



# ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH DUPONT CIRCLE



Annual Meeting  
2022



## Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany – February 6, 2022

*Welcome to St. Thomas' Parish and to the season after Epiphany! Your presence amongst us overflows our joy. Together, we all tell the Good News of God's love in Christ. Sing and pray with us as you are comfortable. You are welcome to fully participate in every part of this service, including Holy Eucharist (aka Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, or Mass). If you would like to learn more about St. Thomas' Parish, the Episcopal Church, or deepening your faith with us please fill out a welcome card and hand it to an usher or clergy person.*

**Prelude**

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" Part I

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Opening Hymn 82

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 \*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

## Opening Acclamation

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

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

## The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Glory to God - LEVAS 243

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —"

## Verses:

1 Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

2 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

3 Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

### *Refrain*

4 You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

5 You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

6 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

7 You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

### *Refrain*

Amen.

## The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## First Reading

### Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O God, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of God, \*  
that great is the glory of God.
- 7 Although on high, God cares for the lowly \*  
and perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 You will make good your purpose for me; \*  
O God, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

**Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you-unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them-though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

# Sequence Hymn 791

# “Peace Before Us”

We will sing verses 1-2 before the Gospel, 3-4 after the Gospel.

1. Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us,  
 2. Love be - fore us, love be - hind us,  
 3. Light be - fore us, light be - hind us,  
 4. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us,

peace un - der our feet. Peace with - in us,  
 love un - der our feet. Love with - in us,  
 light un - der our feet. Light with - in us,  
 Christ un - der our feet. Christ with - in us,

peace o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace.  
 love o - ver us, let all a - round us be love.  
 light o - ver us, let all a - round us be light.  
 Christ o - ver us, let all a - round us be Christ.

Piano accompaniment for the first system, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat. The music consists of chords and a steady bass line.

6.

6. peace. \_\_\_\_\_ Let all a - round us be peace. \_\_\_\_\_

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the second system. The vocal line begins with a fermata on the word 'peace' and continues with the lyrics 'Let all a - round us be peace.' The piano accompaniment continues with the same harmonic structure as the first system.

6. Let all a - round us be peace. \_\_\_\_\_

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the third system. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'Let all a - round us be peace.' The piano accompaniment continues with the same harmonic structure.

Piano accompaniment for the fourth system, concluding the piece with a double bar line.

5. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
 6. Peace before us, peace behind us,  
 peace under our feet.  
 Peace within us, peace over us,  
 let all around us be peace. (*three times*)

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Deacon: 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*

## The Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Mariann, bishop of the Diocese of Washington; for Linda, Lisa, and Gene, clergy of our parish; for Catherine who was ordained a deacon this week; and for all ministers and people. We pray especially for our parish as we raise up and equip new leaders for our Vestry.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the brokenness and division in our world, especially in our nation. We pray for Joseph, our President; Kamala, our Vice President; Muriel, our Mayor; and all who have been elected to lead in our government.

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

*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 God.  
Pray that they may find and be found by God.

*Silence*

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

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for those on our parish prayer list.  
I invite you to share your prayers of petition or thanksgiving aloud or in the silence of your heart.

*Silence*

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.

*Silence*

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.*

## Offertory

## With Grateful Heart

arr. Mark Schweizer

With grateful heart my thanks I bring,  
Before the throne thy praise I sing:  
I worship in thy holy place  
And praise thee for thy truth and grace.

O Lord, enthroned in glory bright,  
Thou reignest in the heav'nly height;  
Thy truth and grace together shine  
In thy most holy Word divine.

The work thou hast for me begun,  
Shall by thy grace be fully done;  
For ever mercy dwells with thee;  
O Lord, my God, abide with me.

*Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.  
The ushers will collect a financial offering during the Offertory. If you'd prefer to give electronically to our operating funds, please text STTHOMASDC (\$) to 73256 or follow the QR Code.*



When you scan this QR Code with your phone's camera, it will take you directly to St. Thomas' Giving Page.

