



## Weekly Newsletter

Friday, April 25, 2025

# WORSHIP

## The Second Sunday of Easter

**Sunday, April 27, 2025**

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

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

5:00 p.m. *Come as you are! All are welcome!* Last Chance Mass in the Old School Building

### SERVICE DETAILS AND REMINDERS

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

You can access the worship bulletin and weekly announcements at <https://bit.ly/ST-Online>

*\*\*Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday bulletins are also available to view through the above link.*

### 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

### LYRIC POEM & REFLECTION

*From the Music Minister*

Click [HERE](#) to read a lyric poem shared by Jonathan K. Waller, our Music Minister, from this coming Sunday's music selections and his reflection on how it resonates with this week's scripture readings.

[Click to view Easter Memorials](#)



*On Sunday, we will celebrate the baptism of*

### **Bolton Randall Porter**

Son of Kirk Randall Porter and Elizabeth Bennett  
Blue and grandson of Richard and Lisa Blue.

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



## Children's & Youth Ministries

*\* Sunday School will resume this Sunday, April 27!*

*All are welcome!*

**Sunday School is in the Old School Building at 9:45 a.m.**

Sunday School for children ages 4-10 is in the Old School Building at 9:45 a.m. Please join us!

To register your child/children for our Children & Youth Ministry programs, or to volunteer, click [here](#).

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

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

## This Week's Activity Links

Click the buttons below to download a *Sparkhouse Worship* children's bulletin for this week.

Pre-Reader

Reader



### BE A PART OF THE LIVESTREAM TEAM!

We're looking for volunteers to help run our livestream for the 10:00 a.m. service each Sunday. No experience necessary—you will be trained! Contact [Christopher Reynolds](#) for more information about this important ministry.

## LEARN

### YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS

***This Sunday, April 27 at 9:00 a.m.***

The next Confirmation Class is **this Sunday, April 27**. Please have Chapter Eight read prior to class. The final Confirmation Class is **Sunday, May 18 at 9:00 a.m.**

Confirmation practice will be **Sunday, June 1**. Confirmation will be at St. Thomas' on **Sunday, June 8 at the 10:00 a.m. service**.

The Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent will be visiting St. Thomas' and presiding at the Confirmation.

We will have a celebration for our Confirmands in the Parish Hall following the 10:00 a.m. service. Come and congratulate our students and stay for cake!



## JOIN US FOR SPRING ADULT BIBLE STUDY!

*Adult Bible Study Begins this Monday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom*

We will be studying the second half of the *Book of Job* in our spring session. Given what's going on in the world right now, Job may be relevant now more than ever. God says, "Have you met my friend Job? There is not a person on the face of the earth like him." We all want that relationship with God.

Join us **starting this Monday, April 28** from **7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Zoom** for heartfelt discussion and fellowship. Sessions will continue each Monday evening. Newcomers are always welcome! Contact [Jane Farnan](#) for the Zoom link.

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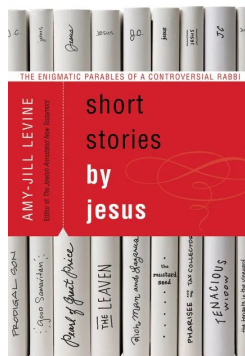


*Saturday, June 7 at 11:00 a.m.*

## JOIN US FOR REV. AMELIA'S ORDINATION!

The Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent will ordain Rev. Amelia Bello to the Priesthood on **Saturday, June 7 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore**. Join us either in-person or via [livestream](#) for this most joyful day!

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## PARISH SUMMER READING

Join our Parish Summer Reading Book Club — All are invited!

This summer, all parishioners are invited to read ***Short Stories by Jesus***, by Amy-Jill Levine.

In *Short Stories by Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine analyzes the "problems with parables," taking readers back in time to understand how their original Jewish audience understood them.

More information about book discussion meeting dates and times coming soon!

