

The Carpenter's Helper

This Week, we remember those who have departed

St Thomas' annual fall clean-up

Saturday

Nov 6th, 8am-noon

Cider donuts in the morning and pizza at the end

Please come help prepare our grounds for winter: Leaf raking, bush trimming, stick gathering.

If someone wants to work on bench repair we have a couple of benches from the Grove that need the slats replaced.

If anyone is aware of a job that could use some extra hands, let Sue Houghton or any member of the property committee know.

Please let Sue know if you can come help out and what type of work you are willing / able to do, so that there are enough jobs planned and we can prepare for the tools needed. Plus we need a rough headcount for food!

Sunday, Oct 31st at 3pm

MASS

FOR ALL OF THE DEPARTED

at St Thomas' Cemetery

ALL are Welcome!

Sunday

Rite 1 spoken
8:00 am

Sunday

Rite 2 with music
10:30 am

Wednesday

12 noon
Intercessory Prayer

Thursday

7 pm
Evening Compline



A peaceful place of rest

The St Thomas parish cemetery is on West Delaware Avenue, Newark Delaware adjacent to the former St. Thomas's church building. The cemetery property was separated from the former church property in the 1950's when the parish moved to its current location. The first burial (of the infant Angelica Franklin) was on April 28, 1850. She has since been followed by about 200 subsequent interments, including recent interments.

After a period of neglect, the cemetery was rejuvenated in the early 1980's and reopened for the burial of cremated remains in 1982. There are no recorded burials between the summers of 1967 and 1982. Many but not all of the early headstones or grave markers were located during the rejuvenation. Burials are recorded in a permanent cemetery register that is cross-referenced with the permanent parish register.



The cemetery is maintained by a dedicated and loyal handful of parish volunteers who mow, trim, and weed as necessary. This contribution of time by the volunteers helps to keep expenses modest. This special ministry is open to anyone and volunteers to help with the regular summer mowing are always welcome.

This Sunday, 10/31, we will meet in the cemetery for a special service for those departed. I encourage you to come and experience what a special place of rest this is.

As you can tell from all the foot traffic in Newark the students are back! The good news is we have more students using our food pantry - Blue Hen Bounty. The bad news is we are OUT OF MOST EVERYTHING!

Next time you go shopping please add a can, box, bottle, or packet for the students. There is a "wish list" dry erase board in the classroom where students can note specific items that would make a difference to them, personally. The toddler snacks and baking ingredients always tug at my heart. These are less necessities, and more items that can bring a small sense of normalcy to a stressful situation.

Thank you for your generous support.



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this
Tuesday!*

2 Saints Readers book discussion

"What an elegantly written book. In it Francis Collins, the eminent scientist, tells why he is also a devout believer.... A real godsend for those with questioning minds but who are also attracted to things spiritual."

-- Archbishop Desmond Tutu

*All are Welcome: Live via Zoom
Tuesdays at 10am starting 10/19th*

