



Weekly Newsletter

Friday, July 5, 2024

WORSHIP

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 7, 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 OSB

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

Thank You...

Many thanks to **The Rev. Arianne Rice** for leading our three worship services this Sunday, July 7th! We are so grateful & blessed to have you here with us!

Call for Lay Ministers:

Lectors ~ Lay Chalcists ~ Ushers

Are you thinking about how you can serve at St. Thomas'? Consider becoming a Lay Minister! We are always looking for parishioners to fill the roles of Lectors, Lay Chalcists, and Ushers.

If you are interested in becoming a Lector or a Lay Chalcist, please contact [The Rev. Tom Murphy](#). We are also looking for new ushers! If you would like to find out more about this Lay Ministry, please contact [Arinze Okpala](#).



Save the Date! Tuesday, July 16th

Dinner, Movie Screening & Discussion at St. Thomas': Origin

Join us on **Tuesday, July 16th** in the **Parish Hall** for dinner and a screening of the film, **Origin**, followed by a discussion about the movie.

Origin is a 2023 American biographical drama film written and directed by Ava DuVernay. It is based on the life of Isabel Wilkerson, played by Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor, as she writes the book, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*.

This film explores the idea of how race may not be the only determining factor in bigotry, but also analyzes how bigotry still occurs by caste.

Pizza & popcorn will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the movie will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. A discussion will immediately begin when the movie ends.

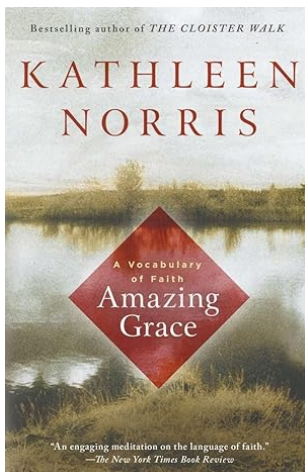
We would love to have our youth join us, however, this film is recommended for those 16 years of age and older.

We hope you will join us!

If you would like to come for dinner, please click the button below to RSVP online.

Paper sign-up sheets for the dinner will also be available in the Narthex and Parish Hall.

Sign up to join us for dinner!



Parish Summer Reading Book Discussion Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Parish Summer Reading

This summer, all parishioners are invited to read **Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith**, by Kathleen Norris.

Norris offers thoughtful and lively reflections on the language of Christianity, writing about familiar but perhaps abstract words like "salvation," "repentance," "grace," and many more.

One reviewer wrote, "Most of the essays are only a few pages long, but don't be fooled by the length. You could read these any number of times and always discover something new."

We'll gather in the Parish Hall for a book discussion on
Saturday, September 7, at 10:00 a.m.

Copies of the book will be available to purchase in the Parish
Office for \$17. Contact [Jane Farnan](#) for more information.

Children's & Youth Ministries



Family Worship in the Church!

Worship bags and children's bulletins are available in
the Narthex each Sunday.

Sunday School for children ages 4-10 **will resume after
summer break on Sunday, September 8, 2024 in the Old
School Building at 9:45 a.m.**

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



July 10, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.

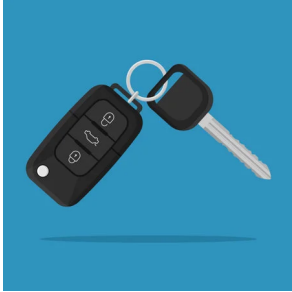
Claggett Center Movie Screening Event: **The Philadelphia Eleven**

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

Gently Used Car Needed

One of our Outreach missions is supporting the transition of
refugees to life in America. We are currently helping an Afghan



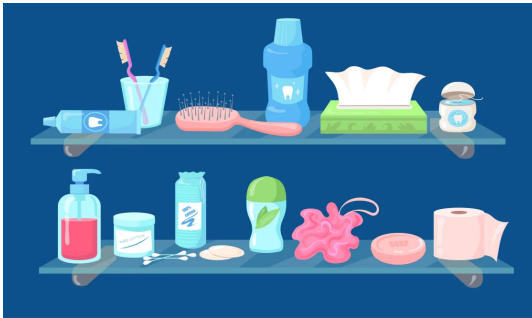
family of six. Transportation is a significant problem, as many of the more desirable start-up jobs are not on public transportation routes. We are looking for a vehicle that can seat 5 or 6 people. Compensation, inspection and transfer costs could be covered.

