



CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24th
8:00 pm

God loves you. No exceptions.



The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.

Welcome! It is wonderful have you with us. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've all had questions—possibly like some that you may have today.

The faith community of St. Thomas's Parish believes that everyone has been invited to follow the Way of Jesus, who commands us to love God and to love our neighbors. Therefore, we are committed to embrace and respect people of every age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity; people who live with all mental and physical abilities, in all socio-economic conditions, in all household compositions, and with every citizenship status, including immigrant and refugee; people who hold diverse political and theological backgrounds, beliefs, and questions. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, as God's beloved, you are worthy and welcome here!

Today's Service

We are worshipping both in-person and via live-stream on YouTube. Full-text bulletins are distributed at all services and posted on our parish website. At the in-person service, "busy bags" for children and a dedicated sensory-friendly "soft space" can be found at the back of the sanctuary. We follow directions from our diocese for in-person pandemic precautions; masking is currently optional.

We commit ourselves to ensuring that our place of worship is a safe place where all can feel comfortable and know that they are accepted and loved. In the Episcopal church, everybody doesn't always do things in the same way. But **when you're worshipping God, you can't get it wrong!** If you would like help, ask anyone in the pews around you or speak with Fr. Howie.

Learn More about St. Thomas's

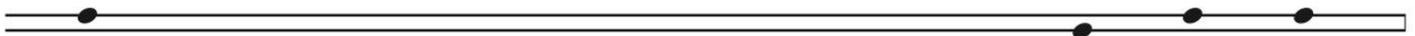
At the end of this booklet, as well as on our website, you will find information about our weekly worship services and about opportunities to learn and grow in the faith through our Christian education programs for all ages. There also you can explore opportunities to join us in service to the Newark community through the Episcopal Campus Ministry and "Blue Hen Bounty" food pantry, through our work in support of the Newark Empowerment Center, through refugee resettlement and other programs of community service.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence is a blessing to us. Fill out a visitor card in your pew and leave it with a clergy person or an usher if you would like to be contacted. We hope to see you again soon!

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Introit

Celebrant



Be - hold, the dwell - ing of God is with cre - a - tion.

People



God will dwell with us and we shall be his peo - ple.

Celebrant



God is with us. Al - le - lu - ia.

People



Come let us a - dore him. Al lu - ia.

At the Procession

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymnal 83

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4. See how the shep - herds, sum - mon'd to his cra - dle,
6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove;
leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry giv'n;

come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
on - ly be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

O come, let us a - dore him O come, let us a - dore him, O

come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

standing
THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Gloria The Collect of Christmas

Gloria in excelsis

S-278

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, — and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. — Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, — we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise — you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, — Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are
seat - ed at the right — hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, —
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly - Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. — A - - - men.

William Mathias

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS
sitting

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Refrain (Initially sung by the Cantors first, they by the Congregation)

Al - - - - le - lu - ia! Al - - - - le - lu - ia!

Verse

- 1 Sing to Lord >> a **new** song; *
sing to the Lord >> **all the** whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and >> **ble**ss his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation >> **from day** to day.
- 3 Declare his glory a->> **mong the** nations, *
and his wonders >> **a-mong** all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly >> **to be** praised, *
he is more to be >> **feared than** all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they >> **are but** idols. *
but it is the Lord >> **who made** the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence >> **of his** presence! *
Oh, the power and the splen->> **dor of** his sanctuary! **Refrain**
- 7 Ascribe to God, you families >> **of the** peoples, *
ascribe to the Lord >> **hon-or** and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor >> **due his** Name; *
bring offerings and come >> **in-to** his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beau->> **ty of** holiness; *
let the whole earth >> **trem-ble** be-fore him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The >> **Lord is** King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved,
and will judge the >> **peo-ples** with equity." **Refrain**
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all >> **that is** in it; *
let the field be joyful and all >> **that is** there-in.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord, >> **when he** comes, *
when he comes >> **to judge** the earth.
- B** 13 He will judge the >> **world with** righteousness, *
and the >> **peo-ples** with truth. **Refrain**

controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**Gradual
Morn**

On This Good Christmas

By Noble
Cain

Laura Czekaj, Helen Spence,
Sopranos
Sally Price, Sheila Sharpe, *Altos*
Jeremy Sites, *Baritone*
Stan Spence, *Bass*

The Gospel
standing

Luke 2:1-20

Deacon The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON
invitation

seated at the preacher's

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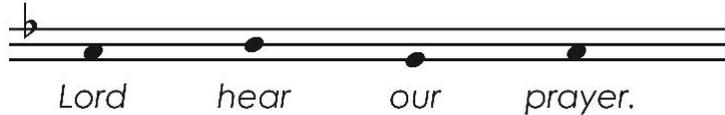
standing

