



## Weekly Newsletter

Friday, May 3, 2024

# WORSHIP

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday, May 5, 2024

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

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion in the Church with Baptism

5:00 p.m. Last Chance Mass in the OSB

**\*\* There will be no 5:00 p.m. Last Chance Mass on Sunday, May 19th.**

### 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



On Sunday, we will celebrate the baptism of

**Phoebe Anne Shellhammer**

Daughter of Scott Shellhammer and Faith Collins.

We are delighted to welcome her Godparents, family, and friends who will be worshipping with us.

*A special thanks to John Bonn, our accompanist, and Jon Waller, our Director, for sharing their time and talents with us this Sunday, April 28th at the 10:00 a.m. service. We are most grateful!*

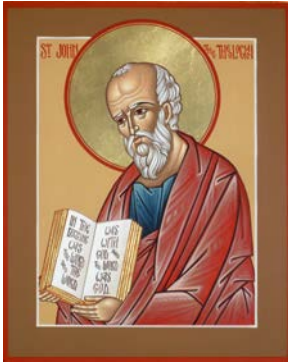
### Change in Parking Lot Procedures

On weekdays, the driveway between the main parking lot and the office parking lot is closed to traffic. This is for everyone's



safety, especially our preschool families. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## LEARN



**Monday evenings through June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**

### Spring Adult Bible Study

The Adult Bible study group is reading 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.

Join us for our weekly Zoom meetings at **7:00 pm, Monday evenings 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!

[Adult Bible Study Zoom Link](#)

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## Children's & Youth Ministries



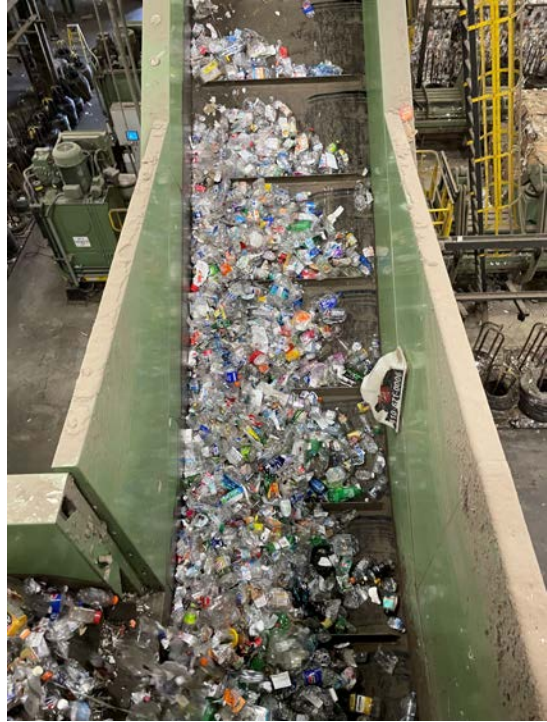
**Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. in the OSB this week!**

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](#)



## GREEN TEAM RECYCLING TOUR: A MAJOR SUCCESS!

Last Friday, ten St. Thomas' parishioners toured the Baltimore County Recycling Center and learned many thought-provoking things.

To read about what they learned, along with important information about Baltimore County's recycling practices, **click the button below.**

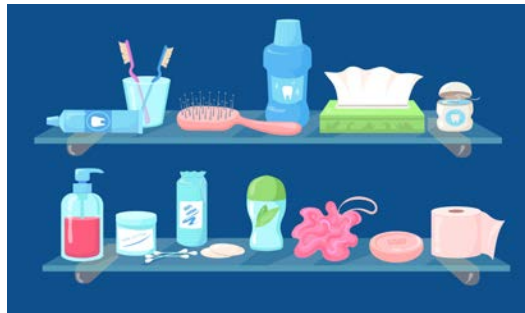
[Green Team Recycling Tour Information](#)



## Claggett Center Event: *The Philadelphia Eleven* Movie Screening, July 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

The Claggett Center in Adamstown, MD invites you to join us for the screening of *The Philadelphia Eleven*, on **July 10, 2024, from 6:30-10:00 p.m.** This documentary features the story of the first women to be ordained priests in the Episcopal Church. Bishop Carrie will lead us in a post reflection after the movie. A recommended donation of \$20 and overnight lodging will be available. To register and more information, click [HERE](#).

## GIVE



### CLEAN, CLEAN, CLEAN

#### For the CCC - Community Crisis Center

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!

#### For your house, laundry, & dishes:

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

#### For your body, hair, teeth & hands:

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

#### For your baby and body:

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

***Baskets for donations are located in the Narthex and Parish Hall on Sundays. During the week, donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office.***



We're making contributing to St. Thomas' Church easy through our online system. No worries about finding stamps or envelopes. Click on the **Give Now** button below.

If you have not yet submitted your 2024 Pledge, please click [here](#).

