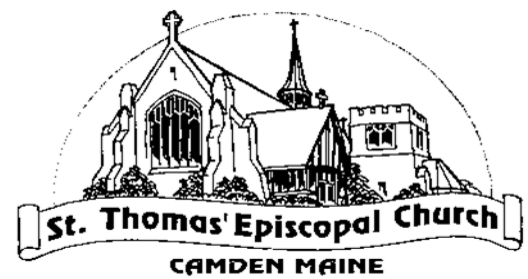


# St. Thomas' Tidings

Sunday, June 30, 2019

## Third Sunday After Pentecost

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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### Update on the Hiring of a New Music Minister

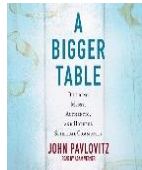
The Rector and her Advisory Committee will interview and audition three candidates for the Music Minister position on Tuesday, July 9. In consideration of and privacy for the candidates, please try to avoid the sanctuary Tuesday afternoon. Join us in prayer for this decision-making process as we look to the future of our music and worship at St. Thomas'.

### Food Pantry Sunday

Please remember to bring your donations next Sunday, July 7, for the Food Pantry. Personal hygiene items or nonperishable foods would be helpful. We ask that you please check the expiration dates. You also can make a donation using the specially marked envelopes in the pews.

### Education for Ministry (EfM)

EfM is for anyone who seeks spiritual growth in a small group setting, hungers for a deeper knowledge of God and scripture, Christian history, and theology. Participants come from diverse backgrounds, making the shared learning experience rich and rewarding. We will be starting a new session in the Fall; more information can be found on the [Christian Education](#) page of our website.



### Reading *A Bigger Table!*

The Rector's class continues with Chapter 6 of *A Bigger Table: Building Messy,*

*Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community*, by John Pavlovitz.

Come join our book discussion in the Conference Room at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays!

### Worship Service Schedule

The 3rd Quarter Service schedule has been posted on the [Worship](#) page of our Website. If you would like a copy of the schedule, please contact Susie Crawford in the Parish Office ([admin@stthomascamdenme.org](mailto:admin@stthomascamdenme.org)).

### St. Thomas' Website

Do you use St. Thomas' website ([www.stthomascamdenme.org](http://www.stthomascamdenme.org)) to find information about our Parish? There have been many changes to the website over the last few months and we would appreciate your feedback. Is there something that you would like to see that is not there? Is the information helpful and easy to find? Please send an e-mail to Terry Mello ([treasurer.stthomascamden@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.stthomascamden@gmail.com)) with your thoughts and suggestions.

### Fourth of July

Please note that the Office will be closed and will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on July 5. We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday!

### Applied Christianity: Perplexity

On Tuesday morning I found myself in the Wood Street parking lot, sitting in the car, engine still running, listening to the radio in tears. I was listening to a report about children between the ages of 5 months and 17 years, being held by their abductors in a high-security facility. These children were forced to sleep on mats on a cement floor, with thin blankets, and were being given minimal food. They were disciplined by their captors for crying or reacting in fear by taking away their pads and blankets, leaving them on bare cement. The children were still wearing the unwashed clothes they had been wearing when they had been taken, days — even weeks — before. They had not been able to wash themselves or their garments. This report related accounts of untreated illnesses, lack of sanitation, and even information about all the children in one facility being forced to use the same comb used by a child with lice.

The irony is that children are being incarcerated in the name of "civic safety" at the direction of our own government. These are children of refugee families, refugees *legally* seeking asylum in this country. These children, some as young as 3 months, have been forcibly removed from their parents or relatives and detained. There has been little or no

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## **Applied Christianity** *continued...*

provision (proper record-keeping, for example) that would enable these children eventually to be reunited with their parents. They fled disaster, only to find it here. If this mistreatment were happening in a private home, a school, or an orphanage anywhere else in this country, it would require action by child welfare services.

There is an enormous difference between simply holding a family in one place while they await proper processing, and separating children from their families and incarcerating them in such callous and dire conditions. What will the future lives and mental health of these children be like as a result of this kind of treatment?

