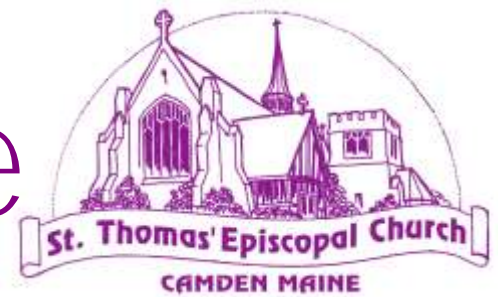


# Chapter & Verse



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## Music Program Extends Outreach

This past Lent marked the ninth season for St. Thomas' Noon Music in Lent program which is both a source of entertainment and a venue for outreach. Together, all the performers raised a total of \$1,165! Each performer generously donates his or her performance time, practice time, and talent for the half-hour program each has prepared. Each performer also designates which local charity is the recipient of the free-will offering from that performance. This year's charities were: Knox County Homeless Coalition; Kno-Wal-Lin Home Care; New Hope for Women; Help Heat Homes (managed by Penquis); and Camden Area Christian Food Pantry.

Many thanks to the performers: Douglas Beck, organ; Millie Crocker, harp; Howard Walen, organ; Nancy Riesgo and Paulette Ulmschneider, voice; Michelle Terry, dulcimer; Loren Kitt, clarinet; Kathryn DerMarderosian, voice and Janet Shea, poet.

It takes a parish to make this all happen. Hearty thanks to Karen Laite, soup lunch organizer extraordinaire, soup makers Sydney Hall, JoAnne Ryan, Pat Ayers, Donovan Bowley, Rosalee Glass and Bonnie and Paul Actherhof, who did double-duty! Thank you as well to all the elves who came in to either set-up, serve, clean-up or pro-

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## From The Priest in Charge

### Greetings St. Thomas family and Friends,

I am so glad to be serving among you. Thank you to the wardens and vestry for calling me to be your Transitional Priest in Charge. I will be with you until the new Rector begins.

As you probably know, I live in Boothbay Harbor, only about an hour away. One of my favorite pastimes is gardening, and I look forward to spring finally arriving (well, "mud season" really, or "black fly season" if you are from Maine.)

Thankfully I was able to be with you for Holy Week and Easter. I want to give a special thank you to everyone who made this holy season so special for me and for others. Often I take the dried remains of the Easter plants home with me instead of throwing them out. They go into a long garden that runs along a stone wall to the water. Each year, at this time as they poke their little green shoots up I think of all the Easters in all the parishes I have served. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the newness of Life in Christ Jesus.

This summer, as we walk our way through that long green season of "Ordinary Time" after Pentecost, we will hear those wonderful parables about seeds and growing; planting, pruning and bearing fruit that Jesus loves to tell to explain the Kingdom of God. I am sure that there are



many gardeners among us and I look forward to meeting you all.

We here at St. Thomas' are in a season of planting and sowing too. As we fill out parish surveys and join cottage meetings to help the Discernment Committee prepare the Parish Profile for the Search Process, I look

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forward to hearing about your hopes and dreams for St. Thomas.

It is an honor to be called back to Maine to serve and it is a joy to learn about Camden with its beauty of harbor and hills.

I am in the Office Wednesdays and Fridays and of course here Sundays. If you would like to come by, please call the office so we can schedule an appointment.

Easter Blessings from all of us at St. Thomas to all of you,

Suzanne +



*On Easter Sunday, Suzanne performed the baptism of Mia Margaret Sigworth.*

## The daughter of artists, she became a priest

The Rev. Suzanne F. Colburn hails from New York City and is the eldest daughter of Edna Eicke and Tom Funk, both *New Yorker* magazine artists.

**Following in her parents' footsteps**, after high school Suzanne attended Parsons School of Design in New York and majored in Fashion Illustration.

After a brief career as an illustrator, Suzanne turned her energies to civil rights work. She later moved to Boston and worked at Bache & Co.

