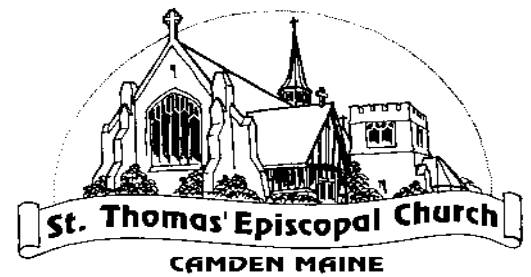


St. Thomas' Tidings

Sunday, June 7, 2020
Trinity Sunday

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.



The Rev. Canon Lisa Fry, Rector

33 Chestnut Street (P.O. Box 631)

Camden, ME 04843

207-236-3680

admin@stthomascamdenme.org

My Heartfelt Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who called, wrote, prayed and texted me since my dad died. I was really surprised when the first handful of cards came, and actually cried when it kept happening. Every single one of your messages helped me through a difficult time.

To paraphrase the prayer shawl blessing, I felt "cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love." Please accept my deepest gratitude, and know that you were, and are, a blessing to me. *Lisa+*



Streaming Service from St. Thomas' Beginning June 7

St. Thomas' will attempt to stream the service of Holy Eucharist from the church this Sunday, June 7. We have not completed the upgrades to WiFi, sound and camera yet—so it may be pretty rough. Bear with us. It's a work in progress.

During the month of June, our plan

is to have Sunday services in a format such as the Diocese uses: with people singing and reading or doing the prayers from home, and doing the "spiritual" Eucharist from the church with Clarissa on the organ and the Rector celebrating and preaching. Those pieces might come together for the 14th or might have to wait until the 21st. If you would like to participate by video, you will need a camera or phone that supports video with sound, and be willing to learn how to upload it to the person pulling it all together. If that sounds like something you would love to try, please let the office or the Rector know by email. It would be nice to see more of our adults and children participate in the service.

If you miss seeing the inside of the church, please join us this Sunday at 10 a.m. via the Facebook link on the website or in the email that will be sent. You do NOT need to be a Facebook user to watch this live.

Pastoral Care

Abby and I have been getting more requests lately to stop by and see people, and offer pastoral support in person—to be more "out and about." More people than ever are lonely and anxious during this time, especially those living alone—like my mom.

I haven't been able to get into my mom's apartment complex because of COVID-19 protocols. Of course, I really want to see my mom, but I am grateful that her community is being

so careful. Once the coronavirus gets into a community, it spreads quickly.

And you parishioners of St. Thomas' are my community.

Many of the people who ask us to visit don't, or can't, wear masks. Some will want to get much closer than 6 feet. Some are already seeing some of their nearer neighbors. Since some restaurants are open, it's hard to understand why we can't we share a meal together, too, right?

It's because the coronavirus is tricky. One really dangerous thing about it is that people can be exposed—from a trip to the store, or a neighborhood BBQ, or friends stopping by—and then be asymptomatic for up to 14 days before they show symptoms of COVID-19, the illness the virus causes. During those 14 days they are highly contagious. Abby and I don't want to inadvertently bring something to you that could sicken or harm you in any way. We also don't want to pick up the virus from someone who appears to be well, and then bring it to others.

You are our priority.

We will not be making in-person pastoral or social visits to our beloved community until at least July, unless someone is hospitalized or dying. We need to see what the influx of tourists to Camden and surrounding areas does to the number of people who become infected during this first month of summer. Because the coronavirus can lie dormant for so long, we'll need some time to see if any trends form.

Continues on next page...

'Pastoral' continues...

We hope we can see you soon. But—just like I'm doing with my own mother—we will continue to distance ourselves because we don't want to put anyone at risk. We are, however, always here by phone or email or text. It's not the same, we know. We REALLY know. We miss you, too.

But remember that no matter how far away we are from each other, we are still connected in tangible and intangible ways through the Spirit of God that flows between us. We are one in the Spirit. And they'll know we are Christians by our love of one another, especially right now. *Lisa*+

Presiding Bishop Curry has asked that Episcopalians pray this prayer from Pentecost through September 1.

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times
of uncertainty and loss
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in
us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in
the world;
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal
neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest
and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send
us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation
might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer List

Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need:

Short-term: *Gwen Prosser; Kevin; Edward; Jeremy Tucker; the Brooks family; Amelia Mello; Paula; Sandra A.; Julie; Robert Pearson; Dustin; Hunter Fierro; Tadd Lyman; Harry Hart; Ada Power; Larry Parker; Bayard Chanler; Carol; Marcie Vega; Vicky and Bill.*

Long-term: *Shirley; Carolyn Moore; Arnie Joy; Maxine; Judith Shepherd; Ron; Andrew; Joanne Scott; Tiffany Andrews; Seana Roubinek; Carolyn Morris; Amy; Joan Pottle; Paul Whittaker; Anne; Sandy Lyle; Brian Fitzpatrick; Skip Groman; Lainie Vreeland; David Harper; Susan Conrad; Elaine.*

God of all, we pray for our departed, especially *Cameron Smith*, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.



**This Sunday
June 7, 2020**

Trinity Sunday
Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalms 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

**Next Sunday
June 14, 2020**

Second Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 18:1-15
Psalms 116:1, 10-17
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8

* Click [here](#) to go to *This Week's Virtual Services*, with readings and Facebook links.

Calendar

Sunday, June 7

10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist, Rite II—

[Facebook Live](#)

***No "Virtual" Coffee Hour. Back next week!

Monday, June 8

9:30-10:00 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live

Tuesday, June 9

9:30-10:00 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live

Wednesday, June 10

9:30-10:00 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom

10:00 a.m.—Rector at COM

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.—Bible Study via Zoom

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live

4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.—EfM via Zoom

8:00 p.m.—Compline—Facebook Live

Thursday, June 11

9:30-10:00 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live

Friday, June 12

9:30-10:00 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live

4:00 p.m.—Rector's Class—Zoom

Saturday, June 13

11:00 a.m.—Youth Christian Education—Zoom

8:00 p.m.—Compline—Facebook Live

Sunday, June 14

10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist, Rite II—

[Facebook Live](#)

11:00 a.m.—"Virtual" Coffee Hour—Zoom

How to Reach Us:

Parish Office: 207-236-3680
(voicemail only)

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Brown, Bishop of Maine tbrown@episcopalmaine.org

The Rev. Canon Lisa Fry, Rector
rector@stthomascamdenme.org

207-231-2411

The Rev. Abby Pettee, Deacon,
207-236-3680

Susie Crawford, Office Manager
admin@stthomascamdenme.org

Clarissa Brown, Minister of Music
music@stthomascamdenme.org

Carlos Mello, Senior Warden
srwarden@stthomascamdenme.org

Edmund Hartt, Junior Warden
eamhartt@icloud.com

Terry Mello, Treasurer
treasurer@stthomascamdenme.org
and **Website Communications, IT**
communications@stthomascamdenme.org