



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH DUPONT CIRCLE



Third Sunday after Pentecost – June 21, 2020

Opening Hymn 539

“O Zion, Haste”

(all verses sung)

O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;
He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is Light;
that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:
give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
 pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious
 let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should fail to know his love and might.
 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.
 till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.
 through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,

ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Genesis 21: 8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Lector: The Word of the Lord People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17

(recited by all)

- 1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; *
save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my supplications.

- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, *
nor anything like your works.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, *
and glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great;
you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 10: 24-39

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Lisa Ahuja

✠ *Please observe a moment of silence following the sermon*

Prayers of the People

Leader:

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishops Mariann and Chilton; for our worship today; and for all
ministers and people. We pray especially for our new Interim Music Director, Michael Lodico.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the
oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper
knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I invite you to share your prayers of thanksgiving or petition. Please name the prayers on your heart aloud, in the chat or comment box, or in silence.

Silence

We include in our prayers today those added to the wall of our church.
Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Celebrant:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious,
O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins to God.

(Silence may be kept)

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

✠*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*



Commissioning of Michael Lodico as Interim Music Director

Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Michael has joined the staff of St. Thomas' Parish this week; called to the ministry of Interim Music Director.

Join me in saying,
Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.

May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this, and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of his Christ. *Amen.*

In the name of this congregation I commend you to this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support.

Let us pray:
O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with Michael, and all your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Offertory Organ Solo

“Pastorale”

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

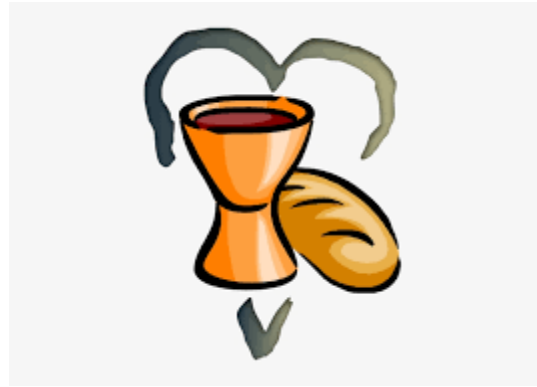
The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from
the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. *Amen.*

Spiritual Communion Prayer

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all:



My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Blessing

Celebrant:

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always.

Amen

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Closing Hymn 675

“Take Up Your Cross”

(all verses sung)



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
 5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
 3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
 3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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Announcements for Sunday June 21, 2020

A Note from Our Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

This week I was a speaker for a Positive Psychology conference in Australia called Flourish, and my talk was on Flourishing in Faith. My slot was for 3:30 am on Thursday night our time, so I was allowed to pre-record. I shared stories from the last three months here at St. Thomas', and about the delight I feel in reflecting on how we have been Church without our building. I do believe that through bravely showing up, using creativity, and drawing upon the hope in Jesus we have experienced flourishing in faith as a community. To be honest, back in March when we heard that we would be closing our churches for a while to prevent the spread of COVID-19, I did not imagine us flourishing. I mostly wondered how we would worship and stay connected. I'm so very grateful to all of you for your participation, and continued dedication to being the Church in the world.



This week your Vestry met for our regular monthly meeting. The main focus of our meeting was to discuss what Phase II might look like at St. Thomas' Parish and to review survey data. **We'd like to share the information we've gathered with you after our service on Sunday, and also share with you some thoughts about the next couple of months.** As Washington, D.C. will likely enter Phase II on Monday, please know that we will continue to worship online on Sunday mornings together, and will continue with our evening and morning worship schedule. We will be discussing a few new ways we will try gathering together over the summer.

Finally, I hope you'll take a few minutes to read the opportunities listed in our announcements for ways to continue to be the Church in the world.

God bless you,
Lisa+

Here is our Zoom online schedule for this coming week.

