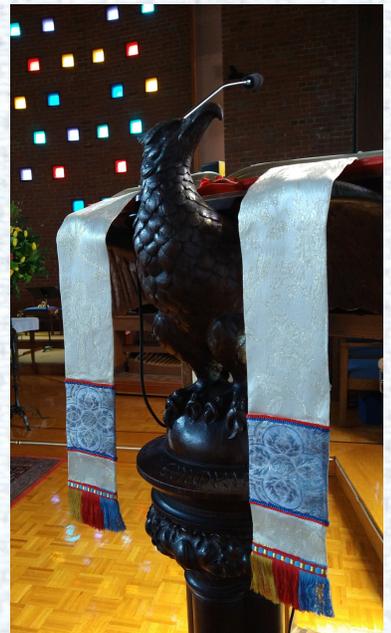
Recycling holy fabrics means taking linens, and/or church vestments that have been blessed and used in the worship of God and saving those parts that have not been worn or damaged beyond repair. Any reusable fabrics, embroideries, tassels, fringe, etc. that can be reverently and respectfully removed from an original piece can be used in another.

One reason we strive to recycle is simply good stewardship of what we have been given for use in our worship services. Often, the quality of the fabric or the embellishment on a piece is finer than what is available today. Very often, old designs cannot be copied because the basic materials or artistic skills are not available to recreate them.

When working with needlework that was created by someone else, there is a closeness to someone who made it in the past. I am often in awe of the talent, effort and love that have gone into making many of the pieces. It is an honor to be able to save anything that is of practical use in church.

Recycling holy fabrics is a creative process that can be challenging and rewarding. The challenge is in figuring out how to best recycle something and skillfully take it apart so it can be reused. Time spent working on the projects is a calming retreat from the frantic pace of life- a holy time.

On Easter Sunday, a "new" set of paraments were debuted. These pieces recycled parts from the old white frontal. Martha Holyoke, and her band of sewing ladies have been hard at work, deconstructing and repurposing. You can look forward to seeing more new/old pieces.



Many thanks go to Martha, Connie Cooper, Carolyn Bowman, Sue Houghton, Cana Hartman, and Jane Babcock. If you are interested in joining in this special work, know that you are Welcome! There are plans for several more beautiful, well loved pieces to be reborn this year.

