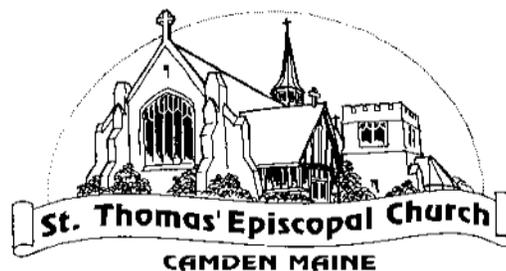


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 Tidings

Sunday, January 13, 2019

*The Baptism of our Lord*

We welcome all who enter these doors, especially those who enter for the first time or after a long absence. Everyone is welcome! 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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### Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting is coming up  
January 27<sup>th</sup>

Our budget will be presented, parish survey results announced, and new vestry and diocesan convention delegates selected. If anyone is interested in running for Vestry (a 3 year commitment), or running for our Maine Convention delegation, please let a current member of the vestry or the rector know as soon as possible.

### Annual Meeting Booklet Deadline

All leaders of active ministries at St. Thomas', please remember to get your reports for the Annual Meeting Booklet to Raylene no later than January 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Sunday School This Week

Rachel Bickham's class will join Karen Colburn's class this week for Sunday School, at 9:00am in the blue room.

### Bishop Nominees

**Read about the new Bishop nominees!** Information and pictures are on the table in the sunroom. Walkabouts are scheduled in Bangor, Augusta and Portland on January 18-20. Information is on the announcement boards and online through the Diocesan website. Please share your thoughts with the Rector and the delegates to the Electing Convention: Donovan Bowley, Susan Fockler, Jan Lyle and Suzanne Scott.

### Prayer for the Election of a Bishop:

God of Grace, we give you thanks for all the blessings of our common life and ministries as the Episcopal Diocese of Maine. We thank you for the faithful work of the Discernment committee and for all who

have offered themselves to your service in this season of change. May the holy spirit continue to bless the Transition committee, and to infuse this process with the gifts of faith, hope and love. We give thanks and pray for Anne, Janet, Ken, Rachel, and Thomas. May they be filled with vision, courage, patience and hope as our work of discernment continues. in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

### Rector's Class

The Rector's class will begin again after the Annual Meeting, January 27.

Feb 3 & 10—*Angels in the Bible/ In our Midst*—Class/ discussion

Feb 17-March 3—*I AM video/ discussion*. The director of many Jim Carrey movies, Tom Shadyak, had a brush with death that changed his whole perspective. This is his documentary of what follows. You'll want to come to all the classes to see the whole movie.

*Our Lenten Series will be about the 7 Ways of Love*, developed as a discussion by the Presiding Bishop. Join Lisa and Abby as they take turns leading the discussion March 10- April 21.

### Rector's Day Off

The Rector's day off has moved to Friday's beginning this week. If you need to get into the office to see Mother Lisa on a Monday, email or call her. St Thomas' won't be changing our office hours since Raylene works Tuesday- Friday from 9-3.

### A note from The Rev. Abby Pettee, Deacon

Thank you for the words of welcome back that I received! I appreciate your patience with me as I make the transition. The holidays were extra busy for me in my chaplaincy ministry at Pen Bay Medical Center. My employer encouraged me to take some vacation time. I'll also be involved with Episcopal diocesan events in Portland, the weekend of Jan 19 and 20. I look forward to seeing all of you again on Sunday, Jan 27.

### Stewardship Update

Thank you to our members and friends of St. Thomas' Church who have submitted their 2019 Stewardship cards, which help to support the mission and ministry of our parish. We are currently \$16,000 below our targeted 2019 pledge income of \$162,000. If you have not sent in a Stewardship card, please consider supporting St. Thomas; your support, regardless of what you are able to give, is truly appreciated. If you need a Stewardship Brochure, you can find them in the Sun Room, Narthex or the Parish Office. If you are not sure if you sent in your pledge, please feel free to contact me directly ([treasurer.stthomascamden@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.stthomascamden@gmail.com)). Thanks to everyone who supports St. Thomas'. *Everything is possible for him who believes.* (Mark 6:23)

Faithfully,  
Terry Mello, Treasurer

### Today's Music

*The Baptism of our Lord—January 13, 2019*

Today's prelude and postlude are both based on *When Jesus went to Jordan's stream*, Martin Luther's 1541 Baptismal text and sung to Johann Walther's 1524 tune (originally sung to Luther's paraphrase of Psalm 67). Christians have been singing this hymn extolling Christ's Baptism since 1541! If you want to look up this hymn, it is #139 in our hymnal. **Die-trich Buxtehude** (Danish, 1637-1707) wrote the very florid, ornamented version of this German chorale. Buxtehude, composer and organist, was appointed to the prestigious post at the Mariankirche in Lübeck in 1668. He was also appointed *Werkmeister*, overseer of all church musical activities. His *Abendmusik* concerts attracted the young twenty year old **Johann Sebastian Bach** to make a pilgrimage to Lübeck to hear Buxtehude and to meet him. **Marcel Dupré** (French, 1886-1971), organist, improviser, composer, wrote the strong setting of this chorale which I play

as the postlude.

