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weekly newsletter



St. Thomas's
Episcopal Parish
Newark, DE

The Carpenter's Helper

This Week, we pray for all victims of gun violence



Calling Singers 55+
ENCORE Rehearsal & Open House
Trinity Parish, Wilmington
Saturday, June 25
9:30am - 12noon

Encore Creativity, the nation's largest choral organization for adults 55+, is coming to the greater Wilmington area this fall in collaboration with Trinity Parish which will be hosting the weekly Thursday morning rehearsals. Trinity's Director of Music, David Simmons, will conduct the new Encore Chorale of Wilmington.

Encore's mission is to provide an excellent and accessible artistic environment for older adults, regardless of experience or ability, who seek arts education and performance opportunities under a professional artist. The primary goal of Encore Creativity for Older Adults is to offer our choral program to adults over the age of 55, an underserved population in the arts, throughout the country. Based in Maryland, Encore has 15 Chorales and 6 Encore ROCKS rock & roll choruses in the metropolitan Baltimore-Washington area, as well as a Chorale in New York City. Encore's newest program, begun in September 2019, is the Sentimental Journey Singers (SJS) for individuals with early-stage Alzheimer's or other memory impairment

To give prospective singers an idea of what a typical rehearsal would encompass, Trinity is hosting this FREE Rehearsal and Open House in its sanctuary. This session is open to anyone 55 and older and prior choral experience is NOT necessary. The session will include vocal warm-ups, tips on vocal techniques for older adults, and the rehearsal of fun choral works. Come for the entire morning or just part of the session. Sing and have fun! For more details, email David Simmons at david@trinityparishde.org

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

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Dear friends in Christ:

By now you are aware that last night a shooter entered St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Vestavia Hills, Alabama, killing two children of God and injuring a third.

Even as I write, I am on the way to the commemoration of the nine who were martyred in 2015 at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina. The plague of gun violence in the United States affects us all, and now it has affected a congregation in The Episcopal Church.

We join together in prayer with Bishop Glenda Curry, Bishop Brian Prior, the clergy and people of St. Stephen's, and the whole Episcopal Diocese of Alabama. I want to encourage us as a church to offer special prayers this Sunday for those affected by the shooting at St. Stephen's—and for all victims of gun violence.

I commend to you the website of Bishops United Against Gun Violence, which has prayers, liturgical resources, and many other kinds of information.

As the prophet Isaiah wrote (41:10):

Do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

I invite you to join me in prayer:

Eternal God of love, we know that you do not willingly inflict pain upon or grieve your children, and your dream for all is life abundant.

We come to you now in sorrow and sadness at the death and violence inflicted on our siblings of St. Stephen's Church in Vestavia Hills, Alabama. Receive the souls of those who have died. Grant them peace in your arms of love. Be with those who are injured and suffer, those who are grieving, and those who are frightened and dispirited. Help us as a nation to find ways to bring an end to this scourge of violence, which hurts your children and our human family. Give us the strength we need, the courage we must have, and the faith in you that will see us through. All this we pray and ask in the name of the prince of peace—your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

