



## Weekly Newsletter

Friday, June 20, 2025

# WORSHIP

## The Second Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday, June 22, 2025**

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

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11:00 a.m. A Service of Remembering: the North Cemetery Prayer Service in the Church

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

### 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

*From the Music Minister*

### WEEKLY LYRIC POEM & REFLECTION

Each week, Jonathan K. Waller, our Music Minister, shares a lyric poem from Sunday's music selections and his reflection on how it resonates with this week's scripture readings.

Click [HERE](#) to read!



**A Service of Remembering: the North Cemetery Prayer Service**

*This Sunday, June 22 following the 10:00 a.m. service in the church*

Join us for the North Cemetery Prayer Service directly following the 10:00 a.m. service this Sunday, June 22 in the church. To view the service bulletin, please click the button below.

## North Cemetery Prayer Service Bulletin



### CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES

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 will resume in the fall after Labor Day.*

Children's worship bags and bulletins are available in the Narthex each Sunday.

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](#).

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.*

## LEARN

### SACRED GROUND UPDATES

*This Sunday, June 22 following the North Cemetery Prayer Service*

Please join us following the North Cemetery Prayer Service to learn about:

- the recent Civil Rights trip organized by the Diocese of Maryland and possible dates for a second trip,
- the upcoming opportunity to enroll in the powerful readings and film course, *Sacred Ground*,
- the next Movie Night, *The Six Triple Eight*, at St. Thomas' on **July 1 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall,
- the Fall bus trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture on **Saturday, November 15**,
- And all other thoughts and suggestions!



***Save the Date and Join Us!***

**A SACRED GROUND MOVIE NIGHT**

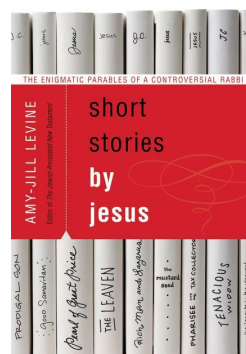
***The Six Triple Eight***

**Tuesday, July 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**

*The Six Triple Eight* is a 2024 American war drama film written and directed by Tyler Perry on the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, an all-black, all-female battalion, in World War II. It is based on the article *Fighting a Two-Front War* by Kevin M. Hymel.

**Click on the button below to RSVP if you are planning on joining us for dinner.** You do not need to RSVP if you are only able to view the movie.

**RSVP FOR THE MOVIE NIGHT DINNER**



**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.

*Introduction & Chapters 1-5:*

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

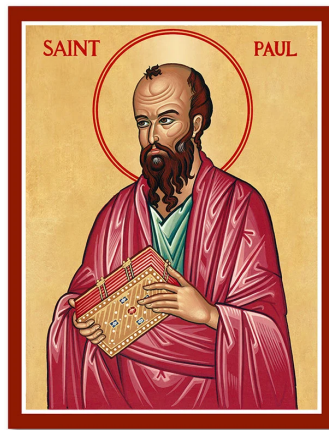
**Tuesday, July 22** 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

*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 for \$10 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.



## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER!**

**Monday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**

*The last Spring Adult Bible Study Zoom session will be June 23.*

Please join us as we study Paul's letters to the Colossians and the Thessalonians. These books will offer important insights into faith, love and hope, and practical guidance into Christian living, helping us navigate life's challenges. We will meet for one hour via Zoom for heartfelt discussion and fellowship. Newcomers are most welcome! Contact [Jane Farnan](#) at for the Zoom link.

Spring Adult Bible Study continues for two more weeks as we study the second half of the *Book of Job*.

*The last spring adult bible study is June 23 at 7:00 p.m.*

**GIVE**





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

*The next Care Bags Assembly is Sunday, July 13 following the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services in the PH*

### CCC Donations Needed!

The Community Crisis Center has expressed an increase of household items needed to meet the requests of their clients. Every week donations are distributed at the center to support the Reisterstown community members. The St. Thomas' congregation has been asked to support the community by collecting the following items:

- toothbrushes (multipacks)
- toothpaste
- dental floss
- dishwashing liquid

St. Thomas' will be supplementing with laundry detergent. This item will be purchased using money donated to the cause. **Our monthly goal is to collect 75+ of each item listed above.** Let's show our commitment to the community and surpass the monthly goal!

