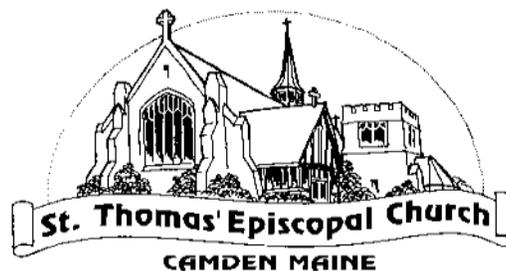


ST. THOMAS' Tidings

Sunday, February 3, 2019

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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.



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Annual Meeting Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came to the Annual Parish Meeting!

Annual Parish Meeting was both a time to *plan* and a time to *celebrate!* About 70 people participated, shared thoughts, brought food, cleaned up, and voted in the newest Vestry members: Br. Donovan Bowley, Barbara Lawrence, and Haunani Wallace. Congratulations! They will undoubtedly serve us well. But it's the entire parish who makes this place work, and TOGETHER we will spread God's love throughout St. Thomas' and into the larger Camden community. Go forth to love and serve the Lord! Lisa+

Quarry Hill Service TODAY

St. Thomas' visits our elders at Quarry Hill every few weeks. TODAY, February 3 at 1:30 pm meet us in the Community Room at Quarry Hill. This is a group that loves to sing. If you think you'd enjoy ministry with the elderly, please join us.

Food Pantry Sunday

Just a reminder that today is the Food Pantry Sunday. Donations Envelopes are in the pews and baskets for non-perishable items are in the entry by the Wood Street door. Thank you for your contribution to helping our neighbors in need.

Rector's Class TODAY!

Angels in the Bible: Come and find out about what the Bible says about angels, what they look like, what they are. What do theologians think of angels? And what in the world are the Nephilim? Come to class at 9:00 in the conference room to hear more, discuss, and wonder! Lisa+

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.

Sunday School Today

Sunday school with Karen this week!

Rachel Bickham and family will be out of town this weekend, so Karen Colburn will teach all the children at 9:00am Sunday in the blue room.

Parish Survey

The Parish Survey is still open for input. If you have not completed the survey and would like to share your thoughts/opinions, you can complete it online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PNS39SQ> or complete the paper copy of the survey which can be found in the Copy Room or Sun Room.

Free Farmers Market Tuesday, February 5

Come to South School on the first Tuesday of every month from 11:00AM to 3:30PM and help yourself to some FREE produce! Produce is different every month but, since the program started, they've had apples, cantelope, nectarines, grapes, mushrooms, green peppers, potatoes, lettuce, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, cucumbers, onions, and more. They generally have around 1,250 pounds to distribute.

There is enough for EVERYONE and the program is for EVERYONE. It is not need-based. This is important because oftentimes there is a stigma perceived in accepting something for free. They want to remove that stigma.

We ALL need and deserve fresh, healthy food and there will be plenty for everyone! Each month there has been food left over for further distribution.

Volunteers are needed to be on hand for the arrival of the produce and for setting up the market. If you are available, please arrive by 11:00 AM to help set up.

Email southschoolptf@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

Today's Music February 3, 2019

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

We are still in the season of Epiphany, so it is fitting that I play two of **Gerald Near's** (American, b. 1942) Introits on plainchant. (Introits are pieces of music sung or played at the beginning of a worship service.) During Communion I play **Paul Manz's** piece on *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* (Hymn 324) which we may or may not have sung on Sunday, January 20th due to 'weather!' Manz (American, 1919-2009) was a major figure in American church music as a composer, performer, teacher, organist, improviser and enthusiastic organizer of choral festivals. The joyful postlude is by **Jacques Berthier** (French, 1923-1994). Both his parents were musicians. In 1955 the monastic community at **Taizé** asked Berthier to compose songs for the many young people who were making pilgrimages there. Berthier wound up writing over two hundred chants and songs which are now used around the world in services. He had the unique talent of writing chants that were easily learned after hearing only a few times; that were able to be repeated numerous times without becoming tedious; and that were good musically!

We enter worship singing the rousing hymn text written in 1928 by **Walter Russell Bowie** (American, 1882-1969). It is paired brilliantly with the 16th century tune of both German/French heritage, *Mit Freuden zart* and harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Our communion hymn was written in mid-nineteenth century Germany as a mission hymn and sung to a sometimes called *four-square* tune (just listen to it!) from early eighteenth century Germany and adapted and harmonized by William H. Havergal. These hymns do get around! We go forth into the world singing another stirring hymn, *God the Omnipotent!* The text is a combo of words by Henry F. Chorley and John Ellerton. The music, which you may recognize as the Russian National Anthem, was composed by **Alexis Lvov** (Russian, 1799-1870). Lvov was a talented musician, became an engineer, and was appointed as an aide to **Tsar Nicholas I**. At court, Lvov organized weekly concerts and considered among his friends Franz Liszt, Clara and Robert Schumann, Hector Berlioz and Felix Mendelssohn.

And not once did I use the word “gusto!”

Jane Schroeder
Minister of Music

Chapter & Verse

The deadline for the first edition of *Chapter & Verse* is Monday, February 26. We're looking forward to the articles and photos you have to share in our first issue for 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, Jan, Millie, Joan Pottle, Arnie Joy, Norval Johanson, Paul Whittaker, Sandy Lyle.

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.

This Sunday February 3, 2019 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

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

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

Next Sunday February 10, 2019 Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalms 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

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

10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Lily Robbins; **Eucharistic Minister:** Roy Gilley; **Lectors:** Sarah Groman; Anna Black; **Prayers of the People:** Jeff Conrad; **Acolytes:** Will Robbins; Olivia Robbins; **Ushers:** Dean Jackson; Joan Bennett

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 Parishioners of St. Thomas' who would like us to help.

USE THIS SPACE!

Calendar

Sunday, February 3
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I
(Coffee Hour follows)

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am—Christian Education Classes
10:00 am—Youth Led Eucharist, Rite II
(Coffee Hour follows)
5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Monday, February 4
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Parish Hall

Tuesday, February 5
9:00 am—Xi-Gong Dance Class
2:00 pm—Staff Meeting
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, February 6
9:30 am—Holy Eucharist with Healing—Chapel
10:15 am—Coffee and Conversation—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, February 7
5:00 pm—No Choir
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, February 8
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Saturday, February 9
Convention to Elect Bishop—Bangor
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Sunday, February 10
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:30 am—No Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am—Christian Education Classes
10:00 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite II
(Coffee Hour follows)
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6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

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