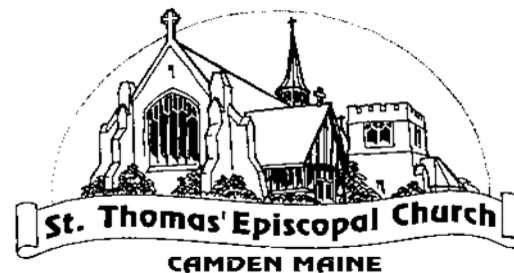


St. Thomas' Tidings

Sunday, November 17, 2019

Twenty-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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Wayfinders at St. Thomas'

Thanks to a wonderful response, we have a terrific new Wayfinders team! The team members will meet this winter in retreat to listen to where God is calling each of them next. Out of that retreat, each will choose a goal; then the team will meet for several months after as they help each other bring their goals to life. Please pray for us as we discern our next steps and do our best to follow God's lead. If you are interested in joining the team, or would like more information for the future, contact darrebyambler@gmail.com or go to www.wayfinders.me.

Flu Safety in Church

Flu season is upon us, so here are flu protocol suggestions from our diocese: Rather than shaking hands, pass the Peace by bowing to each other. The safest approach to communion is to receive the bread only. Communion in one kind—receiving only the bread or the wine is considered a complete communion. The Episcopal Church believes that receiving in one kind is as if you are receiving in both. "Intinction" is also an option. If you intinct, make sure your fingers do not touch the wine, otherwise you spread germs to the common cup. Let's have a healthy flu season!



Today's Coffee Hour Angel

Our host for November 17 is Shirley Fierro. Bless her!



Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Want to enjoy a great Thanksgiving meal but don't feel like doing all that cooking? You are warmly invited to be our guests at St. Thomas' Community Thanksgiving Dinner!

Our buffet dinner will consist of: Turkey, Gravy, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, and an array of Vegetables.

Everyone is welcome—and feel free to bring your favorite dessert to share! Join old friends and new from the church and the community to enjoy delicious holiday fare and give thanks for the blessings we have received in the past year.

Reservations are not required, but we would like people to let us know if they plan to attend so we can plan accordingly. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex and the Sun Room.

The doors will open at 1:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 2:00. If you have any questions, or would like to help, please contact Terry Mello or Jan Lyle.

Stewardship Season Is Here!

First, we'll be checking in with each of you to take the pulse of the parish. You can expect a call from your vestry liaison during the third week in November.

Second, the Stewardship and Vestry committees will host a **Pancake Breakfast on November 24** between the services, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. We will be introducing a preliminary budget in two forms: one with traditional facts and figures, and one with a more comprehensive "narrative budget," which enables us to see just how all our contributions are broken out between various areas such as worship, community life, education, and more.

Last, the first week in December we will be sending out letters to all of you with a brochure and pledge card. Please pray about making a pledge of support to our mission to *Worship in Beauty/Question in Faith/Serve in Love* during 2020. May we all look with hope to bright beginnings, forged friendships, and new opportunities as we celebrate St. Thomas' 165th year in Camden.





Ho! Ho! Ho! Help!

The Christmas Fair is just weeks away, **December 7!** Please think of how you can help: by volunteering, by creating or donating something for one of the tables, or by attending and shopping till you drop. Perhaps you want to challenge yourself to do all of these! The Christmas Fair Committee will meet **Friday, November 22, at 11:00 a.m.** in the Guild Room. All are welcome! Thanks in advance for your help!

—Your Christmas Fair Committee

Fill Those Raffle Baskets

Please bring in items for the Made in Maine and Children's baskets for the fair. (Tickets will be priced at 6 for \$5.) For more information, please call Ruth Tolman: 236-0807.

Calling All Crafters

The Christmas Boutique needs your handiwork: scarves, hats, mittens, decorated wreaths, ornaments, etc. If you have questions, please call Kate Jackson at 785-4500 or 832-1244.



Will You Be a Coffee Hour Angel?

If you enjoy the Sunday Coffee Hours, why not sign up to host one? (It might just help your case when you're standing before Saint Peter someday.) Hosts are needed for the monthly Coffee Hour after the 7:30 service and after the 10:00 service each week. There are sign-up sheets in the binder in the Sun Room!

Prayer List

Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: *Tom McDermott, Larry Parker, Bayard Chanler, Sally Leighton, Ann McKendry, Carol, Marcie Vega, Eleanor, True Edward Moro, Vicky and Bill, Arnie Joy, Maxine, Judith Shepherd, Ron, Andrew, Joanne Scott, Tiffany Andrews, Seana Roubinek, Carolyn Morris, Amy, Susan, Joan Pottle, Paul Whittaker, Anne, Sandy Lyle, Brian Fitzpatrick, Skip Groman, Tom Fontaine, Kathy Kulick, Lainie Vreeland, David Harper, Susan Conrad, Elaine.*

This Sunday November 17, 2019 Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25

Canticle 9

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

7:30 a.m.: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Canon Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** JoAnne Ryan; **Lectors:** Pat Ayers; Sandy Lyle; **Prayers of the People:** Jan Lyle; **Usher:** Peggy Daniels

10:00 a.m.: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Canon Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Freya Johanson; **Eucharistic Minister:** Roy Gilley; **Lectors:** Sarah Groman; Sydney Hall; **Prayers of the People:** Br. Donovan; **Acolytes:** Charlotte Watkins; Poppy Johanson; **Ushers:** Dean Jackson; Phil Groman

Next Sunday November 24, 2019 Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Canticle 16

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

7:30 a.m.: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Canon Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Bardon; **Lectors:** JoAnne Ryan; Andrew Moran; **Prayers of the People:** Pam Bardon; **Usher:** Marilyn Smith

10:00 a.m.: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Canon Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Freya Johanson; **Eucharistic Minister:** Roy Gilley; **Lectors:** Doc Wallace; Haunani Wallace; **Prayers of the People:** Jeff Conrad; **Acolytes:** Lola Black; Hettie Bickham; **Ushers:** Leamon Scott; TBD

Calendar

Sunday, November 17

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)
11:15 a.m. — Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:15 p.m. — Centering Prayer — Chapel
6:30 p.m. — AA meeting — Basement

Monday, November 18

Veterans Day—Church Office Is Closed
6:30 p.m. — AA meeting — Parish Hall

Tuesday, November 19

9:00 a.m. — Xi-Gong Dance Class
5:00 p.m. — Vestry meeting — Conference Room
6:30 p.m. — AA meeting — Basement

Wednesday, November 20

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.—6:30 p.m.—EfM—Conference Room
6:30 p.m. — AA meeting — Basement
7:00 p.m.—VoXX Rehearsal — Parish Hall and Green Room

Thursday, November 21

6:00 p.m.— Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. — AA meeting — Basement

Friday, November 22

11:00 a.m.—Christmas Fair Committee meeting—Guild Room
6:30 p.m. — AA meeting — Basement

Saturday, November 23

6:30 p.m. — AA meeting — Basement

Sunday, November 24

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)
11:15 a.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.—VoXX Rehearsal — Parish Hall and Green Room
5:15 p.m. — Centering Prayer — Chapel
6:30 p.m. — AA meeting — Basement

*Meetings and Events are subject to change.
St. Thomas' welcomes the use of its facilities for Meetings and Events. Before scheduling any activity, please contact the Parish Office
(admin@stthomascamdenme.org, 236-3680)*