## The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,  
source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation.  
Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:  
sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways.  
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;  
and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.  
Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.  
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels  
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,  
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

## Sanctus LEVAS 255

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts, Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -".

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*(The Celebrant continues:)*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.  
To deliver us from the power of sin and death

and to reveal the riches of your grace,  
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,  
that she might conceive and bear a son,  
Jesus the holy child of God.  
Living among us, Jesus loved us.  
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,  
healed the sick and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself  
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.  
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross  
the sacrifice of his life,  
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,  
Jesus was at table with his friends.  
He took bread, gave thanks to you,  
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:  
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
Again, he gave thanks to you,  
gave it to them, and said:  
“Drink this, all of you:  
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come,  
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,  
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth  
and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,  
with St. Thomas and all your saints,  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet prepared  
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **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.

PADRE NUESTRO, que estás en el cielo.  
Santificado sea tu nombre.  
Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos  
del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria  
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts, by faith with thanksgiving.

### **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*All are welcome to receive holy communion here at St. Thomas' Parish. At this time we are distributing bread only. An usher will invite the congregation to come forward row by row to receive. When you come forward, there are three stations to receive bread. The middle station has gluten-free wafers. If you prefer a blessing, please go to the middle station.*

Communion Hymn 304

“I come with Joy”

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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## Postcommunion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## Blessing

Celebrant: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen

## Closing Hymn WLP 782 "I the Lord of Sea and Sky"

*Unison*



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will  
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -  
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,  
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my  
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have  
 heard you call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord,  
 if you lead me, I will hold your peo - ple in my  
 heart. heart.

1. 2. 3.

## Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star," Part II

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

*The flowers today are given by Benny Young in memory of courageous Chinese ophthalmologist Dr. Li Wenliang, who in December 2019 alerted the world to the outbreak of what became Covid-19 and then was censored by the PRC before passing away from Covid-19 on February 7, 2020.*

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## EPISCOPAL CHURCH • DUPONT CIRCLE

### Annual Meeting- Today, Sunday, February 6

The St. Thomas' Parish Annual Meeting will be held today following our 10:30 am service. Never been to an annual meeting for a church? This year's meeting will include a celebration of the highlights from 2020, a presentation of the 2022 budget, reports from the Wardens and Rector, a written report from all our ministries, and the election of new Vestry leaders.

Thank you to the Vestry Nominating Committee for their work of discernment on behalf of the parish.

### St. Thomas' Episcopal Parish 2022 Vestry Slate

#### *Wardens*

1. Senior Warden- Gregory Zitterkob
2. Junior Warden- Karen Garlick

#### *Vestry Members*

- 3. Brian Crane (current vestry, continuing for optional 3<sup>rd</sup> year)\***

#### *Nominated for a new term*

- 4. Jasper Knight Champion\***
- 5. Jennifer Mahle\***

#### *Vestry Members moving into their second year of service*

6. Reggie Greer
7. Noel Miller
8. Brett Snyder
9. John Trumbo

**\* Candidates we will vote on are bolded.**



**Jasper Knight Champion** - Knight is a cradle Episcopalian and an Army brat, so he has been involved with many Episcopal Churches. He served on the Vestry at St. Thomas' in the mid 2000s, and is happy to be serving again. He has worked in several career fields, including the Air Force, law, real estate, and higher education. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, adventurous dining, hiking, watching movies, abstract painting, and walking along the Potomac with his dog.



**Jennifer Mahle**- Jennifer was raised in the Episcopal Church and started attending St. Thomas' Parish in 2013. She is a Lay Eucharist Minister and was appointed in November to fill the remainder of an open vestry term. She has also served on the flower guild, as a Godly Play instructor, and assisted with Parish childcare. She moved to Washington, DC after graduating from college and lives in Logan Circle with her partner Colina. Jennifer is a Data Scientist who enjoys travel, entertaining, and baking.

**Here is our Parish Schedule for this coming week.**

**Sunday, February 6:**

10:30 am

1 pm

12:00 – 2:00 pm

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook

St. Thomas' Parish Annual Meeting on Zoom

Sorting of donations for the refugees

**Wednesday, February 9:**

4:00 - 6:00 pm

6:30 - 7:00 pm

7:00 -9:00 pm

Sorting of donations for the refugees

Evening Worship on Zoom (with Evening Prayer)

“The Path Ahead”- Senior Ministry at St. Thomas- Zoom

**Sunday, February 13:**

10:30 am

12:00 – 2:00 pm

12:00-12:30 pm

Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook

Sorting of donations for the refugees

Usher and Greeter in-person training

**Zoom Code for worship and parish meetings and Wednesday evening worship:**

Meeting ID: 947 6442 4718

Password: 151718th

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94764424718?pwd=WFhJM0M5N2VxT2dVbVpaelljaVQ2UT09>

Dial by your location

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**Scan this QR link to see all of our announcements online.**



## Take Action with St. Thomas'

### **Responding to Grief and Joy (and everything in between!) in our Community:**

You may wish to respond to the grief or joy in our community by sending a greeting card or making a phone call. If you do not have the individual's contact information, please check Realm or send your greeting card to that person % our church. We will make sure to share with them.

### **Working with Our Upstairs Neighbors at Capital Clubhouse**

Here are three different ways you can volunteer, just one time or more often:

- Are you an IT expert? You can help them keep their computer equipment functioning well.
- Do you like to cook? Work with others to cook food for their monthly Employment Dinners that are held monthly right here at the church.
- Are you good at organizing? They need one or two volunteers to help them organize their space.

For more information, contact Deacon Linda by email: [lmahler@stthomasdc.org](mailto:lmahler@stthomasdc.org) or by phone: 202-384-9643.



### **Capital Clubhouse seeks New Board Members**

As we begin a new year-- the third year of the pandemic-- we are reminded anew of the cost of isolation and the importance of community. Capital Clubhouse has found a happy home at St. Thomas' Parish, where we share the church's goal of community outreach and service. The Clubhouse seeks to support some of the most vulnerable members of our community: people struggling to recover from mental illness. If you would like to become more involved in strengthening community bonds and making a positive difference in people's lives, please consider Capital Clubhouse.

There are many ways to get involved. We currently have two vacant positions on our Board of Directors. Capital Clubhouse has ambitious goals this year to increase our membership, become more visible in the community, and help our members achieve their recovery goals. We are looking for individuals to join our Board who seek a deeper level of engagement with social justice for mental health, by supporting a highly effective model of peer-based support. If you are interested in joining the Capital Clubhouse Board of Directors, please send a letter of interest and your resumé to Linden Von Eichel at [lindyve@gmail.com](mailto:lindyve@gmail.com). For more information, please visit our website, Our Leadership | [CapitalClubhouseInc](http://CapitalClubhouseInc)

If you would like to help, but aren't ready to join our Board of Directors, please consider joining our Benefit Committee to help us plan and organize our 2022 Fundraiser. Please contact Alexandra Nash ([alexandra\\_nash@yahoo.com](mailto:alexandra_nash@yahoo.com)). Or just call to schedule a time to have lunch with our members and see how friendship, meaningful work, and a place to call home are helping our members on the path to recovery. Please contact Maria Núñez at (202) 308-9690 to schedule a visit.

Thank you. We hope the new year is filled with health and peace for all of us.



### **Donate Warm Winter Socks to Our Neighbors in Need**

Bring new warm winter socks, sizes 6-12, to St. Thomas'. Parishioner Al Llanos will see that they get distributed to people who need them most in the cold weather.

## Clothing and Toy Collection for Afghan Refugees:



Drop Off Donations at church on Sundays from 12:00-2:00 pm or on Wednesdays from 4:00-6:00 pm.

New list of most needed items:

- Household items: pots/pans, pressure cookers and instant pots, tea kettles, tea cups, cooking & Kitchen utensils, vacuums, flatware
- New bed sheets and pillows
- New shower curtains and shower hooks
- Baby items: strollers, car seats(not expired), diaper bags, bassinets, cribs (dismantled for transport.)
- Clothing Items: sorted (women, men, children and bagged separately) Winter-appropriate clothing, including shoes and. Socks, scarves, hats, and gloves

### **Spread the Warmth**

St. Thomas' Parish is responding to Afghan refugee needs in the DMV by providing much-needed items for people resettling in our area. The Parish has ample space to use as a central repository for collecting and packing all donations. So please be generous! For more information, contact David Swanson at [dswansondc@gmail.com](mailto:dswansondc@gmail.com) To volunteer, go to <http://tinyurl.com/signup3rdfloorsorting>

**We are also in need of clean cardboard boxes and people to sort! Please be in touch with David Swanson at [dswansondc@gmail.com](mailto:dswansondc@gmail.com).**

## Study with St. Thomas'

### **"The Path Ahead"- Senior Ministry at St. Thomas'**

Deacon Linda Mahler will offer a series that "reframes aging for people of faith" Anyone of any age can participate. "The Path Ahead" is a curriculum on the spirituality of aging developed by Seabury Resources for Aging and the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. The online class will be offered on six consecutive Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM from 01/19/2022 through 02/23/2022. For more information or to participate, email Linda M. at: [lmahler@stthomasdc.org](mailto:lmahler@stthomasdc.org)

### **Racial Healing, Reconciliation, and Justice:**

Take part in Sacred Ground, a 10-week course designed by the Episcopal Church to help build beloved community. Participants are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. The powerful curriculum of documentary films and readings focuses on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. The two books we will read are: *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving, and *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman. (You will not need them for the first class.) The group will meet online on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM beginning on February 15, 2022. To learn more or to sign up, please email Dan Costello at: [dancostello3@gmail.com](mailto:dancostello3@gmail.com) or Linda Hollingsworth at [lhollingsworthvh@gmail.com](mailto:lhollingsworthvh@gmail.com)

## Tee-Shirt Contest at St. Thomas

### **Tee-Shirt Contest**

Do you have a great idea for St. Thomas' next tee-shirt?

Submit your slogan or graphics or ideas to <https://forms.gle/zPG2SrDYJTURPyu9A>. Parishioners will be able to vote the best idea. We will make the new tee-shirt available for purchase in the summer.

## Workshops with School for Christian Faith and Leadership

The School for Christian Faith and Leadership is offering two workshops by Zoom in February to equip parents, caregivers and ministry leaders to help children and teens deal with the stress and mental health issues exacerbated by the ongoing pandemic.

### **Supporting Children (and Ourselves) through a Time of Uncertainty**

with Julianne Reilly, LCSW, LICSW; Counselor at St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School  
Sunday, February 6th, 4-5:30 pm

[Registration link](#)

### **Supporting Teens through Pandemic Stress**

with Audra Mriani, LPC, NCC; Abundant Life Counseling VA  
Sunday, February 13th, 4-5:30 pm

[Registration link](#)

## Celebrating Our February Birthdays

Jasper Knight Champion (February 1)  
Bettina Hager (February 11)  
Jean Holman (February 13)  
David Kucharski (February 9)  
Joan Shapiro (February 12)

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, please let us know at [administrator@stthomasdc.org](mailto:administrator@stthomasdc.org).*

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### Parish Prayer List

John Bisco  
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Peggyann Cohen  
Kevin Costigan  
Craig Evertt  
Carol Goldman  
Pam Greer  
Susan Hannan  
Jan Harrison

Betsy Hollingsworth  
James & Esther Insinga  
Kristin Jones  
Mike Knapp  
Dave Kucharski  
Hugo Llanos  
Joe Rivas  
Rich Manhardt  
Jane Saari

Harvey Shapiro  
Joan Shapiro  
Mary Jane Smith  
Harvey Snyder  
Chris Spangler  
George Tatterson  
Chester Thompson

*You may submit a name for the list by sending an e-mail to: [administrator@stthomasdc.org](mailto:administrator@stthomasdc.org)*



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*"As St. Thomas' Parish we are followers of Jesus, striving to see Christ in each person, and to be Christ in our community, our city, and our world."*

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