

The background of the entire image is a dense, intricate embroidery in shades of blue and teal on a light cream-colored fabric. The design features large, stylized flowers with prominent centers, surrounded by scrolling vines, leaves, and smaller buds. The embroidery has a visible texture, with different stitch directions creating depth and shadow.

December 3rd, 2023

**1ST SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

**8 am**

RITE I, traditional wording



Today, the first Sunday of Advent, is the first Sunday of the Church's year.

And with a new year comes a new theme for the bulletin covers.

This year, the pictures on the covers of the bulletins will all be on the theme of embroidery. The queen of the sewing arts, embroidery takes an ordinary piece of fabric and turns it into an object of extraordinary beauty. That seems like a good metaphor for the action of the Holy Spirit in each of our lives.

So enjoy this year of pictures, and may you see  
God stitching away in your soul also!

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

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## The Great Litany

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses  
of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins.  
Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast  
redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy  
preserve us, for ever.  
*Spare us, good Lord.*

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts  
and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory,  
and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want  
of charity,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the  
deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness  
of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and  
flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from  
violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and  
unprepared,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity  
and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and  
Temptation,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion;  
by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection  
and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in  
the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that  
it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church  
Universal in the right way,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and  
deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy  
Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may  
set it forth, and show it accordingly,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy  
harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace  
to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of  
the Spirit,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such  
as have erred, and are deceived,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear  
thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants,  
the President of the United States, and all  
others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy,  
and walk in the ways of truth,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world;  
to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to  
bestow freedom upon all peoples,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners  
and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are  
desolate and oppressed,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the  
bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy  
them,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings,  
to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of  
heart as thy servants, and for the common good,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by  
reason of their labor or their travel,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all  
women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the  
widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all  
who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy  
presence those who are failing and infirm,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who  
are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive  
us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue  
us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives  
according to thy holy Word,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors,  
and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to  
comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who  
fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed  
eternal life and peace,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of  
Thomas and all the saints, we may attain to thy  
heavenly kingdom,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.  
*Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*Grant us thy peace.*

O Christ, hear us.  
*O Christ, hear us.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*standing*

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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*seated*

**First Lesson**      Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil--  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.



We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

*Qui regis Israel*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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 Mark.

**People Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory.  
Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the  
ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts  
forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things  
taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this  
generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and  
earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son,  
but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will  
come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves  
in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.  
Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will  
come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may  
find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep  
awake."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

*seated at the preacher's invitation*

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant*  
**People**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**



## HOLY EUCHARIST

### 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 through 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

Rejoice! Rejoice Believers

Hymnal 68

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Re - joice!, Re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
2. See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple - nish them with oil;  
3. Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
a - rise, thou Sun so longed - for, a - boye this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! At mid - night comes the cry.  
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ey - er be with thee!

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
**People**        **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.  
**People**        **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
**People**        **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. [Proper Preface] Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**  
**Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.**  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues...* All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

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

**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.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**grant us thy peace.**

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*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.

**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.

**All**                **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries**

## THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

## Processing into the community

### Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor

Hymnal 596

1. Judge e - ter - nal, throned in\_\_ splen - dor, Lord of lords and  
2. Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that  
3. Crown, O\_\_ God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy\_\_ liv - ing fire of\_\_ judg - ment  
brings re - lease, and the\_\_ ci - ty's crowd - ed\_\_ clang - or  
with thy sword; feed all\_\_ those who do not\_\_ know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace\_\_ all its  
cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the\_\_ home - steads  
with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the\_\_ bo - dy

wide dom - in - ion with the\_\_ heal - ing of thy wings.  
and the wood - lands plead in\_\_ si - lence for their peace.  
of this na - tion through the\_\_ glo - ry of the Lord.

## Dismissal

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



## Parish Calendar

### **Monday, 12/4**

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

### **Tuesday, 12/5**

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

### **Wednesday, 12/6**

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

### **Thursday, 12/7**

- (U) private meeting, 6-9pm
- (Z) Compline Evening Prayer, 7-7:30pm

### **Friday, 12/8**

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

### **Saturday, 12/9**

- No current reservations

### **Sunday, 12/10**

- Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, 8-8:45am
- Sunday School, 10:15am
- Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, 10:30-11:45am
- **(G) Incarceration Reform presentation,** noon. Light lunch provided.
- (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



**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
  - Check our parish calendar for a complete listing
- Sundays at 10:15 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
  - 1-2pm Children and Youth Christmas Party

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

To see a full listing of parish worship, events, or news, visit our website:  
[www.StThomasNewarkDE.church](http://www.StThomasNewarkDE.church)

### **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 & Cami Seward	December 3
Bob & Vicki Gilley	December 28
Stan & Helen Spence	December 28

## Parish Prayer List

Archer family	Chuck & Paula R	John D	Morgen and family
Austin M & Krissy V	Connie L	Jonny K	Mullens family
Barry G	Court W	Judy B	Nancy G
Bernice R	D Green	June G	Pam D
Betty H	Dana	Karen R	Pat & Emmett J
Blackman family	Daphne D	Kathryn D	Paula B
Bob M	Darren M	Kay	Richardson family
Bob P	Denise B	Kelly K	Rick R
Bob S	Dennis R	Krista B	Ricky G
Bob T	Devon MD	Lane family	Shannan D
Brendan S	Elaine W	Larry	Shannon
Brighton P	Eley family	Liz R	Sharon O
Carew family	Elmer T	Lorraine CS	Sondra B
Carol G	Erin & family	Lynn D	Sophie A
Carol M	Flora R	Mara, Mike,	South family
Carolyn V	Frank W	& Martha K	Stephen M
Cecily SH	Fred & Lori	Marge C	Stover B
Charles B	Freddie B	Margy H	Susan & family
Charlie H	Geoff C	Maria P	Terri B
Charlie M & Ellen S	George H	Marian S & family	Thomas M
Chaun	Gina H	Marianne A	Tom H
Chris C	Giorgio & family	Mary T	Tom P
Chris E	Harrison family	Mary Ellen H	Vicki G
Chris G	Janice F	Maryanne & Bob	Walelgne
Christine & Erich	Jean & Richard P	Matt S	
Christine A & Francis	Jeanne M	Michael C	
Christine D	Jim T	Mike G	

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

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

*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

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Clerk of the Vestry: Sally Price

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Cami Seward  
Philippa Sunnergren

Class of 2025  
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Mike Grabowski  
Marilyn Prime

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