



St. Thomas's
Episcopal Parish
Newark, DE

The Carpenter's Helper

This Week, we observe Rogation Sunday



Please join us to celebrate the good works of Deacon Cecily! She officially retired back in January, however because of Covid precautions, we were unable to give her the send off she deserves. But, now that the weather has warmed up, we are able to gather in the Grove for a proper PARTY!

Bring your favorite lawn game, a lawn chair, some fruit to share, or just bring yourself. I know Scott Sunnergren is looking for another person to grill with. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact the office.

Rogation Sunday?

In the Anglican tradition, Rogation Sunday is celebrated on the 5th Sunday after Easter (also known as the 6th Sunday of Easter). The Christian major rogation replaced a pagan Roman procession known as Robigalia, at which a dog was sacrificed to propitiate Robigus, the deity of agricultural disease. The practitioners observing Robigalia asked Robigus for protection of their crops from wheat rust.

Nowadays, the faithful typically observed the Rogation days by fasting and abstinence in preparation to celebrate the Ascension, and farmers of all kinds, industrial and domestic, may have their crops blessed by a priest at this time.

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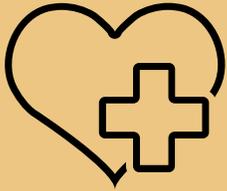
ALL are Welcome!

Sunday	Sunday	Wednesday	Thursday
8:00am	10:30am	Noon	7:00pm
Holy Eucharist, Rite I traditional wording	Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music	Holy Eucharist intercessory prayer	Compline evening prayer

Rogation Sunday cont.

Violet vestments are worn at the rogation litany and its associated Mass, regardless of what color is worn at the ordinary liturgies of the day. A common feature of Rogation days in former times was the ceremony of beating the bounds, in which a procession of parishioners, led by the minister, churchwarden, and choirboys, would proceed around the boundary of their parish and pray for its protection in the forthcoming year. This was also known in the northern parts of England as 'Gang-day' or 'gan week', after the old English name for going or walking. This was also a feature of the original Roman festival, when revellers would walk to a grove five miles from the city to perform their rites

The new, Protestant version of the Rogation days became such a fixture in Church life that the tradition was carried over to the Americas by British colonists in Jamaica, Barbados, and South Carolina. Rogation days are an optional observance in the Episcopal Church. Although early associated with rural life, agriculture and fishing, the Book of Common Prayer has been expanded to include propers for commerce and industry and the stewardship of creation, as well as a fruitful season.



SAVE THE DATE ...

St Thomas Immunization and Health Fair

Saturday August 27th 2022, 10am - 2pm

The newly-formed St Thomas Health group is planning our inaugural Health Fair. The fair is an outreach, service, and education event for our members and the local community. We will be offering Back-to-School Immunizations, Narcan training (sign up coming soon), and have a variety of organizations providing health and safety education and information.

If you are interested in helping or know of any health-affiliated organization that would be interested in participating, please reach out to Philippa Sunnergren 302-643-2111, phil@sunnergren.com.



St Thomas's Parish is excited to offer CPR/AED training!

(Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
Automated External Defibrillator (AED))

Saturday, June 4th at 9am

Please visit

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/324965248807>
to register

*if the class fills up, there will be a waiting list and potentially additional sessions

This AHA CPR/AED Course is designed for anyone with limited or no medical training who wants to be prepared to save a life

Upon completion of all course requirements, participants receive a Heartsaver CPR AED Course Completion Card which is valid for two years.