Sunday, June 21:

9:30 am Study: Responding to Racial Violence and Police Brutality
10:30 am Worship (on Zoom, or go to our Facebook page)
11:15 am Coffee Hour on Zoom
4:30-5:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

Monday, June 22:

7:30-8:00 am Morning Devotions and Chat
6:30-7:00 pm Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

Tuesday, June 23:

6:30-7:00 pm Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)
7:00 pm Contemplative Prayer: Meditating on Racism in America

Wednesday, June 24:

10:00-11:00 am Open Office Hours
6:30-7:00 pm Evening Worship with Taize Chant

Thursday, June 25:

7:30-8:00 am Morning Devotions and Chat
5:45-6:30 pm Spanish Conversation Time with AI
6:30-7:00 pm Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

Friday, June 26:

6:30-7:00 pm Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

Saturday, June 27

7:30-9:00 pm Movie Night: "Gen Silent"

Sunday, June 28:

9:30 am Study: Responding to Racial Violence and Police Brutality
10:30 am Worship (on Zoom, or go to our Facebook page)
11:15 am Coffee Hour on Zoom
4:30-5:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

Zoom Code for all of our Worship, Social (Coffee Hour, etc.), Study, and Open Office Hours.

Meeting ID: 947 6442 4718

Password: 151718th

Join Zoom Meeting

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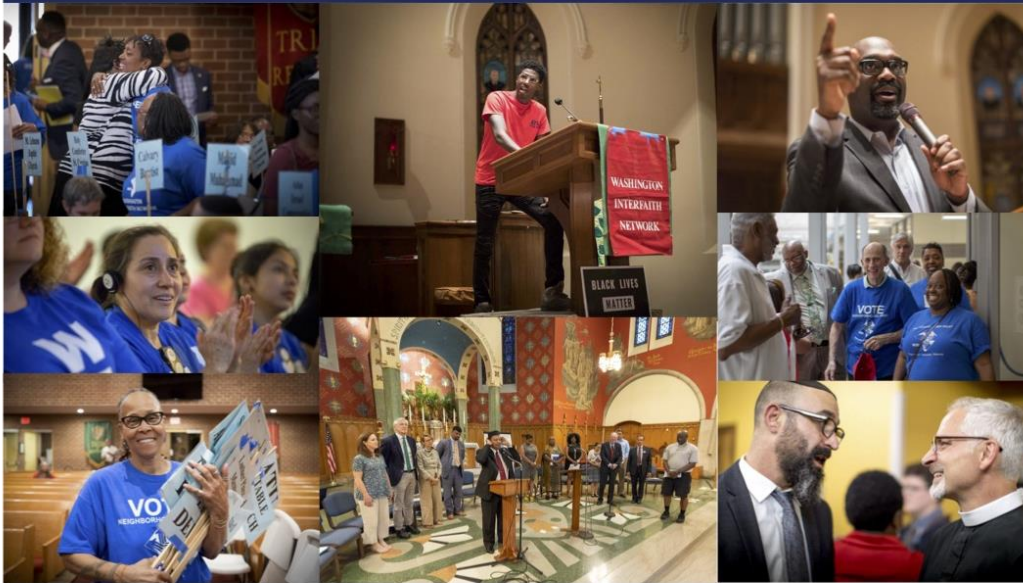
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WASHINGTON INTERFAITH NETWORK

JOIN WIN AT AN ACTION FOR **LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS**

Stand with us as we Reimagine a DC that **FINALLY** lives up to the professed ideals of our democracy.

July 2, 2020



As the District starts to reopen in phases during the pandemic, uprisings across the country make clear that we cannot and will not go “back to normal.”

Join us as we organize in our nation's capital to confront systemic racism, and fight for a District of Columbia where all can be truly free.

Space is limited. Learn more and RSVP now (deadline June 29):
windc-iaf.org/July2

WHEN: Thursday, July 2, 2020

6:45 (sharp) to 8:00 p.m.