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

In response to each petition, the people sing



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For all the churches and all people of faith, that they may manifest the good news of Jesus in their every word and action, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the governments and leaders of the world, that prophets may be heard and that prisoners of conscience may be freed, and that the resources of the world may be turned to serve the poor and lowly.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who live in the land of Jesus' birth, for the peace of Bethlehem and Jerusalem, Nablus and Tel Aviv, Khan Yunis and Safed, that all may hear the angels' song and be reconciled.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those in jails, in hospitals, in refugee camps, in places ravaged by war, in places forgotten and forsaken, that the new creation we celebrate tonight may heal and free them and all of humanity.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are alone or sick or far from us, and all those who go in harm's way to protect others, that the light coming into the world may shine on them and give them hope.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died, those who have worshiped before us in this place and all those whose memories we carry in our hearts, that they may have rest and joy forever in the presence of God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord of all, hear the prayers of your people and pour out your blessings upon all who call to you. We bow before you in the manger and rejoice to know that you are always among us.

People **Amen.**

Confession of Sin
kneeling

standing or

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE
standing

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY

Our offerings are an act of worship through which we respond with gratitude to God's grace, love, and mercy, putting our trust in the Lord into action. You may place your offering in the plate, or--if you give through the "Giving to St. Thomas's" link on the parish website--you may place an "online giving" card in the plate. With the bread and the wine, these donations are carried to the altar and offered to the Lord on our behalf.

Offertory Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymnal 96

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet-ly through the night,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing the brave de - light.
What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Glo - - - - - ri - a

In ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a In ex - cel - sis De - o.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

standing or kneeling

The Celebrant continues We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People

Acclamation B

S-138

We re - mem - ber his death, we pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, we a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

McNeil Robinson

The Celebrant continues And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior
 Christ has taught us,
 we are bold to say,

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant
People

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on - us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your

peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant

Behold the Lamb of God,
Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world;
Happy are they who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

All

**O Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof,
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

The Communion

All are welcome to come forward up the center aisle to receive from the priest either the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free bread is available; you may request it from the priest when you come to the front of the line. Receiving the wine is optional. To take the wine, drink from the cup or intinct (carefully dip) the bread into the cup. Please use the side aisles to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Hymnal #89

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, that
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come with
3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife the
4. For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by
glo - rious song - of old, from an - gels bend - ing
peace - ful wings - un furled, and still their heav'n - ly
world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heav'n - ly
pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -
near the earth to touch their harps of gold;
mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;
cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

Communion Hymn

"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from
 a - bove its sad - and low - ly plains they
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - grac - cious King." The world in sol - emn
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its
 fid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 cease your strife and hear the an - ges sing!
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Crèche Hymn

Silent Night

Hymnal #111

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light

round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child, Ho - ly in - fant so
glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re -

ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is born! Christ, the Sa - vior is born!
deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

Amen.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

Amen.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

Processing into the community

Joy to the World

Hymnal #100

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re-
2. Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - 'ry heart - pre pare - him -
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings -
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -

room, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains, re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness, and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and hea - ven, and hea - ven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

*A special thank you to everyone who has worked hard for
the success of the events of this season.*

*Merry Christmas and blessings for 2023
from Father Howie, Deacon Shelia, Father Juan,
the staff, Wardens, Vestry, and people of St Thomas's.*



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS

2022

In memory of
Carol Boyd Millinix
From the Doggett Family

In memory of
Sandy Graham
and with thanksgiving for
Sandy, Heather & Katie
From Barbara Graham

In memory of
TroyLee Quinn, Sr.
Ethel Mae Finley Quinn
Ethel Marie Quinn Veal
Doris Jean Quinn
Tommy Lee Quinn
& Clyde London
and with thanksgiving for
Velma & Herman Hodges
Alberteen Sheriff London
Zhalen Bernard Quinn Gray
& Tital Lewis Autry Gray
From Teri & Bernard Gray

In memory of
The Grier & Hammond Family loved ones
From Jo-Ann & George Grier

In memory of
Margaret & Winthrop Reed
Tippy & Caleb Holyoke
From Caleb and Martha Holyoke

In memory of
James W Howse III
From Barbara Howse

With thanksgiving for
Family & friends
From Madeline & Greg Johnson

In memory of
Ann & Robert Kearns
From the Kearns family

With thanksgiving for
Family & friends
Living and dead
whose lives are special to me
From Beryl W King

With Thanksgiving for
Michael, David & Michelle
From Carol Palermo

In memory of
Our parents & grandparents
And with Thanksgiving for
Our children & grandchildren
From Tom and Sally Price

In memory of
Raymond Wallace Gast
& Helen Boddington Gast
Wilmer E & M. Pauline Sharpe
And Garcin S Smith, Jr
from Richard & Sheila Sharpe

