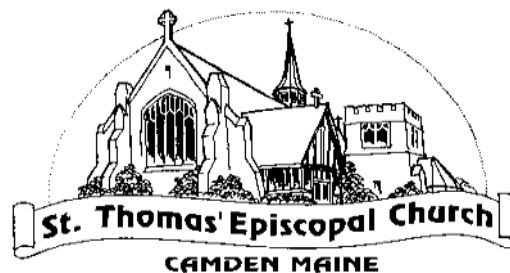


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Sunday, February 10, 2019

The Fifth 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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### Rector's Class on Angels

Please join us for the class on Angels in the conference room this Sunday at 9:00. This week's discussion will center around the concept of guardian angels.

Next week: *I AM*- a video by Tom Shadyak (director of many Jim Carrey movies) about what he discovered after a life threatening accident. This film will be shown in 3 parts as we journey with Tom into a fascinating new look at God's world. Don't miss it!

### Election of our next Bishop

The Diocese of Maine is live streaming the election of our new Bishop, and you are invited to watch the Electing Convention and announcement of the results live Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 a.m., and I encourage you to watch this important event:

· [Bishopquest.org](http://Bishopquest.org)

· On YouTube:

[Youtube.com/episcopalmaine](http://Youtube.com/episcopalmaine)

· On Facebook:

[facebook.com/episcopalmaine](http://facebook.com/episcopalmaine)

· On Instagram:

[https://www.instagram.com/episcopal\\_maine](https://www.instagram.com/episcopal_maine)

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<https://twitter.com/episcopalmaine>

May God's blessings be upon the process, the delegates, the nominees, and the laity throughout the diocese, including our own St. Thomas'.  
Lisa+

### Loaves & Fishes Reminder

St. Thomas' will be serving at Loaves & Fishes, at St. Peter's in Rockland, on Saturday February 16. Please join us at 11:00 am.

### Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> Office Opening Schedule Change

Raylene and Lisa will be out of the office next Wednesday, so Jane will open the building on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, and she will get here at approximately 9:00am. Be aware that you will need a key, and a code for the alarm if you need to arrive earlier than that. Thank you!

### Vestry Commissioning February 24

We will have a short commissioning liturgy at the announcement time during both services on Sunday, February 24 to welcome our new Vestry and officers. Please come and share in prayers for the lay leaders of our church.

### Plant whisperer

We have many lovely plants in the sun room area and corridor. These have always been watered by dedicated volunteers, but our current volunteer can no longer do it.

Does anyone consider themselves good at watering and would you like to take on this ministry? This is a good ministry for anyone: singles, couples, married with or without children. This is a good ministry for people who don't have much time to offer, or need a very flexible schedule.

If we can't find another volunteer we will no longer be able to have plants in the corridor or sunroom, so if you are a plant whisperer, we'd love to hear from you!

### Today's Music February 10, 2019 Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

If you were here at St. Thomas' last Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, you will have heard the demonstration of the organ cipher: which sounds as if a gremlin got into the organ chamber and was playing the bagpipes very badly! I have never encoun-

tered a cipher like this one. Until now, ciphers I encountered on any of the pipe organs I have been privileged to play have been from a soft flute pipe, usually a high pitched one; and the tricks we organists have up our surplices will eliminate the sound. Ciphers can occur when we have wildly fluctuating temperatures and humidity, so this may remedy itself this week. I had a long phone conversation with Brian Mattias from Potter-Rathbun Organ Tuners in Rhode Island. They are scheduled in three weeks to come for their twice-yearly tuning of the organ. (They cannot come before then; it would be cost-prohibitive to have them come to address this one problem.)

We are fortunate to have a good piano in the church; a Chickering grand given to us by the Langhorns. Pianos do not have the capability of leading and supporting congregational singing: that is one of the reasons pipe organs developed in churches. So, if we need to continue using the piano for a few weeks, please do your best to sing with gusto! It would also help if you could temporarily abandon your favorite, comfortable pew and move up front! Playing the organ music I have planned is problematic for one major reason: organ music is usually on three staves treble (right hand), bass(left hand) and bass for the pedals(both feet). Sometimes the tune will be in the pedals, most of the time it is a totally independent part. So trying to figure out how to play all of that with two hands (and missing two feet!) is more than a challenge!

Our entrance and dismissal hymns are both rousing! *Christ for the world we sing!* The Rev. Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886) wrote this very ecumenical text in 1869. It is paired with the tune by the Italian composer, violinist, teacher and conductor working in London, **Felice de Giardini** (1716-1796). (The tune is named for Moscow, where Giardini died.) As the sequence hymn we sing the moving text by **Josiah Conder** (1789-1855). As a child,

Conder lost the vision in his right eye due to smallpox: this did not stop him from educating himself in his father's bookstore. He went on to be an editor as well as writer of prose, poems and hymns. This text is paired with the lovely tune by **William Boyce** (1711-1779). Boyce was an organist, conductor and composer of both orchestral and sacred choral music. He succeeded as a musician in spite of his impaired hearing. After being dismissed in 1764 due to his increasing deafness, Boyce set to the task of compiling the works of his teacher, **Maurice Greene** (1696-1755).

During communion we sing the lilting early 19<sup>th</sup> century American folk-hymn, *Come, thou fount of every blessing*, written in 1758 by **Robert Robinson** (1735-1790). This text has been paired with the tune, *Nettleton*, since its inception. The tune appeared in many 19<sup>th</sup> century collections under many different names, sometimes in two parts, sometimes in 4/4 time. It was very popular. We go forth singing the tune heard by **Thomas Olivers** (1725-1799) in the Great Synagogue in London; and then transcribed by hymn into an English hymn. The tune is named for the cantor of the Great Synagogue, Meier Leoni, who wrote out this traditional Hebrew melody. Many hymns wind up memorializing hymn writers and composers for centuries.

Jane Schroeder, Minister of Music

### Chapter & Verse

The deadline for *Chapter & Verse* is Monday, February 26. We're looking forward to the articles and photos you have to share in our first issue in 2019.

### 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!

### 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, Kevin Jackson, Peggy.

## This Sunday February 10, 2019 Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 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; **Ushers:** Dean Jackson; Joan Bennett

## Next Sunday February 17, 2019 Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

**7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher:** The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry ; **Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Bardon; **Lectors:** Pat Ayers, JoAnne Ryan; **Prayers of the People:** Diane Kirkman; **Usher:** Isa Babb

**10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher:** The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Kavan Kibbler; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jacqueline Recht; **Lectors:** Dean Jackson, Kate Jackson; **Prayers of the People:** Bill Freeman; **Acolytes:** Kingston Kibbler, Tom Colburn; **Ushers:** Bill Freeman, Roy Gilley

### 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, 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)  
5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel  
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

**Monday, February 11**  
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Parish Hall

**Tuesday, February 12**  
9:00 am—Xi-Gong Dance Class  
2:00 pm—Staff Meeting  
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

**Wednesday, February 13**  
**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 14**  
5:00 pm—No Choir  
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

**Friday, February 15**  
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

**Saturday, February 16**  
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

**Sunday, February 17**  
**Sixth 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)  
5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel  
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

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