



Weekly Newsletter

Friday, March 22, 2024

WORSHIP

The Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24, 2024

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion *in the Church*

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion *in the Church*

5:00 p.m. Last Chance Mass *in the Old School Building*

SERVICE DETAILS AND REMINDERS

1) [Click here](#) to watch the **10:00 a.m.** service live and to find previous services on the St. Thomas' Church website.

2) You can access the worship bulletin at <https://bit.ly/ST-Online>

We also offer weekday worship services!

Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. in the Old School Building:
Holy Eucharist and Bible Study

Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Old School Building:
Morning Prayer

Palm Procession to the Church this Sunday, March 24th at the 10:00 am service.

The Palm Procession **starts promptly at 10:00 a.m.** Please arrive early to pick up your palms. We will meet in front of St. Thomas' Preschool and process to the Church.

For those who are not able to process, palms will be available in the Church Narthex. Sunday bulletins for the 10:00 a.m. service will be placed in the pews.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

MARCH 24 - 31, 2024



MAY GOD BLESS YOU DURING THIS HOLY SEASON!

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M. IN THE CHURCH, 5:00 P.M. LAST CHANCE MASS IN THE OSB

This service commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to begin the week leading up to his death and resurrection. Palms will be available at all services. The 10:00 a.m. service will include a palm procession and the Youth Confirmation Class presenting the Gospel Passion reading that tells the events surrounding Jesus' crucifixion. The palm procession begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. Arrive early to pick up your palms. We will meet in front of St. Thomas' Preschool.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH

With a special Holy Communion service and the stripping of the altar, we have a time of special worship reflecting on the Last Supper.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

12:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH

A service of quiet music and prayer, focused on Jesus crucifixion. Service will be followed by a simple lunch in the Parish Hall.

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

9:00 A.M. IN THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING

A simple service that provides an opportunity to reflect on the time between Jesus' death and resurrection.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP & EVENTS, MARCH 31

8:00 A.M. Holy Communion with Special Music

9:00 A.M. 10th Annual Easter Breakfast hosted by the St. Thomas' Wardens past and present. All are invited to join us in the Parish Hall between the Easter worship services for a wonderful breakfast and fellowship.

10:00 A.M. Holy Communion with Special Music

11:00 A.M. Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 10 and younger. Meet in the grassy circle in front of the church following the 10:00 a.m. service.

**Please note: the 5:00 p.m. Last Chance Mass service will resume on Sunday, April 7th.*



2024 Easter Memorials

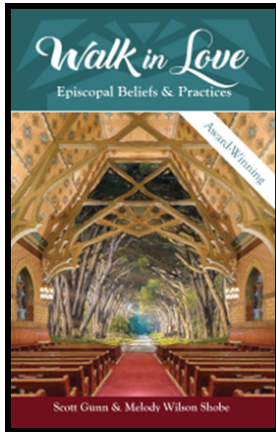
Easter is an appropriate time to remember loved ones through memorial donations for flowers on this great Festival of Jesus' Resurrection. If you wish to make an Easter memorial donation, please click on the button below to download an Easter Memorial form. Send your donation and form to the Parish Office or drop it in the Offering plate during service. Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas' Church.

Click the button below to download a pdf of the Easter Memorials form.

Easter Memorial Forms are due this Sunday, March, 24th. Please drop forms in the service offering plate or in the Parish mailbox by the Parish Office entrance. Completed pdf forms can also be emailed to [Jane Farnan](#).

Easter Memorial Form

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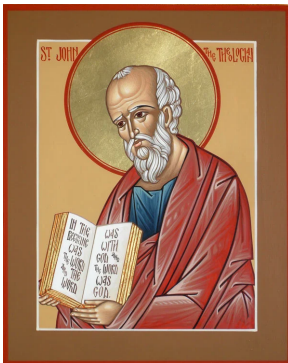


Adult Confirmation / Refresher / Inquirers Class

An opportunity for anyone who would like to be confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church or who would just like to learn more about our faith and church.