Suzanne then attended Bowdoin College, graduating Summa Cum Laude with an AB in Religion and receiving a full first year scholarship to Harvard Divinity School. Suzanne completed her Master of Theological Studies at Harvard in 1990 and her Masters in Divinity at The Episcopal Divinity School in 1996, after which she was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate in 1997 and to the Priesthood in 1998.

**Suzanne's ministerial career** has been exciting, diverse and wonderful. She was Associate Rector at Emmanuel

Church in Boston in 1998 and was appointed Dean of the Boston Harbor Deanery by Bishop Shaw. In 2004 Suzanne was called to Maine to serve as Priest-in-Charge of two small parishes—one a brand new mission in Boothbay Harbor and the other a small struggling mill town parish in Biddeford.

Returning to Massachusetts in 2009, Suzanne trained in Interim Ministry and served **St. John's in Beverly Farms**, Parish of the Messiah in Auburndale, Christ Church in Needham and most recently **St. Paul's in Lynnfield, MA**.

During her ministry Suzanne has been a member of the Congregational **Consultant Network and Bishop's Search Committee** in The Diocese of Maine, the Diocesan Council, the Steering Committee for Convention and the Chair of the Committee on the Dispatch of Business for the Diocese of Massachusetts.

Suzanne has served on several boards including Maine Hospice Council, Seeds of Hope, a Jubilee Center in **Maine and Safe Haven, a women's shel-**

ter created during her time at Emmanuel in Boston. Suzanne's Continuing **Education includes Episcopal Women's Leadership Conference**, Spanish I, workshops on Change and Transition, Appreciate Inquiry and Safe Church Training.

When Suzanne is not serving in ministry, she is often on a plane bound for England where her sister and husband live. Suzanne loves traveling, walking, gardening, being in New York City, being with family and friends and trying to stay current with national and global news and events. Suzanne has two young adult children, Robert and Sarah.

One of her personal goals is to walk the El Camino de Santiago, a 500-mile pilgrimage known as The Way of **St. James. The "El Camino" has been** walked since 800 A.D.

Suzanne is thrilled to be at St. **Thomas' and is looking forward to a** creative and productive time in the life of the parish.

# Around the Parish



The Altar Guild held a dinner in mid-March to socialize and get organized for Holy Week. Ruth Tolman created a beautiful centerpiece for the table.



On Maundy Thursday a special dinner and Eucharist were held in the Parish Hall with readings during the dinner from Exodus, 1 Corinthians and John. The choir, below, sang a hymn and afterwards the assembled group moved into the church for the stripping of the altar.



Our Wednesday Eucharist and Healing Service has returned with a Coffee Hour and lively Bible study following. Above, Jacqueline Recht, Tiffany Andrews and Rev. Suzanne Colburn.





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vide bread or fruit: JoAnne and Bert Ryan, Francina Bardsley, Rosalee Glass, Pat Ayers, Pam Bardon, Marilyn Smith, Joan Bennett, Jacqueline Recht, Anne Ayers, Abby Pettee, Jan Gilley and Tiffany Andrews. Thank you Francina for the lovely pots of pink cyclamen for the tables.

Attendance has grown each year for both the half hour performance in the church as well as the soup lunch. After two weeks we moved the luncheon into the Parish Hall, having outgrown the Sun Room. Many of the folks who come week after week, year after year are from the broader community. Noon Music in Lent has truly evolved into a community outreach in terms of those drawn to the program, those who come back for the soup and fellowship afterwards and the charities which benefit from the free-will offerings. St. Thomas' has struck a chord with the community by providing a Sabbathtime reflection on the six Fridays in Lent at that sacred time, noon. It is so well defined in *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 138, the Collect for Devotions at Noon:

*Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross,  
Stretching out your loving arms:  
Grant that all the peoples of the earth  
may look to you and be saved;  
For your mercies' sake. Amen.*