In thanksgiving for
46 years of marriage to Stan, 12/28
And for Stan's 67th birthday, 12/31
From Helen Spenc

Worship Opportunities:

- Sundays at 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, in-person and via YouTube
- Sundays at 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, in-person and via YouTube
- Wednesdays at noon - Intercessory Prayer with Holy Communion, in-person
- Thursdays at 7 pm - Compline Evening Prayer, live via Zoom

Christmas Eve:

- 4pm- This will be a fun, shorter, and family friendly service. This is a perfect last-minute wrap up to this Advent season, and a final surge of excitement with joyous caroling for the birth of our Savior!
- 8pm- A traditional, more peaceful and reflective service, with twinkling candlelight and tranquil music.

Christmas Day:

- 10am- This will be a Rite II service with music, however, expect a more quiet, special and serene service as we praise God for the arrival of sweet little baby Jesus.

Growth and Fellowship:

- Sundays at 9:15 am- adult education in the great hall classroom
- Sundays at 10:15 am - Children's Ministries in the Undercroft
- 1st Sunday of the month - Gospel in Spanish
- Last Sunday of the month - Family Church Sunday
- Last Sunday of the month - Coffee and Fellowship between services
- 2nd Sundays at 9:15 am - Novel Theology
- 3rd Monday of the month- Hope Dining Room service
- Tuesdays at 10:00 am - 2 Saints Readers
- Wednesdays at 10:30 am - Lectionary Bible Study

Other Parish Events:

- Saturday, 1/7 at 6pm – Epiphany Potluck Gathering
- Tuesday, 1/10 at 4pm- 2 Saints Readers resumes via Zoom
- Sunday, 1/29 between services – presentation from The Friendship House/Empowerment Centers

If you have anything to add to the [Parish calendar](#) or the [Carpenter's Helper newsletter](#), please email the office at StThomassOffice@googlegroups.com.

To see a full listing of parish worship, events, or news, visit our website:

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December Birthdays

James Law	December 2
Christine Wilbur	December 2
Hanna Grabowski	December 3
Christopher Donnelly	December 11
Edwin Smith	December 14
Keith Flemming	December 15
Robert Tartala	December 16
Eleanor Williams	December 16
Natalie Flemming	December 17
Lucas Quinones	December 17
Tracy Branigan	December 18
Eloise Barrow	December 20
Jennifer Rockhold	December 21
Scott Ennis	December 22
Lucas McGough	December 24
James Wilkins	December 24
Steve McGough	December 27
Amy Wilbur	December 29
Stan Spence	December 31

December Anniversaries

Rob and Cami Seward	December 3
Bob and Vicki Gilley	December 28
Stan and Helen Spence	December 28

Parish Prayer List

Aldeth H	Christine D	Larry
Archer family	Connie L	Liz R
Barry G	D Green	Lynn D
Ben A and family	Daphne D	Marge C
Bernice R	Denise B	Maria P
Blackman family	Dennis R	Marian S & Family
Bob M	Devon MD	Marianne A
Bob P	Diane B	Morgen and family
Bob S	Dona E & family	Nelson M
Bob T	Elmer T	Noah P
Brendan S	Flora R	Pam D
Brighton P	Fred & Lori	Pat & Emmett J
Bryan A	Geoff C	Rick R
Carew family	Giorgio & Family	Ricky G
Carol G	Gwen K	South Family
Carol M	Hank H	Stover B
Carolyn V	Harrison family	Sue N
Cecily SH	Jean & Richard P	Susan & family
Charles B	Jeanne M	Tom P
Charlie & Austin M	Jim T	Vicki G
Chaun	Joan B	Winthrop
Chris E	John D	Witman Family
Christine & Erich	June G	
Christine A & Francis M	Lane Family	

We pray for all who serve our country abroad, in the military,
in embassies, and in non-governmental organizations, especially...

Adam	Charlie K	Kate	Nicholas
Annie R	Christie J	Kathy	Stuart
Ben	James	Kevin	Tina
Bob	Jeremy	Luke	Tyler
Bradley	Joe	Marvin	Victoria
Brett	Josh	Matthew	
Brian	Kagen	Nate	

*To update or add to our parish prayer list,
please contact the office or speak with Fr Howie directly.
Please include a last name initial, and let us know if your loved one would like
to be contacted by our pastoral care ministry or have a visit from a priest.*

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Treasurer: Amy Keach

People's Warden: Philippa Sunnergren
Clerk of the Vestry: Mike Grabowski

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Jill Englund Jensen
Madeline Johnson
Kristin Sausville

Class of 2024

Larry Duggan
Cami Seward
Philippa Sunnergren

Class of 2025

Joan Bennett
Marilyn Prime
Mike Grabowski

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