



Weekly Newsletter

Friday, May 16, 2025

WORSHIP

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 18, 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. Last Chance Mass in the Old School Building *Come as you are! All are welcome!*

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>

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.



This Sunday, we will celebrate the baptisms of

Cryder Bates Curro

Son of Connor and Lindsay Farber Curro

and

Penelope Fox Ohmott

Daughter of Daniel Ohmott and Molly Farber

Grandchildren of Jonathan and Bonnie Farber

We are delighted to welcome their Godparents, family, and friends worshipping with us today.

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES

The last day of Sunday School before summer break is this Sunday,



May 18! Sunday School will resume in the fall after Labor Day.

During the summer months, we will have Family Worship in the church. Follow the links below for the Sparkhouse Worship children's bulletins each week to download activities for both readers and pre-readers!

Sunday School for children **ages 4-10 is in the Old School Building at 9:45 a.m.** 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 Children's Activity Links

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

Pre-Reader

Reader



JOIN 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.

This is a great volunteer opportunity for high school students and college-aged students home for the summer.



PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS BEGIN IN JUNE

Starting on **Monday, June 2**, the Parish Office summer hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 8
WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST**

LEARN

Save the Date and Join Us!

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

The Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent will be visiting St. Thomas'

The Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent will be preaching at both the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services and presiding over our Youth Confirmation during the 10:00 a.m. service that day.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS

This Sunday, May 18 at 9:00 a.m. in the Library

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY REHEARSAL

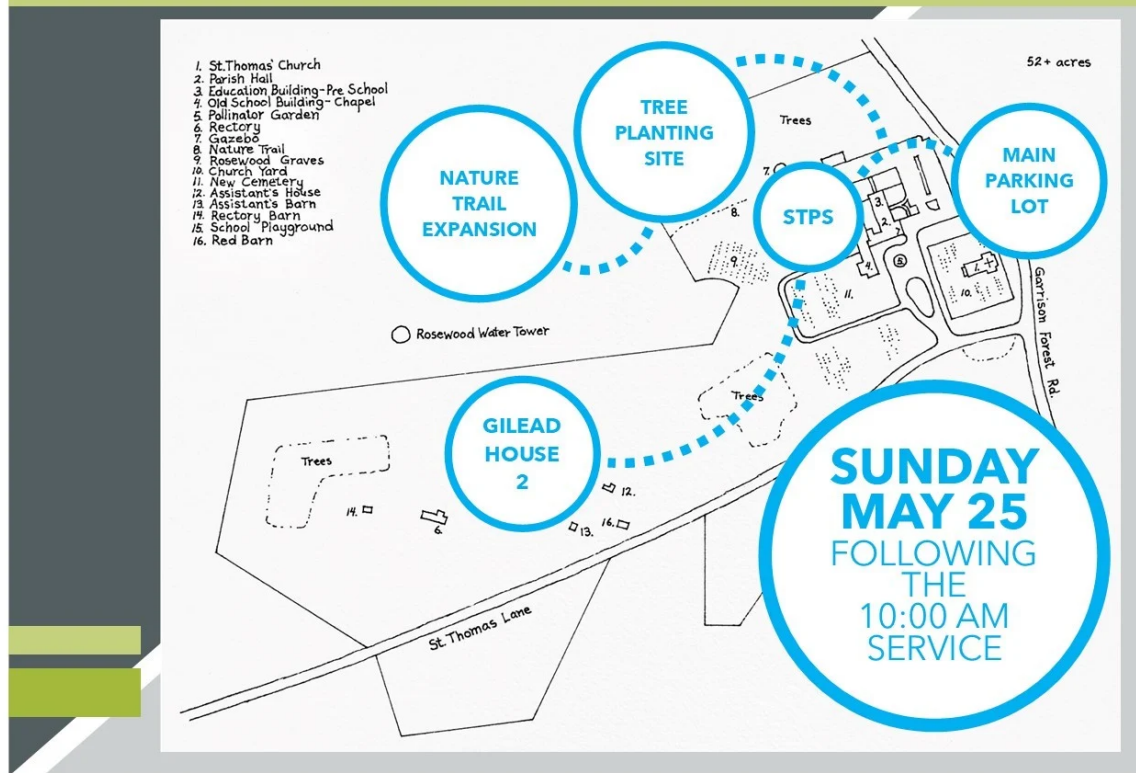
This Sunday, May 18 following the 10:00 a.m. service

The next Confirmation Class is **this Sunday, May 18**. *Please have Chapter Nine read prior to class and ready to play Confirmation Jeopardy!* Rehearsal of the Confirmation ceremony will follow the 10:00 a.m. service. All Confirmands, please make sure to attend this practice.

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 preaching at both the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services and presiding at the Confirmation during the 10:00 a.m. service.

We will have a celebration for our Confirmands in the Parish Hall following the 10:00 a.m. service. Join us for cake!