—Jane Schroeder, Minister of Music



*Above, clockwise from upper left, Paulette Ulmschneider and Nancy Riesgo, Loren Kitt on Clarinet, Millie Crocker and her harp; Kathryn DerMarderosian, JoAnne Ryan and Rosalee Glass and Sydney Hall in the kitchen.*

# The Meaning of Ministry

Here at St Thomas we have a vision; one of service, of doing for one another and for the community. Contained within that vision are the tasks of the Ministries of our congregation. Ministry is an act performed in Jesus' name, something Christ does in us, through us, and with us. God calls us all to be active participants in the whole ministry of the church. 1 Peter 4:10 tells us "each one should use whatever gifts they have to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." Beginning in May, we will be celebrating our ministries by exploring their vision and tasks. We invite the congregation to share

### Ministry Moments

On five Sundays we will explore the various ministries at St. Thomas, culminating with a Celebration of Ministries on Sunday, June 26

May 22 .....	Choir
May 29 .....	Outreach
June 5 .....	Stewardship
June 12 .....	Sunday School and Picnic
June 19 .....	Altar and Flower Guilds
June 26 .....	Celebration of Ministries

thoughts on innovating and creating new, or ways to see differently things we are already doing.

A vision without a task is a dream.

A task without a vision is a drudgery. A vision and a task is the hope of the world.

—JoAnne Ryan

## Save the Steeple Sunday

Sunday May 8 is **Mother's Day**. At St. Thomas' it will also be **"Save the Steeple Sunday."** St. Thomas' does not have a steeple, but our neighbor two doors away does have one and it needs help from the community. The landmark steeple of the 177-year old Chestnut Street Baptist Church has been home to the Camden town clock



since 1868. Despite work on it a generation ago, it is structurally unsound and needs renovations to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Our neighbor needs help and it is **"meet and right so to do."**

In the words of our own Chris Glass, "...The steeple is sited to be seen coming from the North, coming into the harbor, looking down from Mt. Battle, or coming out of the Post Office or Town Office. It is the ornament of the village, the ultimate symbol of the New England landscape and the ultimate expression of the aspiration to God in the

**community."**

To help Chestnut Street Baptist, we'll be having a combination bake and flower sale on Sunday, May 8. Please remember to help our neighbors up the street!

## The Richard I. Thomas Scholarships

The Richard I. Thomas Fund was established in 1988 as an educational fund for students seeking higher education. To qualify as an applicant you must be faithfully attending services and undertaking some form of higher education or career enhancement.

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship this year, please write a letter explaining your career or schooling plans. The request will be review by the scholarship committee. Letters of application and questions should be directed to Lucy Ebbert, Senior Warden by May 25th.



*Our clergy: Transitional Priest in Charge The Rev. Suzanne Colburn, center, with the Deacons, The Rev. Rosalee Glass, left and The Rev. Abby Pettee, right*

## Calendar

Wednesday, May 4  
9:30 am—Ascension Day service

Sunday, May 8  
**Mother's Day**  
Save the Steeple benefit and Bake Sale  
for Chestnut Street Baptist Church  
Steeple Fund

Saturday, May 21  
11:30 am—Loaves and Fishes Soup  
**Kitchen at Peter's Rockland**

Sunday, June 5  
1:30 pm—Service at Quarry Hill

Sunday, June 12  
Sunday School Picnic

Saturday, June 19  
11:30 am—Loaves and Fishes Soup  
**Kitchen at Peter's Rockland**

Sunday, June 26  
Celebration of Ministries

Tuesday, June 28  
7:00 pm—Somerset Consort Concert

Saturday, July 16  
11:30 am—Loaves and Fishes Soup  
**Kitchen at Peter's Rockland**

Sunday, July 17  
1:30 pm—Service at Quarry Hill



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George H. Jones - Clerk

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Anna Black (2017)  
Br. Donovan Bowley (2018)  
Fred Bucklin (2017)  
Jan Dolcater (2016)  
Catherine Kitt (2016)  
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