





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.

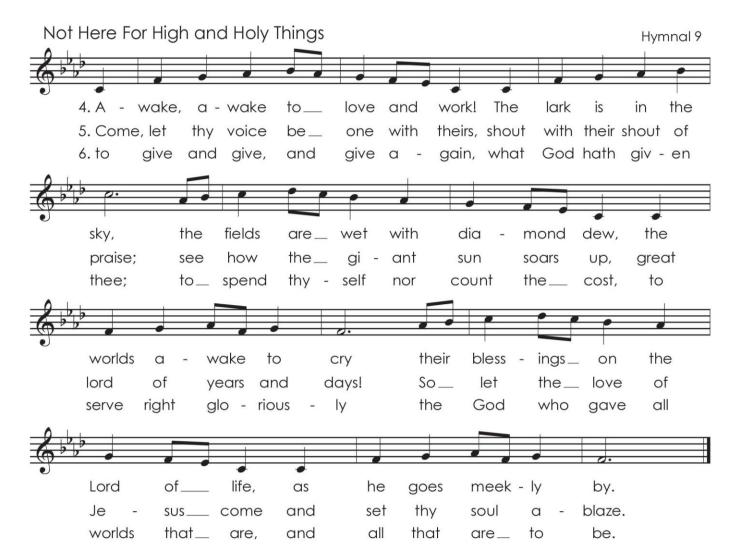
We commit ourselves to ensuring that our place of worship is a safe place where all can feel comfortable and know that they are accepted and loved. In the Episcopal church, everybody doesn't always do things in the same way. But **when you're worshiping God**, **you can't get it wrong!** If you would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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN standing



#### 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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

THE LESSONS seated

**First Lesson** Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;

the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,

he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,

and I will punish the people

who rest complacently on their dregs,

those who say in their hearts,

"The LORD will not do good,

nor will he do harm."

Their wealth shall be plundered,

and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,

they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards,

they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the LORD is near,

near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,

the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,

a day of distress and anguish,

a day of ruin and devastation,

a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness.

a day of trumpet blast and battle cry

against the fortified cities

and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 90:1-12

## Domine, refugium



- 1 Lord, you >> have been our refuge \* from one genera->> tion to a-nother.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and >> the earth were born, \* from age to >> age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to >> the **dust** and say, \*
  "Go back, >> O **child** of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday >> when it is past \* and like a >> watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us a->> way **like** a dream; \* we fade away sudden->> ly **like** the grass.
- 6 In the morning it >> is **green** and flourishes; \* in the evening it is >> dried **up** and withered.
- 7 For we consume away >> in **your** dis-pleasure; \* we are afraid because of your wrath->> ful **in**-dig-nation.
- 8 Our iniquities you >> have **set** be-fore you \* and our secret sins in the >> light **of** your countenance.
- B 12 So teach us to >> num-ber our days \* that we may apply >> our hearts to wisdom.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.""

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 City Council. 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 Church of the Province of Myanmar, and for St. Stephen's Church, Harrington.

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**



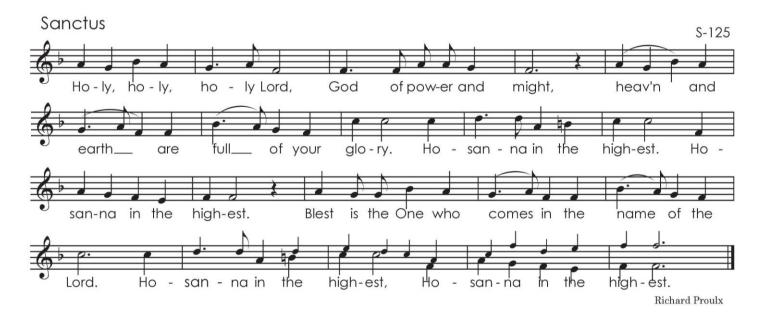
#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

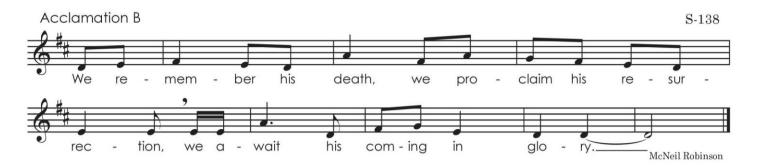
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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,

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,

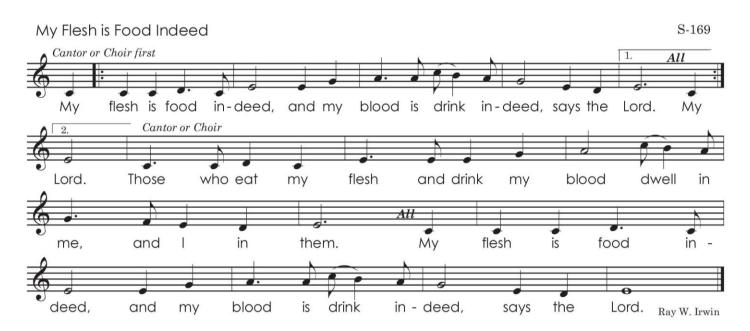
and the power, and the glory,

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.



