





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!



THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

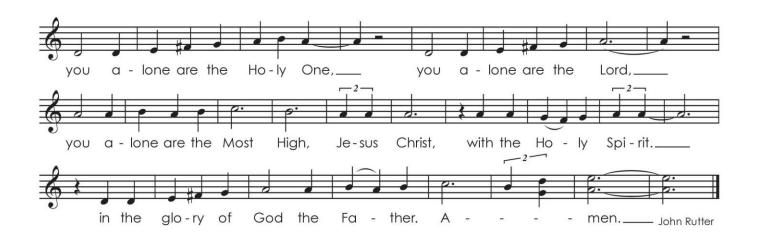
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Gloria





Collect

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS seated

First Lesson Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,

judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured:

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste;

it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;

righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Qui regis Israel



- 7 Restore us >> O **God** of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance,
 and >> we **shall** be saved.
- 8 You have brought a >> vine **out** of Egypt: * you cast out the >> na-**tions** and planted it.
- 9 You >> pre-pared the ground for it; *
 it took root >> and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were cov->> ered **by** its shadow * and the towering cedar >> trees **by** its boughs.
- B 11 You stretched out its ten->> drils to the Sea * and its branch->> es to the River.
- 12 Why have you bro->> ken **down** its wall, *
 so that all who pass by >> pluck **off** its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the >> for-est has ravaged it, * and the beasts of the field >> have grazed u-pon it.
- B 14 Turn now O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold >> and **tend** this vine; * preserve what your >> right **hand** has planted.

Epistle Lesson

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Anthem

Lauda Anima Mark Andrews

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Father-like He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows; In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes. *Refrain*.

Angels in the height adore Him! Ye behold Him face to face; Saints triumphant bow before Him! Gathered in from ev'ry race. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace. Amen. Deacon The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

seated at the preacher's invitation

THE NICENE CREED 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 human. 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.

Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who 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.

With faith and confidence, let us pray to the Lord.

I ask your prayers for faithful people around the world. May their work for the Kingdom of God yield abundantly.

Lord of every blessing, hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for the bishops and others who lead Christian communities around the world, especially the Archbishop of Canterbury, our Presiding Bishop, and our Bishop. May they nourish us with the riches of the Gospel.

Lord of every blessing, hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for the leaders of the nations, especially our President, our Governor, and our Mayor. May they lead us with courage and humility.

Lord of every blessing, hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for all who serve in the armed forces, all who go in harm's way to protect others, and all who carry the scars of their service. We remember especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.

Lord of every blessing, hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for our neighbors. May they experience in us the love of God and may we see in them the image of Christ.

Lord of every blessing, hear our prayer.

I ask for your prayers for all our partners in mission, especially for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East, and for Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders, The Diaconate Ministry, and the members of the Commission on Ministry.

Lord of every blessing, hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for a fruitful end of the agricultural season. May we have all that we need and may we be good stewards of all that we have been given.

Lord of every blessing, hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts. May they be strengthened and restored, and may we be ready always to heal even as we are healed.

Lord of every blessing, hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for all who have died, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord of every blessing, hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,

guide us in this world, sustain us in the world to come, and accept these prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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—you can give electronically though our website (QR code on the back of this booklet) and 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



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. Celebrant 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. 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. [*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.



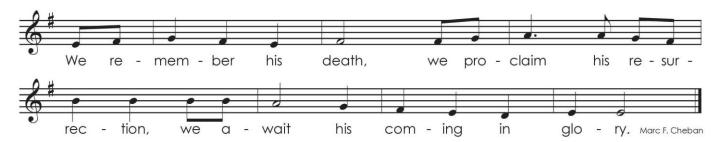
The Celebrant continues We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him 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,

ΑII

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.

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



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

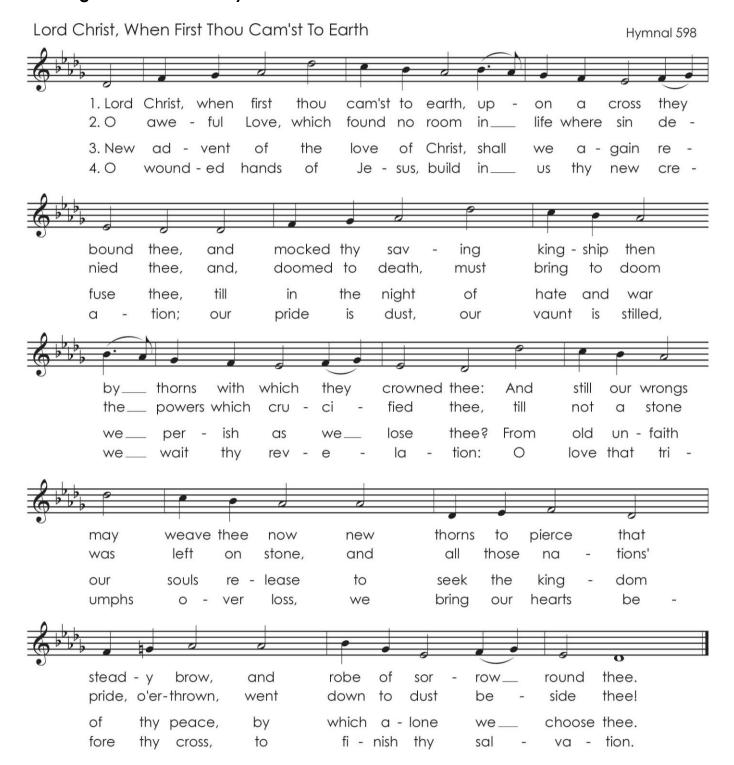
Stepping Up Together

Almighty God, you bless all our works that begin, continue, and end in you; and you inspire in your people a love for your house: sustain us as we work for the repair of our church building and remind us that we have and hold everything for your glory alone, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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.