ST. THOMAS' GREEN TEAM EVENT WALKING TOUR OF THE CAMPUS



You are invited to join the Rev. Tom and members of the Green Team on **Sunday, May 25** **after the 10:00 a.m. service and fellowship**, to celebrate the last step in our Rogation Sunday Services. The St. Thomas' Green Team is hosting a short tour and blessing of areas that are on the list for potential upgrades to benefit our campus. *Please meet by the pollinator garden outside in front of the Parish Hall and bring comfortable walking shoes to wear.*

The sites we will be visiting were first identified from requests from the St. Thomas' Preschool and Kindergarten, a recently updated report on runoff from Blue Water Baltimore, and recommendations from both the Building & Grounds and Cemetery Committees, the Vestry, and the Green Team:

- Gilead House Two (formerly the Assistant Rector's residence)
- nature trail expansion
- tree planting site north of the gazebo
- new recycling bin
- St. Thomas's Preschool and Kindergarten playground shade area
- proposed rain garden and bioswale areas in the main parking lot

If you would like to learn more about this project or get involved with the Green Team, please contact [Leslie Steele](#) or [Donna Eden](#).

Read the Blue Water Baltimore report [HERE](#).

The Green Team welcomes all new members! Meetings are on the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

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.

Introduction & Chapters 1-5:

Saturday, July 19 10:00 a.m. (in-person)

Tuesday, July 22 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Chapters 6-9 & Conclusion:

Saturday, September 6 10:00 a.m. (in-person)

Tuesday, September 9 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

We will have a limited number of copies of the book for purchase in the Parish Office, or you can purchase a copy online [HERE](#). Please contact [Jane Farnan](#) with any questions and to receive the Zoom invitation.

GIVE



Help us assemble Dental Hygiene Care Bags!

ST. THOMAS' OUTREACH: COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER CARE BAGS

This 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

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

Our partnership with the **COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER** has continued to flourish with a tremendous outpouring of gifts going to this very important organization. We provide household supplies, personal care supplies, clothing, household linens, fresh and nonperishable food, etc., as well as monetary donations to assist with purchasing items for the guests of the Center. The Community Crisis Center serves almost 40,000 individuals and households by home deliveries and driveway pick-ups. It's a tremendous outpouring of assistance to this community in need, and that need is continuing to increase. St. Thomas' contributions are numerous and vital to the Center. Have you seen the number of bags of food and supplies that are brought to the Center at holidays and monthly? It is amazing! At Thanksgiving, we provide 150 bags containing a Thanksgiving meal that includes 2 hams. At Christmas, we provide gifts and wrapped gift cards to families. This very important Outreach Ministry provides an opportunity for each parishioner to donate and help package up the donations for the Community Crisis Center. This type of stewardship is the core of our mission to be a servant church and community. Thank you to the volunteers who work tirelessly on this ministry: collecting, packaging, delivering, etc. Thank you to each parishioner who answers the call with tremendous stewardship to help those in need. And thank you to Margaret Green and Betsy Wilmerding for their outstanding leadership of all our Outreach Ministries.



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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!*



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

GROW



This Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18

A Cemetery Committee Event: Cleaning Family Headstones

All are welcome to come help to clean headstones that need it!

Saturday, May 17 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. or Sunday, May 18 following the 10:00 a.m. service.

Please check in with organizers and be mindful of the condition of the headstones, some are in very fragile conditions. While we

typically love to include children this is not an activity for children due to the historic and fragile nature of the headstones in our cemetery. 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](#).



Sunday, May 18 following the 10:00 a.m. service

PRESCHOOL PLAYDATE!

Come get those wiggles out and join us for a Preschool Playdate for children ages 0-6 and parents today following the 10:00 a.m. service. We'll meet in the St. Thomas' Preschool playground, or in case of rain, in the Old School Building Sunday School classroom. We can't wait to play!

Preschool Playdates will take place every Sunday following the 10:00 a.m. service.

THE BEST SHOW IN TOWN!

St. Thomas' Preschool and Kindergarten

ART SHOW

TUESDAY, MAY 20 AT 5:30 PM

in the Parish Hall

All are welcome!



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](#).



FOLLOW ST. THOMAS' ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

See what we are up to at St. Thomas' by following us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#). Look for important notices, service and event information, learn about the different saints, enjoy beautiful pictures of our church and campus, and more!



June 29 - July 2

Family Camp at The Claggett Center

Spend time together splashing in the pool, flying down the zipline, and growing together with family-based faith formation. To register for these and other camps at the Claggett Center, click [here](#).



ST. THOMAS'
PRESCHOOL



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



Schedule a tour!

The Thursday Morning Handicrafters Group

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Library

The Thursday Morning Handicrafters 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.

Come join the fun - all are welcome!

Last Sunday for Full Fellowship is this Sunday, May 18

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, contact [Jesse VanGeison](#) with any questions.

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, Marianne, 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:
Eliska Jemison Patton ~ William Kenan Witherspoon ~ Thomas B. Shettle*

DAILY READINGS

[CLICK HERE](#)



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