



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

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First Sunday in Lent – March 6, 2022

Welcome to St. Thomas' Parish and to the season of Lent. 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

Le jardin suspendu

Jehan Alain (1911-1940))

Opening Hymn 150

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;



1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smytten (1822-1870), alt.

Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People: Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Confession of Sins

Deacon *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.

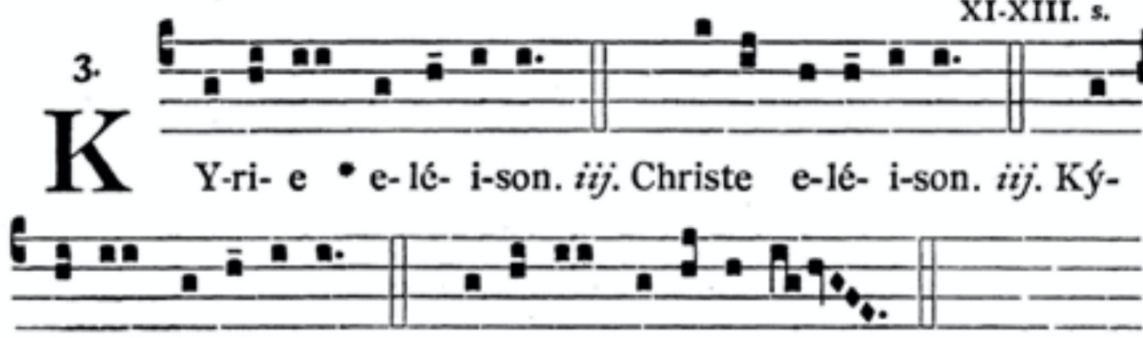
Absolution

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.

Kyrie Eleison

XI-XIII. s.

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ri- e e-lé- i-son. *ij.* Ký-ri- e • e-lé- i-son.

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

Sequence Hymn WLP 827 "O Lord Hear my Prayer"
From the Taizé Community

The musical score is written for voice and piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The third system concludes the piece with a vocal line and piano accompaniment, ending with a 'Fine' marking. The lyrics are: 'O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r. When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O Lord hear my pray'r, Come and lis - ten to me. O'.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

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

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

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

The Sermon

Herschel Wade, Seminarian

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

Nicene Creed

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of the People

(written by John Trumbo)

Let us empty our hearts and minds, and make room for the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives, saying, God of rebirth and renewal, hear our prayer.

During this holy season of Lent, Lord, help us dare to release those stones we carry in the tombs of our souls that weigh down our journey and separate us from the power of your redemptive Spirit.
God of rebirth and renewal, hear our prayer.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. We thank you, Lord, for the love and fellowship of our families, friends, this congregation, and community.
God of rebirth and renewal, hear our prayer.

Lord, we offer up our personal failings and the injustices of the world around us. Reveal to us that by serving and meeting those around us in their need we are in turn set free.
God of rebirth and renewal, hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for the lay and ordained leaders of our parish, asking that they may be moved to lead your people to the places and purposes that you would have us encounter.
God of rebirth and renewal, hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for the leaders of this city, this country, and this world. Quiet our differences and discord, and show each of us how to see you in everyone we meet.
God of rebirth and renewal, hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for healing for all and for any who suffer from every kind of affliction; for those imprisoned by walls, addiction, homelessness, trauma, and fear.

You are invited to name your prayers aloud or in the silence of your heart.

(silence)

God of rebirth and renewal, hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for the repose of the souls of those who have left this life on earth, and for their loved ones who grieve their passing, especially...

[The congregation is invited to name those aloud...]

God of rebirth and renewal, hear our prayer.

During this holy season of Lent, Lord, remind us that your hand is at work in all that is well, and proper, and obedient, and pure. Help us grasp the task that you have given each of us to carry out in your name, and empower us to be and do more than we could possibly imagine on our own.

God of rebirth and renewal, hear our prayer.

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

Wash me Thoroughly

S.S. Wesley (1810-1876)

*Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin.
For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.*

Psalm 51.2–3, in an unidentified translation

*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

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sung first in Spanish, and then in English.

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

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 336

“Come with us, O blessed Jesus”

1 Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er -
 *2 Come with us, O might - y Sa - vior, God from God, and
 *3 Come with us, O King of glo - ry, by an - gel - ic

more to be; and though leav - ing now thine
 Light from Light; thou art God, thy glo - ry
 voic - es praised; in our hearts as in thy

al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee.
 veil - ing, so that we may bear the sight.
 hea - ven, be en - rap - tured an - thems raised.

Be thou one with us for ev - er, in our life thy
 Now we go to seek and serve thee, through our work as
 Let the might - y cho - rus ev - er sing its glad ex -

love di - vine our own flesh and blood has
 through our prayer; grant us light to see and
 ul - tant songs; let its hymn be heard for

tak - en, and to us thou giv - est thine.
 know thee, in thy peo - ple ev - ery - where.
 ev - er - peace for which cre - a - tion longs.

