

St. Thomas' Tidings

October 4, 2020

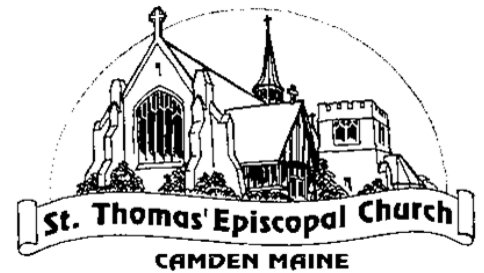
We are followers of Jesus who:

Worship in beauty

Question in faith

Serve in love

During the COVID-19 Pandemic most services, meetings, and classes are online until further notice. Everyone is welcome to come to all offerings.



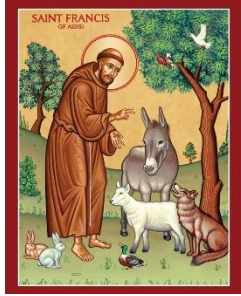
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St. Thomas' Holy Eucharist, Rite II— Featuring our Animal Friends!

This Sunday we
celebrate the Feast

of St. Francis. So be sure to tune in to
our St. Thomas' service video featuring
some of the pets in our community.

Thank you to everyone who shared their
pictures, and to Terry Mello and
Elizabeth Moran for putting it together!
Please go to our [website](#) for links to the
service on YouTube and Facebook.



Outdoor Worship Returns... Next Week!

Our next outdoor worship will be on
October 11 at Camp Bishopswood in
Hope. We had a great time there on
September 20, only marred a little by
the cold. This time we will be lighting
the campfire, which should help radiate
heat to all of us.

It will be a great day, great service,
and another great chance to see each
other: masked and distanced, of course!

*On October 11, the Diocese celebrates
Indigenous Peoples' Day; its video will
take the place of our usual one.*

Register for EfM Classes

The Education for Ministry (EfM)
class is now forming. EfM is for
anyone who seeks spiritual growth in
a small group setting—this fall, via
Zoom—and a deeper knowledge of
God and scripture, Christian theology
and history. If you want to participate,
or to learn more about EfM, please
contact Brother Donovan Bowley at
braidan@aol.com.



Courtesy of Bowley Family Collection
Deacon True's Mill in South Montville.

Bicentennial Program: The History of Midcoast Mills Thursday, October 8 @ 6:00 –7:00 p.m.

The Camden Public Library will
host our own Donovan Bowley for
an online presentation about the
history of mills on the Megunticook,
Medomak, and St. George rivers and
their tributary streams. The program
is part of the library's month-long
"Discover History" series, and will
be held via Zoom meeting. Please
email jpierce@librarycamden.org to
request a link to attend.



Limited Private Prayer in Church?

We have listened as some
parishioners have asked to have the
church open for private prayer. The
COVID-19 Task Force, Vestry and
Rector have been looking into how
this can be done with relative safety.
The plan is to have the church open
for three hours once a week. We'll be
rolling out the plan in the next couple
of weeks, but to do it we need
something from you: **this whole idea
pivots on it being overseen by
someone in the parish who is
committed to the idea and also
committed to the oversight of
protocols that will make it a
success.** If there are one or two of
you willing to take this on, please let
the Rector know by emailing her at
rector@stthomascamdenme.org. She
will meet with you to discuss the
options.



All Saints' Plans

We are encouraging all who have lost someone in the past year to send Terry Mello or Elizabeth Moran a photo of those loved ones. The images will be featured in the All Saints' Sunday service video on November 1. The deadline to submit photographs is October 26.

At 7:00 p.m. on All Saints' Sunday, we will hold a short outdoor service lit with candles and luminarias. Please bring pictures of your loved ones. There will be a 15-20-minute service which will include a recitation of the names of those from our congregation who have died in the past year, along with the names of those who are interred in our columbarium. We will close with prayers for those who have died since the last All Saints' service, and for all our beloved departed. Please come, and dress warmly.

Worship Options

For those of you yearning to attend an indoor worship experience until we reopen our sanctuary, I encourage you to attend St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Rockland, where the Rev. Lael Sorensen is offering Holy Eucharist. There are no reservations, and limited seating. She would welcome a limited number of our people to both her Sunday services, which are at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. COVID-19 protocols are to be followed: seating in marked places,

masks, distancing, no singing, and each person bringing their own bread and wine—just enough to consume it all. She asks that socializing happen only after having left the campus.

Lael+ is encouraging her parishioners who don't attend in-person services to watch our service video on Sunday mornings, and she has linked our offerings to her weekly newsletter.

We are striving to meet the needs of all our parishioners as part of a greater Episcopal community. *Lisa+*

Prayer List

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

Short-term: *Joan Grey; Travis Heck; Tiffany Andrews; Jeremy Tucker; Lucy Ebbert; Millie; Shirley; Paul Whittaker; Jeff; Aaron Dowd; Megan Nowak; Eric Jensen; Mary; Edward; the Brooks family; Paula; Sandra A.*

Long-term: *Robert Pearson; Dustin; Hunter Fierro; Tadd Lyman; Harry Hart; Ada Power; Larry Parker; Bayard Chanler; Carol; Marcie Vega; Vicky and Bill; Arnie Joy; Maxine; Judith Shepherd; Ron; Andrew; Joanne Scott; Carolyn Morris; Amy; Joan Pottle; 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
October 4, 2020**

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-14
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46*

**Next Sunday
October 11, 2020**

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14*

Calendar

Sunday, October 4

Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Facebook, YouTube.
Available to view after 7:30 a.m. Sunday.
Go to our [website](#) for links to the service.

Monday, October 5

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

Tuesday, October 6

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

Wednesday, October 7

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
Beginning Soon--EfM

8:00 p.m.—Compline

Thursday, October 8

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

Friday, October 9

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

Saturday, October 10

8:00 p.m.—Compline

Sunday, October 11

10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Outdoor Service at Camp Bishopswood, Hope
Diocese-wide Service—YouTube, 7:30a.m. and after; Facebook at 10:00 a.m. Go to our [website](#) for links to the service.
Coming Soon—Rector's Class

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