For Christians, this is an intolerable situation. We claim to follow the teaching of Jesus, whose primary lesson, given by him many times and in many ways — and reaffirmed each week in our churches — is to love our neighbor as ourselves. These asylum seekers and their children are our neighbors.

*How can we get this mistreatment of the innocents to stop? Please join me in a forum discussion in the Guild Room at the end of Coffee Hour today.* — Brother Donovan

### **Altar Flowers**

We have some dates still available for people to *give Altar Flowers* in honor of someone or something, in memory of something or someone, or in thanksgiving for something or someone. There are three ways to give flowers:

- Bring in flowers from your own garden on Friday morning
- Bring in flowers you have purchased
- Write a check for \$50 for the flowers and we will buy them

Please sign up for flowers in the Sun Room.

## **Prayer List**

Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: *Gail O'Brien, Margaret and Bill Guptill, Judith Shepherd, Ron, Andrew, Joanne Scott, Tiffany Andrews, Seana Roubinek, Carolyn Morris, Amy, Susan, Joan Pottle, Paul Whittaker, Anne, Sandy Lyle, Jan Gilley, Brian Fitzpatrick, Skip Groman, Helen Kuhl, Tom Fontaine, Kathy Kulick, Gayle and George, Lainie Vreeland, David Harper, Susan Conrad, Elaine, Nancy Swoyer*

### **This Sunday**

**June 30, 2019**

#### **Third Sunday After Pentecost**

*1 Kings 19:15, 19-21*

*Psalms 16*

*Galatians 5:1, 13-25*

*Luke 9:51-62*

#### **7:30 a.m.: Celebrant and Preacher:**

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** Sandy Lyle; **Lectors:** Terry Mello; Edmund Hartt; **Prayers of the People:** Pam Bardon; **Usher:** Marilyn Smith

#### **10:00 a.m.: Celebrant and Preacher:**

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Freya Johanson; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jeff Conrad; **Lectors:** Sally Williamson; Jeff Conrad; **Prayers of the People:** Roy Gilley; **Acolyte:** Lola Black; **Ushers:** Ed Williamson; Leamon Scott

### **Next Sunday**

**July 7, 2019**

#### **Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

*2 Kings 5:1-14*

*Psalms 30*

*Galatians 6:1-16*

*Luke 10:1-11, 16-20*

#### **7:30 a.m.: Celebrant and Preacher:**

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** Sandy Lyle; **Lectors:** Terry Mello; Carlos Mello; **Prayers of the People:** Pat Ayres; **Usher:** Carlos Mello

#### **10:00 a.m.: 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; Tom Roberts; **Ushers:** Dean Jackson; Phil Groman

# **Calendar**

## **Sunday, June 30**

### **Second Sunday After Pentecost**

**7:30 a.m. — Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

8:30 a.m. — Choir Rehearsal

9:00 a.m. — Christian Education Classes

**10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

*(Coffee Hour follows)*

Forum Discussion — Guild Room, after Coffee Hour

5:15 p.m. — Centering Prayer — Chapel

6:30 p.m. — AA meeting — Basement

## **Monday, July 1**

6:30 p.m. — AA meeting — Parish Hall

## **Tuesday, July 2**

9:00 a.m. — Xi-Gong Dance Class

10:00 a.m. — Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. — AA meeting — Basement

## **Wednesday, July 3**

**9:30 a.m. — Holy Eucharist with Healing Service — Chapel**

10:15 a.m. — Coffee and Conversation Sun Room

11:00 a.m. — Bible Study — Sun Room

4:00 p.m. — Pastoral Care — Conference Room

6:30 p.m. — AA meeting — Basement

## **Thursday, July 4**

Office is closed

6:30 p.m. — AA meeting — Basement

## **Friday, July 5**

6:30 p.m. — AA meeting — Basement

## **Saturday, July 6**

6:30 p.m. — AA meeting — Basement

## **Sunday, July 7**

### **Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

**7:30 a.m. — Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

*(Coffee Hour follows)*

8:30 a.m. — Choir Rehearsal

9:00 a.m. — Christian Education Classes

**10:00 am — Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

*(Coffee Hour follows)*

5:15 p.m. — Centering Prayer — Chapel

6:30 p.m. — AA meeting — Basement

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*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.*