The program will run **Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**. We will be using the book *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices*. Copies are available in the Parish Office for \$20. Contact [Jane Farnan](#) for more information. **Participants should read chapters 17, 18, 19, and 20 for the next session on April 2nd.** **Please note the Adult Confirmation/Refresher/Inquirers Class will not meet on Tuesday, March 26th.*

Tuesday Night Adult Confirmation Zoom



Monday evenings, April 8th through June 3rd

Spring Adult Bible Study

On **Monday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**, the Bible study group will reconvene and read the first half of the Gospel of John, which was written by an eyewitness to Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection. The author expressly wrote this gospel for you "so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that by believing, you may have life in His name."

Even if you have not read the Bible since confirmation class, or not at all, you're welcome to log on, speak and share, or just listen. There are no right answers or tests, only the willingness to read the Scriptures and to use supplemental resources of your choice.

Our weekly Zoom meetings will be at **7:00 pm, Monday nights from April 8th through June 3rd**. Contact [Jane Farnan](#) to receive your email invitation that includes the schedule, resource suggestions, and Zoom link. We look forward to your joining us!

"We Gather Together" A Grief Support Group

It was Henry Wadsworth Longfellow who wisely observed, "There is no grief like the grief that does not speak."

St. Thomas' will offer a 6-part program after Easter for those who have experienced, or are experiencing, a loss of any kind: a death, a relationship, a pet, a job etc. Each of these and other situations hold the potential for grieving, a 'normal' yet hard emotion to experience.

"We Gather Together" will meet **Tuesdays, beginning April 2nd through May 7th at 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the OSB.** Availability to attend all sessions is strongly encouraged. For questions and/or to sign up, email [Caroline Stewart](#).

Children's & Youth Ministries



Family Worship in the Church this week!

Children ages 4-10 are invited to join us for fun activities and lessons in the Old School Building at 10:00 a.m. Drop-ins are always welcome! We invite children younger than 4 to join us as well, if accompanied by an adult.

To register for Children's and Youth programs or to volunteer, click [here](#).

Questions? Please contact the [Rev. Tom Murphy](#).

This Week's Activity Links

Pre-Reader

Reader

GIVE

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

"On Good Friday, March 29, I invite you to remember the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East through a gift to the Good Friday Offering. By supporting life-giving ministries in the province, including St. George's, Baghdad; the eye clinic in Ras Morbat, Yemen; the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza; and numerous other institutions identified by their dioceses, you are ensuring that our siblings in Christ are not forgotten." -- From a letter by The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop

St. Thomas' will donate our Good Friday Plate Offering to the GFO program.

Join us in celebrating a century of gifts and rejoicing in 2000 years of Good News by **clicking on the link/image below to donate.**

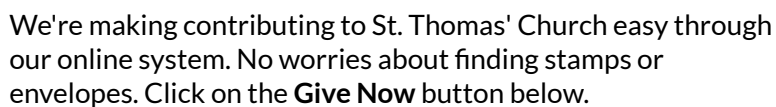


Our friends at the Community Crisis Center (CCC) are in **urgent need** of cleaning and personal hygiene supplies they hand out to families in need. Please consider donating any of the items below. We would love to have items from each category. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Soaps (dishwashing, laundry, pods) • surface cleaners (Lysol, Pine Sol, etc.) • sponges • Clorox
wipes

Mouth wash • floss and floss type products • shampoo and conditioner • body wash • baby wash • hand and body lotions • deodorant • wipes • razors • shaving cream • sunscreen • lip balm • first-aid supplies (Band Aids, antibiotic and itch ointments) • over-the-counter pain relievers

Infant and larger-sized diapers • pull-ups • adult incontinence products • feminine hygiene products



Make an online gift through [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly)

Give Now

GROW

**** SAVE THE DATE FOR TWO GREEN TEAM EVENTS! ****

Clean-up at Owings Mills Elementary School Stream Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join the Green Team in a NeighborSpace Clean-up of the stream and stream area immediately south of the elementary school playground on **Saturday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m.** Wear boots and bring your own gloves; trash bags will be provided. The students will thank you!

