



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 worshiping God**, **you can't get it wrong!** If you would like help, ask anyone in the pews around you or speak with Fr. Howie.

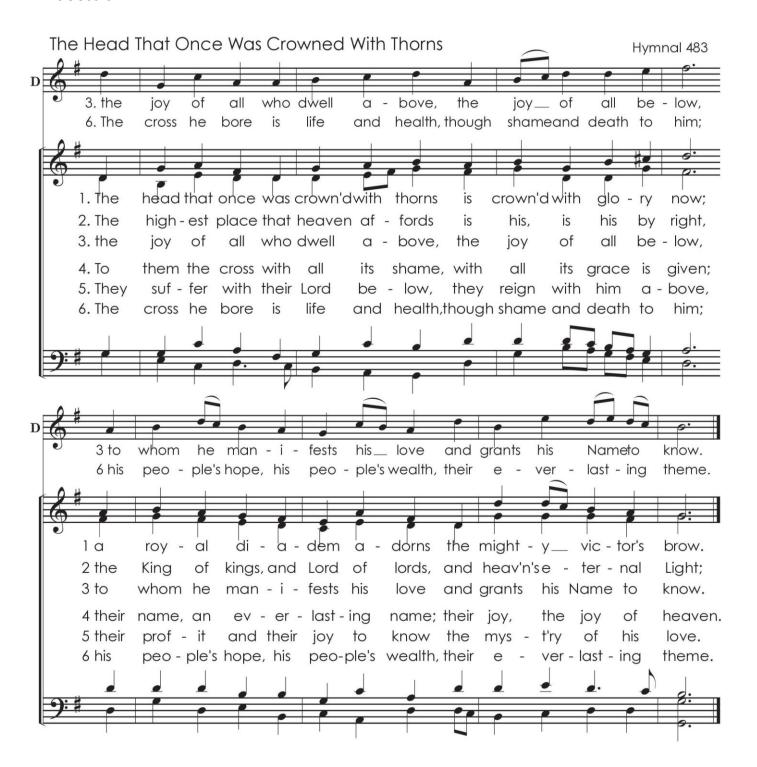
Learn More about St. Thomas's

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 clergyperson or an usher if you would like to be contacted. We hope to see you again soon!

Prelude

Procession



THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant

People

Celebrant

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

First Lesson Acts 1:6-14

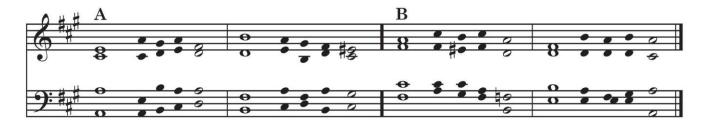
When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Exsurgat Deus



- 1 Let God arise, and let his en->> e-mies be scattered; * let those who hate >> him flee be-fore him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind >> drives it a-way; * as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the >> pres-ence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and re>> joice **be**-fore God; * let them also be >> mer-**ry** and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides >> u-pon the heavens; * YAHWEH is his Name, >> re-joice be-fore him!
- 5 Father of orphans, de->> fend-**er** of widows, *
 God in his ho->> ly **hab**-i-tation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home, and brings forth prison->> ers in-to freedom,* but the rebels shall >> live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth >> be-fore your people, * when you >> marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, >> the God of Sinai, * at the presence of God, >> the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain O God, u->> pon your in-heritance;* you refreshed the land >> when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found >> their **home** in it; * in your goodness O God, you have made provis->> ion **for** the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O king->> doms **of** the earth; * sing prais->> es **to** the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, >> the **an**-cient heavens, * he sends forth his voice, >> his **might**-y voice.
- 35 Ascribe >> pow-er to God, *

his majesty is over Israel, his strength >> is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in >> his **ho**-ly places; *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to the people!
>>Bles-**sed** be God!

Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel John 17:1-11 standing

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

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation and examination of the candidate

Celebrant	The Candidate for Hol	v Baptism will nov	w be presented.

Parents &

Godparents I present Riley to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up

in the Christian faith and life?

Parents &

Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full

stature of Christ?

Parents &

Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that

rebel against God?

Parents &

Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy

the creatures of God?

Parents &

Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents &

Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents &

Godparents I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents &

Godparents I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents &

Godparents I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this

child in her life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ

and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking

of the bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent

and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of

God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving

your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all

people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the

Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death

of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his

resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who

lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Baptism

Celebrant

Riley, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Riley, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ

crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal

priesthood.