Make an online gift through [Tithe.ly](#)

**Give Now**

ST. THOMAS' STEWARDSHIP  
**BECAUSE OF YOUR GIFTS**



The St. Thomas' Preschool & Kindergarten is a place bursting with joy as our youngest children explore, learn and grow. Our program for two-year olds to kindergartners encourages and nurtures the children to their full potential in a vibrant and innovative learning community. With the support of our wonderful teachers, staff, and volunteers, each child grows and matures into the special person they were created to be. The children develop a deep love of learning – taking it with them well past their preschool and kindergarten days.

Your generous stewardship enables our preschool & kindergarten to thrive, while fostering a magical learning experience for our cherished young children. Your financial support through the Stewardship Financial Campaign, as well as monetary gifts and participation in the various preschool & kindergarten fundraisers, support the school, and lessens the financial burden for the parents. Your gifts of supplies and volunteer time with the children help bridge the gap between the classrooms and the church. It's hard to know who benefits more from volunteering at the preschool & kindergarten – the children or the volunteers!

Thank you for your care and stewardship of our wonderful preschool & kindergarten. And thank you to everyone who works for the preschool & kindergarten or lends a hand to this incredible ministry of St. Thomas' Church.



2024 Stewardship Seasonal Reflections

**GROW**



The St. Thomas' Preschool & Kindergarten Spring Fling is Saturday, May 4th

from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas'

*All proceeds go directly back to our students and teachers!*

**50/50 Raffle Tickets can be purchased by cash, check, or Venmo up to the day of the event and at the door.** 1 ticket for \$5 or 3 tickets for \$12. You do not need to be present to win. The winner will be announced during the event. Purchase 50/50 raffle tickets online through [Venmo](#) to the STPS Parents Association [@StThomasPreschool-ParentsAssociation](#) (please note Spring Fling 50/50 in the comments).



**Bid on Silent Auction Baskets**

**Online bidding is now live for Spring Fling Silent Auction Baskets!**

Online bidding is now live! Check out the fabulous silent auction baskets by clicking on the button below. **Bidding closes at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, May 4th.** Winners will be announced at the Spring Fling. You do not need to be present to win.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact [Nicole Norris](#), STPS Director. **Please see the flyer below for more details.**

*Thank you for your support! We hope to see you there!*

ST. THOMAS'  
PRESCHOOL  
AND KINDERGARTEN



# Spring Fling

SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLE

Saturday, May 4, 2024

4:00 - 7:00 pm

St. Thomas' School

232 St. Thomas Lane Owings Mills, MD 21117

*Lots of great auction items including:*

foodie baskets, entertainment events, overnight get-aways

*plus* raffles, live music, a photo booth, and so much more!

*We hope to see you there!*

Ticket sales via Venmo

\$50.00/person

includes wine, beer, & food

\*Please include your name with payment

*All money from auction & ticket sales goes  
to St. Thomas' Preschool & Kindergarten*



**venmo**

StThomasPreschool-ParentsAssoc

on sale now  
in Parish Hall!



50/50  
**RAFFLE**

\$5.00 Tickets  
or 3/\$12



Wagon  
of Wine  
**RAFFLE**

\$5.00 Tickets  
or 3/\$12



\*need not be present to win – This event is sponsored by the PA of STPS



**Spring Campus Cleanup with the Green Team!**

Sunday, May 5th following the 10:00 a.m. service

**RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 19TH**

The Green Team is hosting a St. Thomas' Grounds cleanup in celebration of Rogation Sunday and our earth on **Sunday May 5th following the 10:00 a.m. service.**

Come to church in your work clothes, bring your favorite tools, and stay to help pick up trash along St. Thomas Lane, upgrade the Nature Trail, and add plants to the grounds.

*All are welcome! No sign up is required.*

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## **A Cemetery Committee Rogation Sunday Event!**

**Saturday, May 4th 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 5th following the 10:00 a.m. service**

Those parishioners with family headstones in need of cleaning are invited to participate in the headstone cleaning project, **Saturday, May 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or Sunday, May 5th following the 10:00 a.m. service.** Buckets, water and supplies will be provided, and we hope this gives everyone an opportunity to upkeep their family graves.

For those parishioners interested in helping to clean, please contact Wesley Finnerty by **email** or cell **(410) 215-0723**.