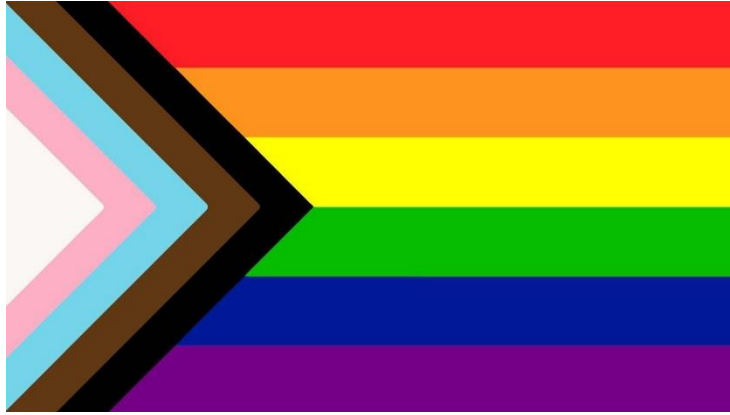
WHO: 1,000 District Residents from Congregations, Unions, Schools and Community Organizations

WHAT: Zoom Strategy and Action Session

We will act on urgent issues of justice, legislation and the budget now.

More importantly, we will challenge one another to stay in the struggle for the months and years to come.

Learn how to bring people together and organize through relationships to engage 20,000+ Washingtonians and build the power to win.



Pray, Learn, Act: Responding to Police Brutality and Racism as a Church:

This week we will listen to the words of The Rev. Gayle Fisher-Stewart (Interim at St. Luke's) on Policing, Reconciliation, Black Lives and the Church's Role. We will watch her TED talk, which was filmed a few years ago but still very much relevant and then have a discussion using mutual invitation. Join us on Zoom as we gather together parishioners from St. Thomas' and St. Stephen's and the Incarnation at 9:30 am on Sunday morning. There is no pre-work to be done; please come as you are ready to listen and share using mutual invitation.

Contemplative Prayer: Meditating on Racism in America

Join us for our next sessions on Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Murray Scheel will lead us in a primer on how to begin a contemplative prayer practice.

During this time of unrest due to our nation's systemic racism, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has urged Episcopalians to LEARN, PRAY, and ACT.

During the small group, we will also learn from the writings of Langston Hughes and Nina Simone. We will then reflect in a time of contemplative prayer. These tools will help strengthen us to act to fight racism in our country.

Final Date: Tuesday, June 23 at 7:00 pm using the Worship Zoom Link after 6:30 Evening Prayer.

Spanish 101:

Al Llanos is interested in offering a Spanish 101 course for those interested in learning. This class is for beginners, no previous lessons necessary. These beginners' classes will be focused on conversation, comprehension, reading, writing, grammar and more.

Please do write to Al at: AlLlanosdc@gmail.com to share your interest and help select a time that works well

Join DACA Prayers and Activities regarding the Supreme Court Decision!

Again this Monday from 9:30-10:00 am, a group gathers via zoom to pray. Bells will be rung at noon, and a virtual rally will take place at 1:00 pm.

BE A PART OF THESE MONDAY, JUNE 22, "DACA DAY" EVENTS:

- Join "Monday Morning DACA Prayers," 9:30-10 a.m. Eastern, to celebrate and pray together for DACA leaders and their families. If you have not joined before, register at: <https://bit.ly/DACAPrayersRSVP>
- Attend "DACA Decision Legal Discussions" with Disciples Immigration Legal Counsel, Natalie Teague, Esq., 10-11 a.m. Eastern (immediately following DACA Prayers). Register at: <https://forms.gle/2pJWsd6vXexc6THo9>
- Ring "DACA Bells 4 Justice" at 12 noon (now rescheduled for Monday also, due to solidarity of DACA partners with Juneteenth events this weekend)! Ring bells for at least 7 minutes; a minute for each of the 100,000 DACA recipients protected by DACA! Register here: <http://bit.ly/registerfaith>. See this flyer for more information about DACABells4Justice [here](#).
- Text DACADECISION to 877-877 to receive information to join the National Virtual DACA Rally at 1 p.m. Eastern (now rescheduled to June 22nd, due to Juneteenth events this weekend.)