THE PEACE

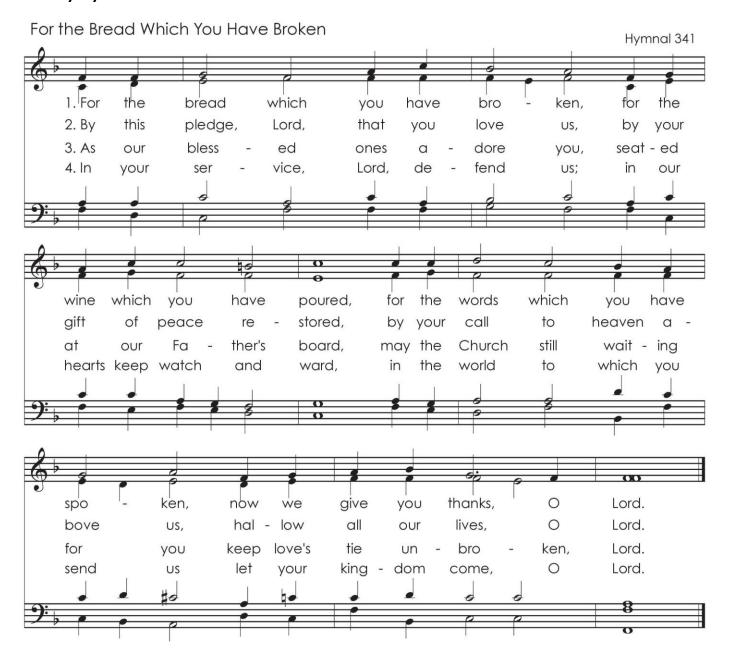
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

OFFERTORY

Our offerings are an act of worship through which we can respond in gratitude to God's grace, love, and mercy, putting our faith and trust in the Lord into action. At this time, we are not "passing the basket" but instead have a basket in the back of the sanctuary by the ushers. You may place your offering in the basket, or you may follow the "Giving to St. Thomas's" link on the parish website: StThomasNewarkDE.church.

Offertory Hymn



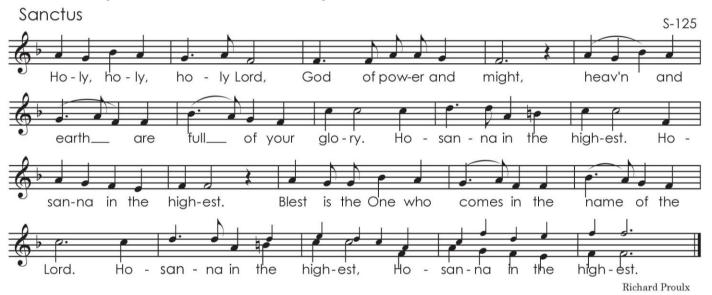
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you. Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise. People

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. [Proper Preface] 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:



The people stand or kneel.

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.

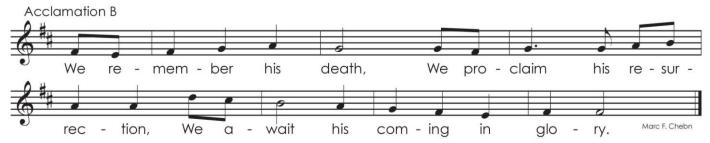
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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



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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem



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.

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 it 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

THE COMMUNION

-silent prayer-

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

ΑII

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.

Announcements
Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. Amen.

At the Procession



Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

The altar flowers this week are given by
The Carew Family with thanksgiving for
Cristian Carew's 6th birthday

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

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
- 2nd Sundays at 9:15 am Novel Theology in the parlor and via Zoom
- Last Sunday of the month Family Church Sunday
- Last Sunday of the month Coffee and Fellowship between services
- 3rd Monday of the month- Hope Dining Room service
- Wednesdays at 10:30 am Lectionary Bible Study

Other Parish Events:

- TODAY WELCOMING our Curate, Fr Clay Brown!!! Special Coffee Hour
- 5/28 Family Church Sunday
- 6/10 DE Pride Festival in Dover
- 9/9 St Thomas's Health Fair
- 9/17 Newark Community Day, we will have a booth

If you have anything to add to the <u>Parish calendar</u> or the <u>Carpenter's Helper newsletter</u>, please email the office at StThomassOffice@googlegroups.com.

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

May Birthdays

May 10
May 13
May 14
May 18
May 19
May 19
May 21
May 22
May 23
May 24
May 25
May 30
May 30

May Anniversaries

Terrance & Shonette Carew	May 15
Peter & Ronnie Wilbur	May 15
James & Leslie Sloan	May 17
Tom & Sally Price	May 31

Parish Prayer List

Archer family
Austin M & Krissy V
Barry G
Bernice R
Betty H

Blackman family Bob M

Bob P
Bob S
Bob T
Brendan S
Brighton P
Carew family
Carol G

Carol M Carolyn V Cecily SH Charles B

Charlie M & Ellen S Chaun Chris E Chris G

Christine & Erich
Christine A & Francis M

Christine D Chuck & Paula R

Connie L Court W D Green
Daphne D
Denise B
Dennis R
Devon MD
Eley family
Elmer T

Flora R
Francis family
Frank W
Fred & Lori
Geoff C
George H
Giorgio & family

Harrison family
Jean & Richard P
Jeanne M

Jim T
John D
Jonny K
Judy B
June G
Kathryn D
Kelly K
Lane family

Larry Liz R Lorraine CS Lynn D Marge C Maria P

Marian S & family Marianne A Mary T Michael C

Morgen and family Mullens family Nancy G Noah P Pam D

Pat & Emmett J

Rick R
Ricky G
Shannan D
Sharon O
Sophie A
South family
Stephen M
Stover B
Susan & family

Tom H Tom P Vicki G

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

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

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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