

St. Thomas' Tidings

September 27, 2020

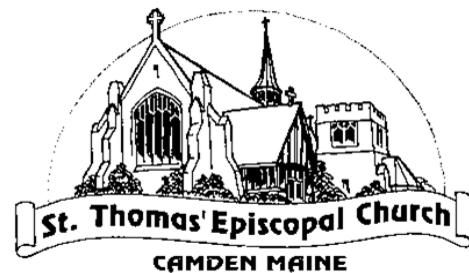
We are followers of Jesus who:

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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Diocesan Service Video— Featuring Friends!

This is the Sunday we watch the service video from the Diocese. This week you'll see several familiar faces. So be sure to tune in to the video—featuring members of our community! Our bishop will be preaching, too.

Save the Date!

Outdoor Worship Returns...

Our next outdoor worship will be on October 11 at Camp Bishopswood. 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. I would like a couple of kids to volunteer: one to carry the cross in, and one to ring the Sanctus bells.

On October 11 the Diocese celebrates Indigenous Peoples Day; their video will take the place of our usual one.

Those who are scheduled to read for that day are encouraged to attend our outdoor service and do their readings LIVE! (There is a microphone.)

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



From top: Millie Crocker's best buddy "Mr. Arthur"; Pat Ayers' pal "Arabella."

Deadline Sept. 28 for Animal Pics For Feast of St. Francis Video!

On Sunday, October 4, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, in honor of the patron saint of animals. For our service video, we are seeking photos or videos of animals (pets, wildlife, etc.). Please send them to me (communications@stthomascamdenme.org) or to Elizabeth Moran (elizabethmoran1@mac.com) and we'll do our best to include them. If you don't have digital photos, contact Elizabeth and she'll work with you to get your photos into our video. Thank you in advance for your help with this ministry. Blessings, Terry Mello

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.



All Saints' Plans

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

At 7:00 p.m. on All Saints' Sunday, November 1, we will hold a short outdoor service lit with candles and luminarias. Please bring pictures of loved ones with you. There will be a 15-20-minute service which will
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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.



Join the St. Thomas' Virtual Choir!

Music Minister Clarissa Brown is starting the fall season by learning new technologies to enable our choir to sing safely from home. With webinars from the nonprofit **Practical Resources for Churches**, she is learning to edit video and audio files so she can put our choir's voices together in song.

This new adventure also means we can include choir members who live all over the world. If you want to join, or know someone who might be interested, please contact Clarissa: voxhumana711@gmail.com. Members of local groups such as Down East Singers are welcome. Eventually, the Youth Choir also will be involved. Be looking for the choir in our recorded services!

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: *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
September 27, 2020**

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalms 25:1-8

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

Next Sunday

October 4, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Collect—Sarah Groman

Isaiah 5:1-7—Andrew Moran

Psalms 80:7-14—Br. Donovan Bowley

Philippians 3:4b-14—TBD

Matthew 21:33-46

POP—Roy Gilley

Calendar

Sunday, September 27

Diocese-wide Service—YouTube, 7:30a.m.
and after; Facebook at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, September 28

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom

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

5:30 p.m.—Vestry meeting—Zoom

Tuesday, September 29

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom

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

Wednesday, September 30

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 1

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom

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

Friday, October 2

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom

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

Saturday, October 3

Sunday, October 4

Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Facebook, YouTube.

Available to view after 7:30 a.m. Sunday.

Coming Soon—Rector's Class

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