## REQUEST FOR AFGHAN SUPPORT

On March 12, a small group of volunteers from St. Thomas' and St. Marks' greeted the Hamyar family. They were some of the very few recent refugees from Afghanistan to be admitted into the United States.

This family of four arrived with 5 pieces of luggage. They are moved into an apartment at Renew Foundry Center, which is just down the street from our church. Several generous members have donated furniture and household items to help get them established.

Please consider making a cash donation to a [GoFundMe](#) page which was established to help them in their transition. Our Group name is Neighbors Together 3. Contributions will be used to help with rent, summer clothing, and other costs associated with a successful transition. *Thank you for your support!*

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## CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

### St. Thomas' Spring Craft Sale, May 4

Are you an artist, knitter, sewer, woodworker, crafter, or baker. We are looking for you! **St. Thomas' Spring Craft Sale is Sunday, May 4**, in the Parish Hall following both the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services. If you are interested in participating, please contact Roz Corasaniti at [\(410\) 812-5552](tel:(410)812-5552) or [Jane Farnan](#) or at the Parish Office [\(410\) 363-1044](tel:(410)363-1044).

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*Help us assemble Dental Hygiene Care Bags!*

## ST. THOMAS' OUTREACH: COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER CARE BAGS

**Sunday, May 18 following the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services in the PH**

The St. Thomas' Outreach Committee is accepting donations of the following items:

- Toothpaste (medium-sized)
- Dental floss
- Multi-pack toothbrushes
- Gallon-size Ziploc bags



We will be making dental hygiene Care Bags each month following the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services in the Parish Hall as a St. Thomas' community Outreach activity. We can always use the help, so come join us!

If you would like to participate, please purchase the specific items above and drop off to the Parish Office during the week, or in the baskets located in the Narthex and Parish Hall. Or click the button below to make a donation through Tithely. *Scroll down to "Outreach—Community Crisis Center" in the pull-down menu.*

Contact [Margaret Green](#) for more information.

\* Please no shampoo, body wash, mouth wash, or Lysol.

\*\*We are still accepting donations of diapers and feminine hygiene products.

Make a Donation to St. Thomas' for Community Crisis Center Care Bags



### The Liddell/Hogan Scholarship Fund

The Liddell/Hogan Scholarship fund is a fund in honor of Lucy Liddell and Louis Hogan, and helps families of employees, parishioners, and those in financial need at St. Thomas' Preschool and Kindergarten. Please help to make the magic of the school available and affordable. [Contributions](#) can be made to the church with a designation to this fund. *Many thanks!*



### STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

We are still accepting pledge cards for our Stewardship Campaign! Please return your pledge card to the Parish Office. Thank you to those who have already pledged!

Contact [Christopher Reynolds](#) in the Parish Office with any questions.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch the Stewardship Presentation during the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, September 15, 2024.

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

Give Now

The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) Seasonal Reflections - Tell Out My Soul

## GROW

*Join Us this Saturday!*

St. Thomas' Preschool & Kindergarten Spring Fling

Saturday, April 26, 4:30-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

*All parishioners, family, and friends are invited to attend and support of our magical preschool!*



## ST. THOMAS' PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

# Spring FLING

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH**

**4:30-8:00PM**

**PARISH HALL**

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Join us for an unforgettable evening with live music, heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer, and a silent auction. Plus, enter for a chance to win a 50/50 raffle or a Wagon of Wine!

**TICKETS**  
**\$55 each**

For payment information through Zelle, please contact Kristen Handy.



Scan the QR code or visit Parish Hall to secure your tickets and raffle entries today!

**RAFFLES**

One for \$2  
Five for \$8  
Ten for \$15

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**Questions?** Contact Kristen Handy, [kreesey22@gmail.com](mailto:kreesey22@gmail.com), (443) 926-6852

ST. THOMAS' PRESCHOOL &  
KINDERGARTEN

# Spring FLING



**PURCHASE YOUR STPS SPRING FLING 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS!**

STPS Spring Fling 50/50 Raffle tickets are on sale now in the Parish Hall or scan the QR code above.