We enter worship singing a small part (the original has 53 stanzas!) of **Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius** (348-410?) devotional poem for Epiphany, *Earth has many a noble city*. In just five short verses Prudentius gives us powerful imagery. We have been singing this hymn paired with **Christian Friedrich Witt's** 17th century tune, *Stuttgart*, arranged by **Henry John Gauntlett** since 1861. We bookend Advent and Epiphany by also singing this tune as the hymn *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* (see Hymn #66).

As the sequence hymn we sing a 16th century French carol melody (hence the tune name, *Une jeune pucelle*) with words handed down to **Etienne de Ville-neuve**, S. J. by the **Hurons** he ministered to outside of Quebec City. Villeneuve had learned to trust the Indian oral tradition, and believed them when they claimed that this, their favorite Christmas hymn was composed for their ancestors by **Jean de Brebeuf** (who was martyred along with the Hurons in 1649.) In the interest of time, we sing only one stanza. However, it is well worth your while to come back and read the rest of the text. During communion I play **Paul Manz's** lilting piece based on this hymn.

The Choir sings a contemporary Baptismal hymn with text by **Michael Seward** (b.1932) and music by **Eugene W. Hancock** (1929-1994). Once again, in three short stanzas, this hymn speaks volumes to the meaning of our Baptismal Covenant.

During communion we sing **Christina Rossetti's** (1830-1894) "A Christmas Carol" (In the Bleak Mid-winter) with the music written expressly for it by **Gustav Holst** (1874-1934). The combination of Rossetti's poem with Holst's four part hymn is exquisite. We go forth into the world singing **William Chatterton Dix's** (1837-1898) Epiphany hymn, *As with gladness men of old*, said to have been written during a serious illness. The pairing with the tune named *Dix*, was **not** what Dix wanted! But it works: we have been singing it ever since!

Sing with joy!

Jane Schroeder, Minister of Music

## 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, Jan, Millie, Joan Pottle.

## This Sunday January 13, 2019 The Baptism of our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher:** The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry ; **Eucharistic Minister:** JoAnne Ryan; **Lectors:** JoAnne Ryan, Terry Mello; **Prayers of the People:** Edmund Hartt; **Usher:** Carlos Mello

**10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher:** The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Lily Robbins; **Eucharistic Minister:** Roy Gilley; **Lectors:** Dean Jackson, Kate Jackson; **Prayers of the People:** Br. Donovan Bowley; **Acolytes:** Will Robbins, Olivia Robbins; **Ushers:** Dean Jackson, Phil Groman

## Next Sunday January 20, 2019 Second Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

**7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher:** The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry ; **Eucharistic Minister:** Sandy Lyle; **Lectors:** Paul Holman, Pat Ayers; **Prayers of the People:** Sandy Lyle; **Usher:** Carlos Mello

**10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher:** The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Kavan Kibler; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jacqueline Recht; **Lectors:** Sarah Groman, Sydney Hall; **Prayers of the People:** Bill Freeman; **Acolytes:** Kingston Kibler, Tom Colburn; **Ushers:** Joan Bennett, Bill Freeman.

### Needs in the Area

It has come to my attention that our members occasionally run across specific and finite needs among our area families and individuals. I would like to open up this space to those who would like members of St. Thomas' to know when they can help. I consider this part of our Outreach to the area. Lisa+

### 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, January 13

### The Baptism of our Lord

**7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am—Christian Education Classes

**10:00 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

(Coffee Hour follows)

5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

## Monday, January 14

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Parish Hall

## Tuesday, January 15

9:00 am—Xi-Gong Class on Vacation

until the end of January

2:00 pm—Staff Meeting

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

## Wednesday, January 16

**9:30 am—Eucharist Service with Healing—Chapel**

10:15 am—Fellowship—Conference Room

11:00 am—Bible Study—Conference Room

4:00 pm—EFM—Conference Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

7:00 pm—VoXX

## Thursday, January 17

5:00 pm—Choir

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

## Friday, January 18

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

## Saturday, January 19

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

## Sunday, January 20

### Second Sunday after Epiphany

**7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am—Christian Education Classes

**10:00 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

(Coffee Hour follows)

5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

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