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.

## Processing into the community



#### Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

### **Postlude**

The altar flowers today
are given by
Zhalen, Teri and Bernard Gray
in thanksgiving for
mother and Nana, Velma Quinn Hodges,
on her birthday (Nov 17th)

and lovingly arranged by Susan Hechter

**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.

### **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
  - o Check our parish calendar for a complete listing
- Sundays at 10:00 am Children's Ministries in the Undercroft
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month-Hope Dining Room service
- Wednesdays at 10:30 am Lectionary Bible Study

#### **Upcoming Parish Events:**

- 12/10, noon-1pm-Incarceration Reform presentation, lunch provided
- 12/13, noon-2pm- St John's Bible presentation and training, lunch provided
- 12/21, 6-8pm- ALL are Welcome to learn about and celebrate St Thomas' ties to Indian culture
- 12/17, beginning at noon
  - LIVE animal nativity
  - Full faith family cookie exchange
  - o 1-2pm Children and Youth Christmas Party

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

## **Parish Calendar**

## Monday, 11/20

- (U) Private Meeting, 6-7:30pm
- (G) Scottish Dancing, 7-9:30pm

## Tuesday, 11/21

- (G) Private Meeting, 4:30-6pm
- (G) Ballroom Dancing, 6-10pm
- (U) Private Meeting, 6-8:30pm
- (U) AA group, 8-9:30pm

## Wednesday, 11/22

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

## **Thursday**, 11/23

- Thanksgiving Day
- (Z) Compline Evening Prayer, 7-7:30pm

## Friday, 11/24

- Native American Heritage Day
- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (P) Al-Anon, 11:30am-1:30pm
- (P) Women's AA Group, 6:30-7:30pm

#### Saturday, 11/25

No current reservations

## Sunday, 11/26

- Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, 8-8:45am
- Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, 10:30-11:45am
- (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

# Parish Prayer List

Archer family Chuck & Paula R Austin M & Krissy V Connie L Barry G Court W Bernice R D Green Betty H Dana Blackman family Daphne D Bob M Darren M 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 Freddie B
Charlie H Geoff C
Charlie M & Ellen S George H
Chaun Gina H
Chris C Giorgio & f

Chris E Ho
Chris G Ja
Christine & Erich Je

Christine A & Francis Christine D ck & Paula R John D

nie L Jonny K

t W Judy B

een June G

Karen R

hne D Kathryn D

en M Kelly K

se B Krista B

Lane family

bon MD Larry

E W Liz R

amily Loretta M

Lorraine CS

family Lynn D

R Mara, Mike,
W & Martha K

& Lori Marge C

die B Margy H

Maria P

Gina H Marianne A
Giorgio & family Marilyn B
Harrison family Mary T
Janice F Mary Ellen H
Jean & Richard P Maryanne & Bob

Jeanne M Matt S
Jim T Michael C

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
Thomas M
Tom H
Tom P
Vicki G
Walelgne

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

Adam Christie J Annie R Duncan P Grace H Ben Bob James Bradley Jeremy Brett Joe Brian Josh Charlie K Kagen

Kate
Kathy
Kevin
Luke
Marvin
Matthew
Nate
Nicholas

Marian S & family

Stacy Stuart Tina Tyler Victoria

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.

## **November Birthdays**

Laurie Campbell November 3 November 3 D'Aesha Hamilton Barbara Buckingham November 4 November 6 Vicki Gilley Philip Greene, IV November 6 November 6 Jacob South Lisa Fincher November 6 David Fletcher November 8 Annemarie Wenz November 9 Cami Seward November 9 Sean Swain November 12 Erich Hinde November 14 November 15 **Barry Gregg** Nancy Rich November 15 Cana Hartman November 18 Marge O'Donnell November 21 November 21 Mike Houghton November 22 Barbara Howse Kendrick Mathias November 22 Shonette Carew November 24 Russ Bohner November 25 Nicole Cebula November 25 Albert Haske November 28 November 29 Andrea Wilkins **Brooke Greene** November 30

## **November Anniversaries**

Dan and Jeanne Moore November 6
Stover Babcock and Jane Fox-Babcock November 21





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Sally Price
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