If you or a family member has a gently used vehicle to offer, please contact one of the Outreach Committee team members below:

[Louis Hogan \(443\) 474-3516](#)

[Betsy Wilmerding \(410\) 241-8431](#)

[Jim Wolgamott \(410\) 375-2717](#)



CLEAN, CLEAN, CLEAN

Please consider donating any of the items below to the **Community Crisis Center**. We would love to have items from each category. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Baskets for donations are located in the Narthex and Parish Hall or can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

List of Items Needed for the Community Crisis Center

ST. THOMAS' STEWARDSHIP

BECAUSE OF YOUR GIFTS



Our **Acolyte Ministry** has come back with great enthusiasm since the COVID hiatus. Under the excellent leadership of John Lang, our adolescent and young adult Acolyte Ministry has ballooned to 19 members!

It's a wonderful sight to see our young servers lead the procession into church each Sunday. All parishioners over the age of 10 are welcome to participate in the Acolyte Ministry. This opportunity is often the first time a young person can serve during worship and can lead to a continued desire to serve God and our church well into adulthood. John describes his leadership role as personally gratifying. He feels blessed to be able to guide our young leaders who are "responsive to suggestions and new ideas, always pleasant, cheerful, enthusiastic, and oh so entertaining!"

We give great thanks to John for his leadership and his ability to motivate our young Acolytes (the chocolate bars help too). Thank you to our young stewards who serve as Acolytes, and, thank you for your generous stewardship that enables St. Thomas' to offer this wonderful service opportunity!



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](#)

2024 Stewardship Seasonal Reflections



Paul's Place Summer Camp at St. Thomas' is next week!

We are hosting Paul's Place Camp again this summer! Campers, counselors, and volunteers will be on our campus next week, **Monday, July 8th through Friday, July 12th.**

— A Celebration of Life Planning Session — Sunday, July 14th

following the 10:00 a.m. service in the Parish Hall

Join us on Sunday, July 14th following the 10:00 a.m. service in the Parish Hall for a Celebration of Life Planning Session. We'll discuss music, readings, and other items to consider when thinking of your Celebration of Life.



ST. THOMAS' PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN



REGISTRATION

at St. Thomas' Preschool and Kindergarten will soon be open for the 2024/2025 school year. Come experience the "magic!"

To schedule a tour, please visit www.stthomaspreschool.info or contact nnorris@stthomaspreschool.info



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](#)

The New Presiding Bishop is Elected

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, bishop of Northwest Pennsylvania and bishop provisional of Western New York, was elected and confirmed June 26th at the 81st General Convention to serve as the 28th presiding bishop.

His nine-year term as presiding bishop, the face and voice of The Episcopal Church and its chief pastor, begins November 1st. For more information, please click [HERE](#).



SAVE THE DATE!

RENEWAL SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 8TH

Mark your calendars and join us for a celebration of St. Thomas' New Program Year! **Sunday, September 8th following the 10:00 a.m. service.**

Event Highlights will include: Blessing of the Backpacks, Outreach Activities, Parish Picnic, and a Retirement Send-Off for our very own Barbara Parks and Wanda Waller!

A fun and meaningful way to come together and catch up with one another after the summer! We'll see you there!

PUT THESE FALL DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

St. Thomas' Preschool and Kindergarten Open House

Sunday, September 29th

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 6th ~ 10:00 a.m. service

Outreach Sunday

Sunday, October 20th

More information to follow.



The Fellowship Team is on Summer Break

The menu is scaled-back, but the Fellowship is still full! Come join us for lemonade and cookies at Sunday Fellowship, following the 10:00 a.m. service each Sunday in the Parish Hall.

Thank you to our Fellowship Team for providing delicious breakfast casseroles and baked goods for the past nine months! Enjoy the break!

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., Gee, Jacqueline, Joan H., Joe K., Justine, Katharine, Kathleen D., Lidia, Linda, Michael, Michael Z., Morgan A., Morgan B., Nick, Randy, Sinead, and Verna; 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:
Lozein Rhoades O'Hanlon ~ Philip O'Hanlon ~ Richard Lindell Sack ~ Sara Jane Sack

In our Parish Ministry Cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for the Lay Chalcists.

DAILY READINGS

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