To register online, go to NeighborSpaceBaltimoreCounty.org, click the Events tab at the top of the page, and scroll down to the April 13th Clean-Up Day at Tollgate Wyndham event, or **click on the OMES Stream Clean-Up button below.**

Single Stream Recycling Center Tour Friday, April 26, 9:30 a.m.

Join the Green Team for a tour of the single stream recycling center for Baltimore County. This tour will answer any questions we may have as to what the recycling entails and how we impact our world when we participate in a recycling program. The tour will take place **Friday, April 26 at 9:30 a.m.** [Click here for more information about the trip.](#)

Click on the Recycling Center Trip button below to sign up!

Register for OMES Stream Clean-Up

Register for Recycling Center Trip



Our Preschool Needs Snacks

With the increased expense of food this year, St. Thomas' Preschool and Kindergarten is looking for donations of the following snack items to support our program - **NO NUTS, PLEASE!**

- wheat thins
- pretzels
- graham crackers
- cheese balls

During the week, donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office. We appreciate your support!



**SPRING FLING IS ALMOST HERE...
AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

St. Thomas' Preschool and Kindergarten
is preparing for our annual fundraiser

 **SAVE THE DATE**
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024
4:00 – 7:00PM AT ST. THOMAS'

This is our school's biggest fundraiser of the year and we are asking for donations to help fill our silent auction baskets. Please sign up if you can help. **SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW.** If you own a business and would like to donate a specific item, please sign up under "miscellaneous" (making note of the item). Thank you for your generosity in advance — your support of STPS is truly appreciated!

WITH GRATITUDE, STPS ADMINISTRATION & TEACHERS



Spring Fling

The St. Thomas' Preschool Spring Fling is Almost Here and We Need Your Help!

We are looking for donations to help fill our silent auction baskets. Click on the button below to sign-up for items to donate. Thank you for your support!

[Spring Fling Auction Basket Donations](#)

Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year is open! Click the button below to register online.

Did you know that pledging members of St. Thomas' Church receive a discount in tuition? Contact [Nicole Norris](#) for more information.

[Access online registration here](#)

July 8 - 12, 2024



Paul's Place Summer Camp 2024 at St. Thomas' Church

St. Thomas' will be hosting the Paul's Place Summer Camp this summer, **July 8-12, 2024**. If you are interested in helping out by donating supplies, please contact **[Margaret Green](#)** for more information.

The Thursday Morning Group

COME JOIN THE FUN - ALL ARE WELCOME!

The group meets in the St. Thomas' Church Library **each Thursday at 9:30 a.m. to noon**. Friendship, laughter and stories are shared, as well as ideas for many different kinds of projects.



The Fellowship Team needs your help!

Please consider helping to provide items for our after-service fellowship!

Sign up here

JOIN US FOR YOGA!

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Jessica from "My Purple Mat" presents

Thursday Chair & Gentle Yoga Infusion

10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Donation based (suggested donation: \$12-\$15)

For additional information visit: www.mypurplemat.com/events.

Prayer List

We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely, especially Allanah, Barbara L., Carla, Danny, David, David J., Emma, Erik S., Ernest, Frances G., Jacqueline, Judith, June, Katharine, Leroy, Lidia, Lillian, Linda, Mary, Michael, Michael Z., Morgan, Nick, Randy, Robert, Sarah D., Sinead, Steve, Verna, and Walter G.; Give them all the joy of your saving help, and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.

The Altar Greens are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:

Wilson Levering Smith ~ Virginia Wrenn Smith ~ Donnell Middleton Smith ~ Florence Cover Smith ~ Thomas Wilson Smith ~ Jenny Wrenn Smith ~ Elizabeth Culver Smith ~ Francis (Boo) Whitaker Smith

~ A memorial service for Francis "Boo" Whitaker Smith will be held on Saturday, April 13th at 11:00 a.m. at Gilman School ~

In our Parish Ministry Cycle of Prayer we give thanks for the Outreach Committee.

DAILY READINGS

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