Need for more formula, powdered milk, and diapers

St. Thomas' Member Al shares that there is current need **for powdered milk (Nido) and diapers sizes 6**. Al's contact information to contribute/coordinate delivery is: (202)604-3084 or allanosdc@gmail.com

See below for the original note from Al, explaining his ministry in the community.

From St. Thomas' Member Al, who serves as a social worker in Columbia Heights.

"Hope that this note finds you well. I want to share with you a little bit about my work. Over the past six years my organization -The United Planning Organization (UPO)- has been providing Bell Teen Parents and CDC technical assistance to 32 low income families whose parents are immigrants from Central America. Some of them are teen parents (15 years old) Due to the pandemic, most parents are out of work. The children who attend the Center are between two weeks and three and a half years. Today these children stay at home with their families most of the day. Parents

are in urgent need of items such as formula. (Similac Advance) Although they have their WIC checks, these funds are not enough to cover their needs. I work as a Family Engagement Specialist for UPO / Bell Teen Parents and CDC. One of my functions is to connect Parents with social services and provide them Advocacy and Child Development trainings among others. Unfortunately, in these times of crisis the Center as well as many agencies are closed. These families are in urgent need. These parents are specifically seeking donations for formula.”

Al lives near St. Thomas' Parish on Beekman Place, NW. Call or email him for address or drop off 202-604-3084 or allanosdc@gmail.com

Grocery Contributions to Charlie's Place

St. Margaret's at 1830 Connecticut Avenue -- with whom we often worshipped when our new building was under construction -- has provided meals since 1990 to our neighbors who are living on the edge, many of whom are homeless. With Covid-19, the program continues, but Charlie's Place has shifted to providing bagged lunches rather than a hot meal.

If you would like to include Charlie's Place when you do your grocery shopping, they can use the following items, which can be delivered to the church during the day on Tuesday through Friday, preferably through the kitchen entrance off the alley (enter off of Bancroft Place, NW).

- Loaves of bread
- Protein bars
- Pieces of fruit
- Bottled water (walking size)

Movie Night at St. Thomas' Goes Virtual: "Gen Silent"

As part of our celebration of Pride Month, please join us **next Saturday, June 27**, for movie night on Zoom, starting at 7:30 pm. Bob McDonald and David Insinga will host a viewing of the documentary, "**Gen Silent.**" This 2010

documentary, directed and produced by Stu Maddux, follows the lives of six LGBTQ seniors living in the Boston area who must choose if they will hide their sexuality in order to survive in the long-term health care system. It has been screened at numerous universities, government agencies, villages, and healthcare organizations. It first premiered at the Boston LGBTQ Film Festival and has won numerous awards at others. [Click here for the movie's trailer.](#)



Bring some popcorn and beverage to your home theater. The movie has a run time of 1 hour, 10 minutes. Afterwards we can discuss the movie online. See you on the sofa!

Please use the parish Zoom channel (used for worship, study, coffee hour) to join.

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Celebrating Our June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

K.C. Becker (June 1)
John Wright (June 6)
Joe Rivas (June 11)
Ariel Vaagen (June 16)
Carol Coonrod (June 18)
Allison Miller (June 26)

Anniversaries

Nate & Ariel Vaagen (June 5)

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, please let us know at
administrator@stthomasdc.org.

Parish Prayer List

Anne Marie Bohler	Matthew Briggs	Peggyann Cohen	Cindy Gangler
Len Hawley	Kristin Jones	Dave Kucharski	Donna Norman
Mary Ellen Reed			

For the repose of the souls of:

Pastor Karen Safstrom	Lefloria Robertson
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You may submit a name for the list by sending an e-mail to: administrator@stthomasdc.org



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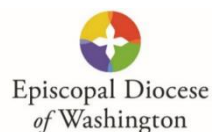
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