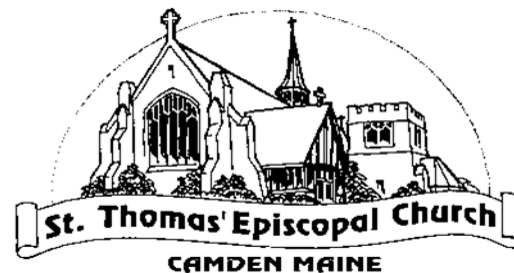


St. Thomas' Tidings

Sunday, July 12, 2020

Sixth 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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If You Want to Resume Zoom Coffee Hour...We Need a Host!

It would be nice for St. Thomas' to have coffee hour virtually, but we need someone to "host"—to go on Zoom and start it. It's very simple, doesn't require making coffee or bringing snacks, and if you have to the coffee hour early, make someone in the "room" a co-host to end the meeting. If you are interested, please let Susie or the Rector know. We can't have coffee hour without you!

Participate in Our Sunday Services

Bill Freeman is scheduling those of you who would like to be readers or singers in our Sunday video service. You can use a smart phone with video to film yourself reading or singing. Terry Mello has written easy directions on how to use your computer to get your video from your phone to us.

If you don't have a smart phone but you still want to participate, GREAT! Someone can tape you outside the church somewhere, or outside your home. Physical distancing will be observed, and masks worn except while reading.

We all want to see each other again. Please call Bill (236-2396) or email me (rector@stthomascamdenme.org) and let's see how many people we can welcome into this ministry of prayer and community. — Lisa+

New Ministry Opportunity During the Pandemic

This month, you will notice some different faces leading online worship. Noonday Prayer will be led by Sarah Groman on Mondays through July and by Donovan Bowley on Fridays. The Rector will continue to lead Noonday Prayer on the other weekdays, but we are looking for someone on Facebook to do Wednesdays this month. It's very easy, and the Rector will walk you through it. The whole service takes about five minutes, and it's a lovely way to intentionally stop and offer our prayers and praises to God.

We are also looking for a couple of people to lead Compline on Saturdays in July at 8:00 p.m. This service is a little longer—it runs approximately 15 minutes and is one of the loveliest services in the prayer book. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact the Rector.

St. Peter's Loaves & Fishes Update

Recently, the vestry and Rector Lael Sorensen at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Rockland have been studying how to move forward with the weekend community lunch program in a safe, newly modified format that would allow guests to be seated in the parish

hall rather than only receiving takeout at the door.

Starting in August, just 18 people will be allowed in and they will be required to wear masks until they begin eating. No more than three people will be seated at each round table. Ron Staschak has volunteered to wash tablecloths after each meal and will stand sentry at the entrance to ensure mask wearing and assess individuals' health before they enter.

Meals will be served on cafeteria trays that guests will bring back to their table. They may come up to receive food only once, although take-home leftovers will still be available. No coffee service will be offered.

Thanks go to Ron and to Jim Bowditch for gathering feedback and suggestions from each team involved in this ministry, before making any decisions on how to proceed.

As the weather once again becomes cooler, the warmth of the parish hall will be appreciated as will the community aspect of the meal (albeit socially distanced).

The size of the kitchen serving team will be limited to three, and the new disinfecting cleaning protocols will remain in place — Pam Bardon



Bring Your Knitting

K2together is an interfaith knitting group in Midcoast Maine. They meet on Zoom twice a month (next date: July 22) to laugh, knit/crochet, and share stories. Currently, they are making blankets and baby hats to donate to the local hospital. Never knit before? They'd love to teach you! Please email Rabbi Lily Solochek (rabbi@adasyoshuron.org) for the Zoom log-in or with any questions.

Birthdays & Anniversaries During Our Time Apart

I will be saying a special prayer for those who have birthdays, and a special prayer for those with anniversaries, as we livestream services. Please let me know if you are having either one of those, or had one since March 15: rector@stthomascamdenme.org. If you want your age, or number of years married, announced, let me know that, too. I'm looking forward to saying a special prayer just for you. — 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: *Mary; Gwen Prosser; Kevin; Edward; Jeremy Tucker; the Brooks family; Paula; Sandra A.; Robert Pearson; Dustin; Hunter Fierro; Tadd Lyman; Harry Hart; Ada Power; Larry Parker; Bayard Chanler; Carol; Marcie Vega; Vicky and Bill.*

Long-term: *Shirley; 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, 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
July 12, 2020**

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

*Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

**Next Sunday
July 19, 2020**

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

*Genesis 28:10-19a
Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-40, 36-43*

Click [here](#) for *This Week's Virtual Services*, lessons, and Facebook links.

Calendar

Sunday, July 12

Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Facebook and YouTube—Available after 7:00 a.m.
Sundays for your viewing

Monday, July 13

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom
12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live

Tuesday, July 14

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom
12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live

Wednesday, July 15

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.—Bible Study—Zoom
12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live
EfM is off for summer

8:00 p.m.—Compline—Facebook Live

Thursday, July 16

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom
12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live

Friday, July 17

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom
12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live
4:00 p.m.—Rector's Class—Zoom

Saturday, July 18

Youth Christian Education is off for summer

8:00 p.m.—Compline—Facebook Live

Sunday, July 19

Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Facebook and YouTube—Available after 7:00 a.m.
Sundays for your viewing

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