If you would like to participate, please purchase the specific items above and drop off to the Parish Office, or in the baskets located in the Narthex and Parish Hall. Or to make a donation line through Tithely, click the button below (*be sure to scroll down to "Outreach—Community Crisis Center" in the pull-down menu*). Contact [Margaret Green](#) with any questions.

*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



### Paul's Place Summer Camp

St. Thomas' will once again be hosting the Paul's Place Summer Camp, **Monday, July 7 through Friday, July 11.** If you are interested in helping out by donating supplies for the camp, please contact [Margaret Green](#).

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!*

# ST. THOMAS' BECAUSE OF YOUR STEWARDSHIP

**THE MUSIC MINISTRY** at St. Thomas' is a wonderful and vital part of our 10:00 am Sunday worship. For some, our worship is enhanced by the silence of the 8:00 am service, allowing for a deeper connection with God in the quiet. For others, music can be that conduit that connects us to our Creator, a bridge that draws us in. We are so fortunate to have the leadership of Jon Waller, organ and piano accompanist Wanda Waller, and the 20-member choir, as well as occasional special guest musicians, adding even more richness to our worship. The choir includes folks who have been sharing their gifts of music with us for decades, and several very new members. This dedicated Music Ministry performed in June at the Cathedral of the Incarnation for the Ordination of our own Assistant Rector, the Rev. Amelia Bello. They have also offered a Vespers service at Blakehurst Senior Living Center. This ministry has a profound effect on the singers, musicians, and leaders, as well as all of us in the pews. Jon describes the act of performing and composing as tapping into a source that he has come to call God, thereby bringing the music to life and making the connection to God more available to those listening. The music at a worship service elevates the emotional and spiritual connection to the scripture readings, sermons, and prayers. As Jon says, "Music can get stuck in our heads and reminds us of beneficial spiritual principles in our daily lives." It also can be "one of the first things a non-spiritual person connects with when they attend a spiritual service" and "it can be a gateway to a deeper self-understanding and a spiritual discovery for the individual." Our Stewardship Theme this year is "Tell Out My Soul." It is the title and opening line of a hymn: "Tell out, my soul the greatness of the Lord. Unnumbered blessings gives my spirit voice..." We are so blessed to have such tremendous leadership and participants of the Music Ministry. Thank you to all who share your musical gifts with us, and thank you to the parish for your continued stewardship that enables this wonderful ministry to flourish at St. Thomas'.



## Tell Out My Soul

### 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.

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

The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) Weekly Reflections

The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) Seasonal Reflections

## GROW



*Sunday, June 22 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.***



### **CHEER ON THE ORIOLES WITH ST. THOMAS'**

***Sunday, August 10 at 1:35 p.m. at Camden Yards***

Let's root, root, root for the home team and head to Camden Yards on **Sunday, August 10 at 1:35 p.m.** for the 4th annual St. Thomas' outing to see the Orioles. There are a limited number of tickets, so if you would like to go please email [Jane Farnan](mailto:jane.farnan@stthomaschurch.us) or call the Parish Office [\(410\) 363-1044](tel:(410)363-1044).

**Tickets are \$30 each and need to be purchased by July 7** through [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) (select Orioles Tickets 2025 in the drop-down menu) or by check (*made payable to St. Thomas' Church*). Please note there will not be a bus this year.





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

**Come experience the "magic" that is  
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)

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!*



## **SUMMER CAMPS AT THE CLAGGETT CENTER**

*Adamstown, Maryland*

- Family Camp: June 29- July 2
- Mulberry Middle Week: July 6-11 (grades 6-8)
- Juneberry Juniors Week: July 13-18 (grades 2-6)

- Adventure Camp: July 20-25 (grades 4-8)

[Register](#) for these and other camps at the Claggett Center!

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## Prayer List

We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely, especially Al, Allanah, Amber, Ann, Barbara, Barbara L., Betsy G., Betty, Bill G., Calvin, Dara, David G., Debra, Devon, Dianne, Ellen, George, Geraldine, Jen B., Jerrie, Jessica, Jim, Joanne, Judy, Karen, Kennedy, Laurie, Lidia, Marianne, Michael, Michael A., Mike, Nadine, Nick, Pat, Rhonda, Roberta, Rozzy G., Shirley, Sophia, 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:  
those buried in the St. Thomas' North Cemetery*

This week in our Parish Ministry Cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for the Altar Guild.

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## DAILY READINGS

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[CLICK HERE](#)



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