St. Thomas' Title Second Sunday of Easter

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.

Although some at St. Thomas' traditionally kneel for the Eucharistic prayer, during the Easter season many believe that standing for this prayer emphasizes the Eucharist to be a celebration in community, rather than an expression of personal prayer by individuals. Both thoughts are valid. During this season, try it both ways. See how each posture affects you and informs your faith. Let the Spirit speak to you.

Altar Flowers

We still have openings for altar flower donations in Memory of or in Thanksgiving for someone or something. The next opening is NEXT WEEK, May 5th. Please check the Altar Flower book in the sunroom to sign up for a date!

Way of Love Series

The Way of Love sermon series' sermon and class is today, April 28th. The final class is at 9 am in the Conference Room.

Continuing Education for the Rector

Rev. Lisa will be taking a "Reading Week" from Monday April 29- Friday, May 3rd, as part of her continuing education time this year. She will be reading theology, developing sermon and class ideas and working from home. She will be available for emergencies.

Kneeler Dedication

We will be dedicating a kneeler created in memory of Parker Laite at the 7:30 service, next Sunday, May 5th.

Outreach Donations

We are happy to report that from January through April, we have received \$2,079 earmarked for other non-profit organizations.

Our Zumba Dance fundraiser raised \$330 which was split between Habitat for Humanity and Knox County Homeless Coalition.

Our Sunday offerings for the Food Pantry during this time was \$634.

Our NOON Music in Lent series raised \$1,115 for the Food Pantry!

Thank you all for your continued generosity to Outreach!

Food Pantry Sunday

Please remember to bring donations next Sunday, May 5th, for the Food Pantry. Any personal hygiene items or non-perishable foods would be helpful. We ask that you please check the expiration dates. You can also make a donation using the specially marked envelopes in the pews.

2nd Quarter Altar Schedule

The schedule of Altar duties for April – June is now posted on the Worship page of the website. It is also posted in the Copy Room and in the Sacristy. If you need a printed copy, please send an e-mail to the Parish Office – admin@stthomascamdenme.org.

Help Wanted!

Haven't you just always wanted to learn how to program in hymns to play from our Eleven Tower Bells!?! Well, now is your chance! No experience necessary!

When I learned how to do this all those years ago, I had no experience either. What has evolved over the years is that I program in one hymn to play at 11:50 a.m. and one hymn to play at 5:50 p.m. This is done so we are not competing with the Town Clock which chimes on the hour. I program them in by liturgical season: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, etc., and for the last few years have been unplugging the bells during Lent. I put in a total of 14 different hymns for the week: in that way, no one grows weary of the same hymn over and over. There is an unusual computer to program these hymns in, as well as an attachable keyboard with the corresponding 10 bells so you can play a hymn, capture it, and then program it to play. The challenge is that you are working within 10 notes: hymns which have a wide range or accidentals are more challenging (or impossible!) to put in.

I retire May 26th: I need to train one or more people to do this before then!

Step up to the plate! If I was able to learn how to do this, I think anyone can!

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Today's Music

A HUGE Thank you to all who donated time, talent, soup, bread, fruit, or set up or cleaned up at this vear's NOON Music in Lent Series! The free-will offerings totaled \$1,110! which we just sent to the Camden Area Christian Food Pantry. The attendance for the music portions averaged 35-55 people, with most of them coming back to the Parish Hall for lunch and fellowship. Two weeks we even had overflow into the the SunRoom and the Guild Room! Having started this program twelve years ago it is enormously gratifying to me; especially since this was my swan song as I am retiring on May 26th.

If you worshipped here on Easter Day you heard me play the lively set of variations based on *O filii et filiae* by the French composer Jean- François Dandrieu (1682-1738). Today the Choir sings an anthem using this same tune which is thought to be a French folk melody or carol from the late 15th century. You can see this hymn at #206 in our hymnal with the words very appropriate for this Second Sunday of Easter.

Our rousing entrance hymn is a tune written by **Arthur Sullivan** (1842-1900) especially for this text. And, yes, Virginia, this is the same man who collaborated with the librettist William S. Gilbert on many *Savoy Operas* (*Light operas*). As the sequence hymn we sing *Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord*, written and composed in 1971 by Donald Fishel, a recent convert to Christianity. During communion we sing another text resonating today's lessons, *We walk by faith, and not by sight.* It is paired with the pleasing tune by Gordon Slater (English, 1896-1979).

We go forth into the world singing a paraphrase of today's Psalm 150 (with some of Psalm 148 thrown in). **C. Hubert H. Parry** (1848-1918) wrote what must be the quintessential British hymn tune, *Laudate Dominum*: the opening phrase echoes the chiming of countless parish and town clocks! **David Cherwien** (American, b. 1951) composed the delightful postlude based on this sturdy tune. May you go forth with one (or all!) of these lively tunes!

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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, Amy, Gordon Gushee, Susan, Martha, Abby Neal, Dustin, Maxine, Jan, Joan Pottle, Arnie Joy, Paul Whittaker, Anne, Sandy Lyle, Jan Gilley, Kevin Jackson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Millie, Gerry Mille, Helen Kuhl.

This Sunday April 28, 2019 Second Sunday of Easter

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

10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; Crucifer: Freya Johanson; Eucharistic Minister: Jeff Conrad; Lectors: Sarah Groman, Anna Black; Prayers of the People: Jeff Conrad; Acolytes: Hettie Bickham, Lola Black; Ushers: Leamon Scott, Bill Freeman

Next Sunday May 5, 2019 Third Sunday of Easter

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

10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; Crucifer: Kavan Kibler; Eucharistic Minister: Roy Gilley; Lectors: Youth; Prayers of the People: Youth; Acolytes: Kingston Kibler, Lola Black; Ushers: Youth and Jim & Lucy Ebbert

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, April 28 Second Sunday of Easter 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, April 29 6:30 pm – AA meeting – Parish Hall

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

Wednesday, May 1

9:30 am – Holy Eucharist with Healing Service - 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, May 2 5:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

Friday, May 3 6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

Saturday, May 4 6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

Sunday, May 5

Third Sunday of Easter 7:30 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Coffee Hour follows) 8:30 am – Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am – Christian Education Classes 10:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Coffee Hour follows) 6:30 pm – AA meeting – Basement

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