Pick up an envelope from the front table in the Parish Hall or scan the QR code above to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$2 each, 5 for \$8, and 10 for \$15. The winner will be announced at the Spring Fling on Saturday, April 26. You do not need to be present to win. It's a great — and easy — way to support our magical preschool!

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**St. Mark's on the Hill**  
**Gilead House Fundraiser**  
**Bowling**  
BOWLERO, PIKESVILLE

**PARTY**

**April 27, 2025**  
**3 - 5PM**  
**COST: \$35**

**For more information, contact Adrienne Cusick at [adriannecusick@yahoo.com](mailto:adriannecusick@yahoo.com) or visit [www.stmarksonthehill.org](http://www.stmarksonthehill.org)**

Payment Method: Either pay at the event (cash or check) or pay in advance via [stmarksonthehill.org](http://stmarksonthehill.org), click on DONATE and include "Bowling" in the note.



**CELEBRATING OUR 2025 GRADUATES ON SUNDAY, MAY 4**  
***Photos Needed for our Graduate Display Board!***

The end of the school year will be here soon, and we are looking forward to celebrating our 2025 graduates, from pre-kindergarteners to graduate students! Join us in the Parish Hall following the 10:00 a.m. service on **Sunday, May 4** to honor these outstanding students!

Please send your graduate's full name and photo, the school from which they will be graduating, and where they are heading to next to [Jane Farnan](#). Hi-

The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, April 29.

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***Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18***

### **A Cemetery Committee Event: Cleaning Family Headstones**

Those parishioners with family headstones in need of cleaning are invited to participate in the headstone cleaning project, **Saturday, May 17 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.** or **Sunday, May 18 following the 10:00 a.m. service.** Buckets, water, and supplies will be provided.

If you are a family member interested in participating, please contact [Wesley Finnerty](#) or (cell) [410-215-0723](#).

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**Saturday, May 31 at 2:00 p.m.**

### **NEWCOMERS RECEPTION**

Welcome all newcomers! Save the date for a Newcomers' Reception at the rectory, Saturday, May 31 at 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP to [Jane Farnan](#), Parish Administrator, or call the Parish Office [\(410\) 363-1044](#).

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Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is open! Extended hours are available! Contact [Nicole Norris](#), Director, for questions or more information.





**NOW ENROLLING for the  
2025/2026 school year!**

Come experience the "magic" that is  
St. Thomas' Preschool and Kindergarten.

ST. THOMAS'  
PRESCHOOL  
AND KINDERGARTEN

To schedule a tour, please visit  
[www.stthomaspreschool.info](http://www.stthomaspreschool.info)  
or contact [nnorris@stthomaspreschool.info](mailto:nnorris@stthomaspreschool.info)

Schedule a tour!

## The Thursday Morning Handicrafters

*Come join the fun - all are welcome! Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Library*

The Thursday Morning Handicrafters (formerly known as the Thursday Morning Group) meet 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.

## Join the Fellowship Team!

Each week our joyful fellowship follows the 10:00 a.m. service in the PH and is supplemented with fun and tasty treats provided by parishioners. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, click the button below or contact [Jesse VanGeison](#) with any questions.

Click here to sign up for a Sunday!

## Prayer List

We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely, especially Al, Allanah, Amber, Barbara, Barbara L., Betsy G., Betty, Bill G., Calvin, Carter, Claire, Dara, David G., Devon, Dianne, Ellen, Eric, Gee, George, Geraldine, Henry, Jen B., Jerrie, Jessica, Jim, Joanne, Judy, Kennedy, Laurie, Lidia, Michael, Michael A., Mike, Nick, Pat, Rhonda, Roberta, Rozzy G., Shirley, Taylor, Verna, and Vicki; 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:  
H. Dawson Penniman ~ Lucy T. Penniman ~ Marion Tuttle Colwill*

In our Parish Ministry Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the members of Welcome Circle and the Afghan refugees they support.

## DAILY READINGS

[CLICK HERE](#)



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