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 Music: *Werde munter*, Johann Schop (d. 1665?); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Prayer after Communion *(prayed by all)*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

Blessing

Celebrant: Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people. And the blessing of the God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen

Closing Hymn 145

"Now Quit Your Care"

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains five verses of lyrics, and the second system contains five verses. The music is in a minor key and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment is simple, using chords and single notes to support the vocal lines.

1 Now quit your care and anxious fear and worry; for
2 To bow the head in sack-cloth and in ashes, or
3 For is not this the fast that I have chosen? (The
4 For right-eous-ness and peace will show their faces to
5 Then shall your light break forth as doth the morn-ing; your

1 schemes are vain and fret-ting brings no gain. Lent calls to
2 rend the soul, such grief is not Lent's goal; but to be
3 pro-phet spoke) To shat-ter ev-ery yoke, of wick-ed-
4 those who feed the hun-gry in their need, and wrongs re-
5 health shall spring, the friends you make shall bring God's glo-ry

1 prayer, to trust and ded - i - ca - tion; God brings new beau - ty
 2 led to where God's glo - ry flash - es, his beau - ty to come
 3 ness the griev - ous bands to loos - en, op - pres - sion put to
 4 dress, who build the old waste plac - es, and in the dark - ness
 5 bright, your way through life a - dorn - ing; and love shall be the

Unison *Harmony*

1 nigh; re - ply, re - ply, re - ply with love to love most high;
 2 near. Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light ap - pear;
 3 flight, to fight, to fight to fight till ev - ery wrong's set right.
 4 shine. Di - vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine!
 5 prize. A - rise, a - rise, a - rise! and make a par - a - dise!

Unison *Harmony*

1 re - ply, re - ply, re - ply with love to love most high.
 2 Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light ap - pear.
 3 to fight, to fight to fight till ev - ery wrong's set right.
 4 Di - vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine!
 5 A - rise, a - rise, a - rise! and make a par - a - dise!

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Announcements for March 6, 2022

Dear Friends,

As we journey with Christ through the season of Lent, I hope you will join us in deepening our faith through worship, service, study, and fellowship. Please read through these announcements, and join us as you are able. All are welcome!

If you are newer to our parish, please join us for our next Welcome Sunday on March 27. Following our service, we will have a special coffee hour followed by a tour and conversation about our ministry and mission. This is a great opportunity to learn more and get to know other members of the parish.

Lenten blessings,

Lisa+

Parish Lenten Retreat: Saturday March 26, 9.30 am to 2.00 pm at St. Thomas' Parish

Naming the Gift, for Being a Godsend

Join us for a time of quiet reflection and prayer to help us identify the particular gift each one of us has for sharing in Christ's ongoing mission in the world as a member of his Body. There will be several short talks and generous interludes for meditation. A simple lunch will be served and our time together will culminate in a brief service to express our renewed self-offering to God.

Leader: Fr Martin L. Smith is well known in the Episcopal Church and beyond for his roving ministry of spiritual formation as a retreat leader, preacher, teacher, and as the author of widely read books exploring contemporary spirituality, including *A Season for the Spirit*, *The Word is Very Near You*, *Reconciliation*, *Love Set Free*, *Compass and Stars*. St Thomas' was his first spiritual home on moving to Washington in 2002

To sign up: <https://forms.gle/de9KCmCKFHZHP4xy5>

Help needed for this retreat: Set-up and Clean-up, magazine donation, and soup/bread salad donation. Sign up to attend and/or volunteer at the link listed above, or on our bulletin board sign ups on the first floor at church. Questions? Contact Herschel Wade at hwade@vts.edu

Here is our Parish Schedule for this coming week.

Sunday, March 6: **FIRST DAY IN LENT**
9:15 am Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am Nursery 4th floor
10:30 am Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook
11:30 am Coffee Hour
12:00 - 2:00 pm Sorting of donations for the refugees

Wednesday, March 9:
4:00-6:00 pm Sorting of donations for the refugees
6:30 pm Evening Worship on Zoom (with Evening Prayer)

Sunday, March 13: **LENT 2**
9:15 am Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am Nursery 4th floor
10:30 am Worship in-person and streamed to Facebook
11:30 am Coffee Hour
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>

Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Wednesdays Together in Lent March 16- April 3

Let's build relationship with one another this Lent.

6:30 pm Evening Prayer in the Chapel

7:00 Fun and Food (Vegetarian) on the 4th Floor

March 16: Board Games

March 23: Crafts

March 30: Bollywood

April 6: Curious Questions over Dinner

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.

Worship with St. Thomas'

Baptism

At baptism we are sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked as one of Christ's own forever. If you seek baptism, or would like for a child to be baptized, please be in touch with Rev. Lisa. Our upcoming dates for baptism at St. Thomas' Parish are:

- Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 16 at 8:00 pm
- Pentecost: Sunday, June 5 at 10:30 am.

Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation will be held at Washington National Cathedral on Saturday, May 14 at 10:00 a.m. Please be in touch with Rev. Lisa Ahuja (lahuja@stthomasdc.org) if you would like to prepare for this next step in your faith journey.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Sunday, April 10 at 10:30 AM
Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 PM
Friday, April 15 at 12 pm
Saturday, April 16 at 8 pm
Sunday, April 17 at 10:30 am

Palm Sunday with Procession
Maundy Thursday with Stripping of the Altar and Vigil
Good Friday Service
Easter Vigil Service
Easter Day Service

Take Action with St. Thomas'

Join the Watch Party for the Samaritan Ministry's Next Step Breakfast



You are invited to learn about and celebrate the work of Samaritan Ministry on Saturday morning, March 19, from 9:30-11am on the 4th Floor of St. Thomas'. First, we'll gather for fellowship and great breakfast treats on the patio, including savory and sweet items, prepared with love by some of St. Thomas' best cooks, starting at 9:30am. At 10am, the livestream begins on the big screen, with a heartfelt testimony by Charles Hopkins, a participant who sought the partnership of Samaritan Ministry on his journey to dignity and self-reliance. He will be joined by Karen Neal, a volunteer whose own life was transformed as a result of her volunteer work with Samaritan

Ministry, and she'll share her story as well. You will be given an opportunity to join the team as a financial contributor and/or as a volunteer. We promise an uplifting morning! Please join Linda Hollingsworth, Benny Young, Dan Costello and Carol Coonrod on March 19th.

For more information and to sign up for the event, please go to bit.ly/NSB22.

Warm Winter Socks Still Needed During the Cold Weather

Thanks to your generosity, the socks you have donated have helped many people stay warmer this winter. Please keep that generosity going for a few more weeks of the cold weather. Parishioner Al Llanos is still in touch with people who need warm winter socks. Bring new size 6-12 winter socks to St. Thomas' so he can distribute them to those who need them.



Take Action with WIN on March 20, 2022

On **March 20, 2022, at 3 pm**, WIN is planning a 1,500-2000 person public action zoom call with the Mayoral Candidates, Council Chairs, and other elected officials. Members of WIN stand together to advance the WIN local campaigns: affordable housing and Black equity/wealth-building through homeownership, good jobs, public safety, public housing, racial equity in climate policy, and more.

St. Thomas' is a member of the WIN and has pledged to have at least 30 parishioners attend the public action event on March 20, 2022. This is a great opportunity to promote social justice through policy changes potentially offering transformation that is both effective and sustained.

Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) is a non-partisan network of faith institutions, non-profits, unions, and neighborhood leaders across all eight wards of DC. It organizes to lift the voices and priorities of District residents for economic justice and racial equity. For the upcoming election season, WIN is engaging and challenging all candidates to hear, endorse and act on the WIN agenda.

Please sign up for the March Action here: bit.ly/Marchsignup. A zoom link will be shared with everyone who signs up before the action.

Questions? Contact Herschel Wade at hwade@vts.edu

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 or by phone: 202-384-9643.

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>

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

Household items: Pots and pans Vacuums, Pressure cookers, Trash cans, Dutch ovens, Laundry baskets, Blenders, New bed sheets & pillows, Bowls, New shower curtains & hooks, Thermoses, Bath mats, Tea pots & electric kettles

Children's Items: Strollers, Items for newborns, Baby swings.

Clothing donations are no longer needed

Sidewalk Series

We are excited for this spring Sidewalk Series! Please consider joining us, inviting friends, and committing to one Friday afternoon as a parish host, helping people find bathrooms and water and giving tours as needed. Please see Michael Lodico with questions, and sign up on the bulletin board to help (or by emailing administrator@stthomasdc.org with your preferred Friday.)



SIDEWALK SERIES AT ST. THOMAS DUPONT CIRCLE



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FRIDAYS FROM 5-6PM

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Artistic director,
Noah Getz
Rector, The
Reverend Lisa
Saunders Ahuja
Musical Director,
Michael Lodico

<https://stthomasdc.org/>

4/1 - Deepak Ram, Indian Classical Flute

4/8 - 4/8 - Lodico plays Ludovico Einaudi

4/22 - Off on Four - Saxophone Quartet

4/29 - Bobby Muncy - Jazz Combo

5/6 - The World Music Collective

5/13 - Yasna Iranian Folk Ensemble

5/20 - Taisha Estrada - Singer-Songwriter

5/27 - Whistling Hens - Chamber Music

Celebrating Our March Birthdays

Juan Núñez (March 9)
Andrew Rutledge (March 11)
Willis Tatterson (March 12)
Nate Vaagen (March 15)
Douglas Evans (March 15)
Herschel Wade (March 16)
Michael Lodico (March 17)
Murray Scheel (March 19)
Lynn Moluf (March 20)
Reggie Greer (March 21)
Brian Crane (March 27)
Richard Ramponi (March 31)

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

Parish Prayer List

John Bisco
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

Mary Jane Smith
Harvey Snyder
Chris Spangler
Chester Thompson

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



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

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