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# Honoring our Graduates

## ST. THOMAS' 2024



**HOWARD (HOWDY) CHARLES COLHOUN**  
CALVERT SCHOOL, CLASS OF 2024  
ST. PAUL'S, CLASS OF 2028



**CHARLOTTE SORENSEN HARRIS**  
CALVERT SCHOOL, CLASS OF 2024  
SPINGSIDE CHESTNUT HILL  
ACADEMY, CLASS OF 2028



**ADANNAYA JENNIFER OKPALA**  
DEER PARK MIDDLE MAGNET SCHOOL, CLASS OF 2024  
WESTERN SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY &  
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, CLASS OF 2028

MIDDLE SCHOOL



**CHARLES (CHARLIE) FRANCIS OLIVER**  
CALVERT SCHOOL, CLASS OF 2024  
GILMAN, CLASS OF 2028



**ISABELLE PEYTON SHURE**  
ODYSSEY, CLASS OF 2024  
GARRISON FOREST, CLASS OF 2028



**MICHAEL MATTHEW THOMPSON**  
BOYS' LATIN, CLASS OF 2024  
BOYS' LATIN, CLASS OF 2028

HIGH SCHOOL



**MATTHEW BURNETT**  
JEMICY, CLASS OF 2024  
COLLEGE CHOICE UNDECIDED



**NATHAN M. KOSHY**  
GILMAN, CLASS OF 2024  
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK



**GEORGIA SCHMIDT**  
MCDONOGH, CLASS OF 2024  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COLLEGE



**ALEXANDER CLEVENER**  
LEHIGH UNIVERSITY, CLASS OF 2024



**JACK FINNERTY**  
HOBART, CLASS OF 2024



**ALEXANDER (KANDER) BYERS MARTIN III**  
YALE UNIVERSITY, CLASS OF 2024

## Celebrating our 2024 Graduates!

Come celebrate our St. Thomas' 2024 Graduates **on Sunday, May 5th following the 10:00 a.m. service.** Join us in the Parish Hall for a special graduation cake. Congratulations to the graduates on all of their accomplishments!



## Bishop Sutton's Farewell Picnic

**Sunday, May 5th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Claggett Center**

Give thanks for Bishop Sutton's ministry and leadership over the past 16 years at his Farewell Picnic retirement celebration, **Sunday, May 5th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at the Claggett Center in Adamstown, MD. Please bring a blanket or a camp chair. The program will start at 5:00 p.m.

Contributions to the Sutton Scholars High School Enrichment Program in honor of Bishop Sutton are also welcome. Collections will be presented at the event. To learn more about the Sutton Scholars program, click [HERE](#).

Click the button below to register and for more information about the event.

ST. THOMAS'  
PRESCHOOL



## The Liddell/Hogan Scholarship Fund

With great dedication, parishioners Lucy Liddell (Board President) and Louis Hogan (Treasurer) guided our Preschool through the challenging days of the COVID Pandemic.

To honor their faithful service, we have established the Liddell / Hogan Scholarship Fund. Your donations to the Fund will help assure that tuition discounts will be available for employees, parishioners, and families in need.

You can contribute to the Fund by check (*payable to St. Thomas' Church, "Liddell / Hogan Scholarship Fund" on the memo line*) or click to link to the [St. Thomas' Tithe.ly account](#) online (*selecting "Liddell / Hogan Scholarship Fund" in the drop-down menu*).

**Thank you for supporting our wonderful preschool and for honoring Lucy and Louis!**



## Save the Date! Newcomers Reception

Saturday, June 1st 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Welcome all newcomers – we are glad you are here! Join us for a reception **Saturday, June 1st from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Rectory**. To RSVP, please email [Jane Farnan](#).

ST. THOMAS'  
PRESCHOOL



**SPREAD THE WORD**

## CALLING ALL SOON-TO-BE KINDERGARTENERS!

We have room in our Kindergarten Class for 2024-2025. Take a tour today!

*Extended hours available in the Fall!*

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](#)



### 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!



### The Fellowship Team needs your help!

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

[Sign up here](#)

### 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.

*New Time and Place for Spring and Summer!*

### CHAIR YOGA AT MY PURPLE MAT

With spring and summer around the corner and people traveling more, Jessica will resume yoga at St. Thomas' in the fall. Join her at My Purple Mat studio.

Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

Chair & Gentle Yoga Infusion at My Purple Mat

100 Owings Court, Suite 14

Reisterstown, MD 21136

Registration is required as space is limited. Cost: \$15-17 per session. Click [HERE](#) to register and for additional information.

## Prayer List

We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely, especially Allannah, Barbara L., David, David G., Emma, Eric S., Frances G., Gee, Harry G., Jacqueline, Joan H., Judith, Katharine, Kathleen D., Lidia, Linda, 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 Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:*

Warde B. Allan ~ John Eager Howard, Jr. ~ Angelica Peale Allan ~ Francis & Harriette Iglehart ~ Robert Berry Howard ~ John Eager Howard ~ Nancy Horne Howard ~ Lucy James Iglehart Howard ~ William James Howard ~ William G. Marr ~ Mary W. Marr ~ Mary Washington Marr Newhall

In our Parish Ministry Cycle of Prayer we give thanks for the Thursday Morning Group.

## DAILY READINGS

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### St. Thomas' Church Owings Mills

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MD 21117 United States



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