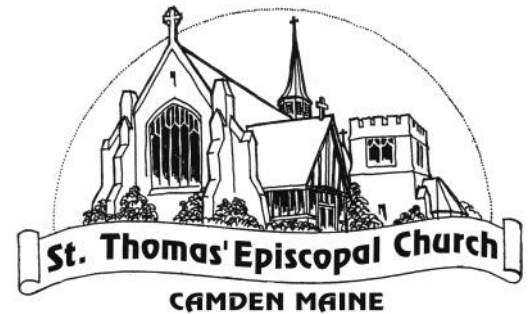


Merry Christmas!

S T . T H O M A S ' Tidings

Sunday, December 30, 2018
The First Sunday After Christmas

We welcome all who enter these doors, especially those who enter for the first time or after a long absence. May this place be like home to you! All are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine at this altar. Members of our prayer ministry are available in the Chapel during Holy Communion to pray with you about any need or thanksgiving.



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Christmas Decorations

Are you tired of some of your Christmas decorations? Do you have so many that some you leave in a box from year to year? Well now is the time to do some "weeding" and bring some of those "no longer loved" decorations to the church office to be packed away for our next Christmas Fair. Just think of the new storage space you will be making for yourself. Now someone else can love your decorations. Thank you and Merry Christmas. -Elizabeth

Survey for all Parishioners!

At the end of this week we will be sending out a survey to the congregation to assess where we are, where we are going, and what you perceive our priorities to be as we move forward into 2019. This anonymous survey won't take long to complete. Parishioners will have three choices of ways to complete it:

- Via Survey Monkey. A link is being sent out in a parish-wide communique on 12/28/18.
- Printing a copy from the website and completing it at your leisure
- Picking up a copy of the survey in the narthex, sun room or parish office

This survey page will be set up on St. Thomas' website and be available online between December 28th and

January 11. We will have the results for you at the Annual Meeting on January 27th. We appreciate your time and your thoughts as we discern how best to spread the love of God as Christ's hands and feet and hearts in both Camden and the world.

New Bishop Nominees Walkabouts

The Diocese has finalized the schedule for the Walkabouts for the Nominees for Bishop in the Diocese of Maine. Everyone (voting delegate or not) is invited and encouraged to attend these Walkabouts, which provide an opportunity for clergy and lay members of the Diocese to meet the Nominees, ask questions and allow them to learn more about our Diocese as well.

There are three opportunities to attend and participate in the Walkabouts:

- *Friday, January 18th at the Senator Inn, Augusta*
- *Saturday, January 19th at Husson University, Bangor*
- *Sunday, January 20th at the Westin Hotel, Portland*

Walkabouts will begin at 1:30 and end at 4:30pm (refreshments will be provided).

It may be possible to set up some carpooling to these events. Let the Office know if you are interested. The Rector wishes to hear your thoughts about the candidates and encourages everyone to communicate with her about your impressions. More information and photos of the Nominees are available on the table in the Sunroom. Please help yourself to the printed materials.

Altar Flowers Sign Up

There is a sign up for Altar Flowers in the Sun Room. Please sign up for specific dates while they are still available. You can give flowers in memory of someone, to commemorate an anniversary or birthday, or in thanksgiving for something or someone. You can use flowers seasonally from your own yard, pick up flowers for the Flower Guild, or just drop off a check for \$50 to the office for your Sunday's flower offering. Have a blessed 2019.

Today's Music

Will return
Sunday, January 6, 2019

Prayer List

Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: Marya Allen, Ron, Andrew, Joanne Scott, Tiffany Andrews, Seana Roubinek, Pat Olds, Carolyn Morris, Janan Vaughn, Rosalind Clarke, Amy, Gordon Gushee, Susan, Martha, Jean Harper, Abby Neal, Mary, Jeremiah Swett, Dustin, Maxine, Ruth, Gwen, Jan, Millie.

This Sunday

December 30, 2018

The First Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalms 147:13-21

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

John 1:1-18

7:30 am: Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Paul Tunkle; **Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Bardon; **Lectors:** Paul Holman; Terry Mello; **Prayers of the People:** Pat Ayers; **Usher:** Carlos Mello

10:00 am: Celebrant: The Rev. Paul Tunkle; **Crucifer:** TBD; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jacqueline Recht; **Lectors:** Jane Schroeder, Jeff Conrad; **Prayers of the People:** Bill Freeman; **Ushers:** Leamon Scott, Phil Groman.

Next Sunday

January 6, 2019

The Feast of Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-7,10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

7:30 am: Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Bardon; **Lectors:** Diane Kirkman, Jan Lyle; **Prayers of the People:** Pat Ayers; **Usher:** Paul Holman

10:00 am: Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Freya Johanson; **Acolytes:** Lola Black, Hettie Bickham; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jacqueline Recht; **Lectors:** Hettie Bickham, Lola Black; **Prayers of the People:** TBD—Youth Service; **Ushers:** Jim Ebbert, Lucy Ebbert

Meetings and Events are subject to change. St. Thomas' welcomes the use of its facilities for meetings and events. Please contact the Parish Office before scheduling any event. A detailed building calendar can be viewed in the office copier room.



What's Where

Our Sunday School and Nursery rooms are located past the sun room. Turn right. The *Blue Room* is the Nursery & *Godly Play*; the *Yellow Room* is the *God, the Bible and Me* classroom. Restrooms are located down the right aisle, past the Chapel, at the end of the corridor on the left side. Additional rest rooms are located in the basement (down the same corridor, via the stairway on your left). The Conference Room is past the sunroom, take the right corridor to the end and turn left.

Calendar

Sunday, December 30

The First Sunday after Christmas

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist Rite I

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am—Service of Lessons & Carols and Holy Eucharist, Rite II

(Coffee Hour follows)

5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Monday, December 31

Parish Office Closed

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Parish Hall

Tuesday, January 1

Parish Office Closed—Holiday

9:00 am—Xi Gong—On Vacation

5:00 pm—Outreach Coalition—Conference Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, January 2

9:30 am—Holy Eucharist and Healing Service—Chapel

(Deacon Abby Officiating)

10:00 am—Fellowship Time

—Sun Room

10:30 am—Bible Study—Sun Room

4:00 pm—EfM Conference Room

6:00 pm—VoXX Rehearsal

—Parish Hall, Green Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Thursday, January 3

5:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

—Green Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, January 4

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Saturday, January 5

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Sunday, January 6

The Feast of the Epiphany

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist Rite I

(Coffee Hour follows)

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

(Coffee Hour follows)

5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement