



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

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Welcome to our
worship!



Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany – February 20, 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

Fantasia in C

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Opening Hymn WLP 761

“All Who Hunger Gather Gladly”



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
 from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.
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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 and consists of three systems. Each system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. 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." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand, with some melodic lines in the right hand.

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.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 45:3-11,15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there~since there are five more years of famine to come~so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in God and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in God, *
who shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to God and put your trust in God, *
who will bring it to pass.
- 6 God will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before God; *
for God wait patiently.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself, it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon God shall possess the land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from God *
who is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 God will help them and rescue them; *
the Holy One will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

Sequence Hymn 657

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

We will sing verse 1 before the gospel, verses 2-3 after the gospel.

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

The Holy Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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

Ever mindful of God's revelation in Jesus Christ and our Lord's commandment to love one another as he loved us, let us pray to Lord saying
God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Silence

We pray for Michael, the Presiding Bishop of our Church; Mariann, our bishop; for Linda, Lisa, and Gene, clergy of our parish; and for all those who serve God in the church.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Silence

We pray for Joseph, our President; Kamala, our Vice President; Muriel, our Mayor; and all those who make decisions that affect the life and the well-being of the nation.

God of Love, **hear our Prayer.**

Silence

For those affected by climate change, famine, war, and oppression of every kind.
God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

Silence

For the concerns of the local community, especially those who are victims of gun violence, poverty, hunger, and homelessness. We also pray for our parish ministries serving Afghan refugees, the Capital Club House, Senior Citizens, Samaritan Ministry, and Christ House.

God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

Silence

For those who suffer and those in any trouble, especially those who are suffering from the COVID19 virus. We pray for those experiencing depression, despair, or loneliness; young and old.

God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

Silence

We pray for those on our parish prayer list and for those we name now silently, aloud, or in the comment section online.

God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

Silence

We pray for those who have died, and are in your loving care. We pray for those who mourn that they may be comforted and feel your peace.

God of Love, **hear our prayer.**

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.*

Welcome and Announcements

Birthday Prayer: (said by all)

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up when they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer: (said by all)

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, for which your Son gave his life, and surround this couple with your love. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days

of their lives, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen

Offertory

O sing joyfully

Adrian Batten (1580-1637)

O sing joyfully unto God our strength:
make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
Take the song, bring hither the tabret: *
the merry harp with the lute.
Blow up the trumpet in the new moon:
e'en in the time appointed.
And upon our solemn feast day.
For this was made a statute for Israel:
and a law of the God of Jacob.

*tabret: type of drum

*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), and the time signature is 4/4. 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 the one 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 LEVAS 188

“It is well with my soul”

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
 2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
 2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
 3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
 4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 4. scend, “E - ven so”— it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,
 It is well with my

It is well, it is well with my soul.
 soul,

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 537

“Christ for the World We Sing”

1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to

Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and
Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward
Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the
Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
work to share, with us re - proach to dare,
souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.
re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886) Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916 based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

In Thee is Gladness, BWV 615

J.S. Bach

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Gail Clowers by Willis Tatterson and Matt Cohn.

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Announcements for February 20, 2022

Dear Friends,

I am writing with bittersweet news. Ka Lam will be leaving the role of Parish Administrator at St. Thomas' Parish at the end of the month to expand her personal business. She worked hard with our team of staff and lay leaders to re-open the building for public worship. She is dedicated and thorough with all of the projects set before her. Ka shares much hospitality with those who enter the building. This is bittersweet because the staff will miss working alongside Ka AND we are so excited to see her business continue to grow.

Ka's business is called Kreative Mind Events and Rentals. Over the past year she has seen her business grow tremendously. She is looking forward to dedicating much more of her time to her passion. The pictures on this note highlight some of her awesome decorations for a variety of events and rentals. She'd love for you to reach out with any decorating needs in the future.

Ka will leave the role of Parish Administrator at the end of the month, but will continue to work on our bulletins through the month of May. We will have some temporary administrative help will finding the next permanent Parish Administrator.

Please join me in thanking Ka for a job well done, and wishing her well!

Lisa+



Feel Free to follow and "like" her Facebook & Instagram page: Kreativemindplanner

Here is our Parish Schedule for this coming week.

Sunday, February 20: THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

10:30 am Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook
12:00 - 2:00 pm Sorting of donations for the refugees
12:00 - 12:30 pm Usher and Greeter in-person training

Wednesday, February 23:

4:00 - 6:00 pm Sorting of donations for the refugees
6:30 - 7:00 pm Evening Worship on Zoom (with Evening Prayer)
7:00 - 9:00 pm "The Path Ahead"- Senior Ministry at St. Thomas- Zoom

Sunday, February 27:

10:30 am Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook
12:00 - 2:00 pm Sorting of donations for the refugees

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>

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Worship with St. Thomas'

Burning of the Palm Leaves

Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent is approaching. On the first day of Lent, it is customary for ashes to be placed on the foreheads of Christians as a reminder of our mortality. The ashes used for Ash Wednesday are made from the burned and blessed palms of the Palm Sunday of the previous year. If you have your palm leaves or crosses from years past and want to contribute them to our preparation for Ash Wednesday, please bring them to St. Thomas' Parish for burning on February 27, 2022. You can place them in the basket located in the commons area on the ground floor.

Sponsoring Flowers at the Altar

You are invited to sponsor the flowers at the altar in thanksgiving for the many blessings of your life, or in memorial for someone who has died. There is a signup list on the bulletin board on the first floor or you may sign up by emailing administrator@stthomasdc.org. Suggested contribution for flowers is \$100.

Ashes to Go Volunteers:

Sign up with Rev. Lisa to help distribute ashes outside on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022. We will distribute ashes in front of the church and at the south entrance for the Dupont Circle metro stop from 8-11 am and 4-6 pm. Please contact Rev. Lisa to sign up at lahuja@stthomasdc.org.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

We will have two Ash Wednesday services: 12 pm and 6:30 pm. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the penitential and contemplative season of Lent. You are encouraged to attend services here, or find a church near you on that day.

Take Action with St. Thomas'

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 their 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 or by phone: 202-384-9643.



Capital Clubhouse seeks New Board Members

The Clubhouse seeks to support some of the most vulnerable members of our community: people struggling to recover from mental illness. We are seeking two new members to serve on our Board of Directors who wish to have a deeper level of engagement with social justice for mental health, by supporting a highly effective model of peer-based support. Visit our website: www.capitalclubhouseinc.org or call Maria Núñez at (202) 308-9690 to find out about different ways you can help or to schedule a visit.



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:

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 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.

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: vacuums, new shower curtains and shower hooks,
- New cookware: pots/pans, pressure cookers and instant pots, Dutch ovens/baking dishes, teapots/electric kettles, teacups, cooking and kitchen utensils, and flatware
- New bed sheets and pillows
- Baby items: strollers, car seats (not expired), diaper bags, bassinets, cribs (dismantled for transport)

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

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.

Celebrating Our February Birthdays

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

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

Parish Prayer List

John Bisco
Mary Jane Boswell
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



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH • DUPONT CIRCLE

“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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Gregory Zitterkob, Senior Warden
Karen Garlick, Junior Warden
Clay Dursthoff, Treasurer
Brian Crane, Reggie Greer, Jennifer Mahle,
Noel Miller, Knight Champion, Brett Snyder, John Trumbo

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