Processing into the community



Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please take this service booklet home with you, and mark your calendar with upcoming events. These dates are also noted on our parish calendar, found in the emailed weekly newsletter "The Carpenter's Helper" as well as through on our website. If you choose to leave this service booklet, please know that it will be recycled as part of our commitment to care for creation.

TODAY at 2pm, please join us for St Thomas' annual Blessing of the Animals

ALL God's Creatures are invited: please bring your companion on a leash or in a carrier. If your wild one does not travel well, you are welcome to join in the blessing and carry it home with you.

vendors - sheep and horses - giveaways

We look forward to seeing you.

And your pet!







Parish Calendar

Monday, 10/9

- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (U) Private Meeting, 6-7:30pm
- (G) Scottish Dancing, 7-9:30pm

Tuesday, 10/10

- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (G) Private Meeting, 4:30-6pm
- (G) Ballroom Dancing, 6-10pm
- (U) Private Meeting, 6:30-7:30
- (U) AA group, 8-9:30pm

Wednesday, 10/11

- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (C) Lectionary Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am
- Service of Intercessory Prayer, 12-1pm

Thursday, 10/12

- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (U) Private Meeting, 6-9pm
- (Z) Compline Evening Prayer, 7-7:30pm
- (G/Gr) Bluegrass Jam, 7:15-10pm

Friday, 10/13

- (P) Al-Anon, 11:30am-1:30pm
- (P) Women's AA Group, 6:30-7:30pm

Saturday, 10/14

No current reservations

Sunday, 10/15

- Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, 8-8:45am
- (C) Novel Theology, 9:15-10:15am
- (U) Children and Youth Sunday School, 10am
- Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, 10:30-11:45am
- (C) Adult Ed "Incarceration Reform", 11:45-1pm
- (G) Private Meeting, 3-6pm
- (G) Ballroom Dancing, 6-10pm

Location key:

- (C) Classroom off the Great Hall
- (G) Great Hall
- (Gr) Grove
- (K) Kitchen
- (M) Music Room
- (P) Parlor
- (S) Sanctuary
- (U) Undercroft
- (Z) Zoom

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:

- Scheduled Sundays at 9:15 am- adult education in the great hall classroom
 - Check our parish calendar for a complete listing
- Sundays at 10:15 am Children's Ministries in the Undercroft
- 3rd 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

Upcoming Parish Events:

- 10/8 Blessing of the Animals
- 10/31 candles in the cemetery
- 11/4 All Souls special service

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 <u>StThomassOffice@googlegroups.com</u>.

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

Parish Prayer List

Archer family Christine D Austin M & Krissy V Chuck & Paula R Barry G Connie C Bernice R Connie L Court W Betty H Blackman family D Green Bob M Daphne D Bob P Denise B Bob S Dennis R Bob T Devon MD Brendan S Elaine W Brighton P Eley family Carew family Elmer T Carol G Erin & family Carol M Flora R Carolyn V Frank W

Cecily SH Fred & Lori Charles B Geoff C Charlie M & Ellen S George H Chaun Giorgio & family Harrison family Chris C Janice F Chris E Chris G Jean & Richard P Christine & Erich Jeanne M Christine A & Jim T Francis M John D

Jonny K Judy B June G Karen R Kathryn D Kelly K Krista B Lane family Larry Liz R Loretta M Lorraine CS Lynn D Mara Marge C Maria P Marian S & family Marianne A Marilyn B Mary T Mary Ellen H Maryanne & Bob Matt S

Mike G Morgen and family Mullens family Nancy G Nicholas M Pam D Pat & Emmett J Paula B Richardson family Rick R Ricky G Shannan D Shannon Sharon O Sondra B Sophie A South family Stephen M Stover B Susan & family Terri B

Tom H

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Vicki G

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

Michael C

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

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.

October Birthdays

Madison Ballard	October 2
Michael Grabowski	October 3
Teresa Doggett	October 4
Sharon South	October 5
Susan Fletcher	October 7
Shawna Corsello	October 9
Kate Donnelly	October 12
Kelly Vickers	October 10
Katie Price	October 14
Elenore Twardus	October 16
Joseph Tompkins	October 21
Joshua Payne	October 26
Richard Fincher	October 26
Judith Fincher	October 26
Marjorie Cann	October 28
Bob Gilley	October 28
Matthew Handling	October 29
Joshua Grieten	October 30

October Anniversaries

Edward and Krista Murray	October 2
Michael and Sarah Picollelli	October 10
Joseph and Lisa Swain	October 10
Duncan and Velda Pike	October 12
David and Susan Fletcher	October 19
George and Jo-Ann Grier	October 23
Rick and Donna Rotandi	October 26
Wayne and Donna Weaver	October 27
Dennis and Jinglan Redder	October 31





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