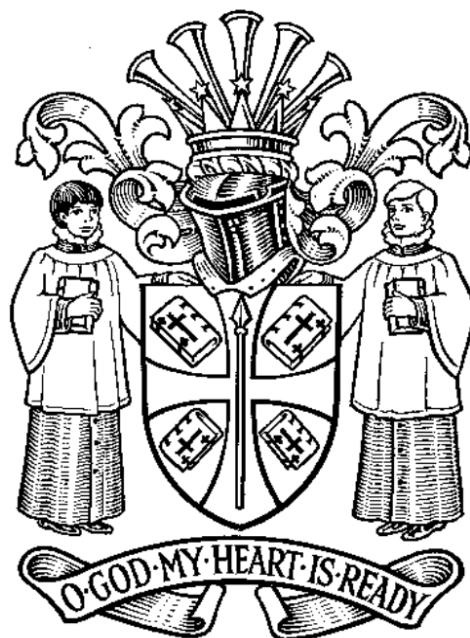


SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



One West Fifty-third Street
New York, New York 10019
Telephone: 212-757-7013
www.SaintThomasChurch.org
The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2025 AT 10 A.M.
THANKSGIVING DAY

SOLEMN EUCHARIST
SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CONSORT



STC
200

Welcome to Saint Thomas Church, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.

*Our mission is to worship, love, and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ
through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.*

contact us: welcome@saintthomaschurch.org

Please do not take photographs or videos, or make recordings during the service.

ASSISTING CLERGY

The Reverend Matthew Moretz
Vicar and Chief Operating Officer
The Reverend Dr. Alison J. Turner
Associate for Children & Family Ministry and School Chaplain
The Reverend Mark Schultz
Associate for Pastoral Care
The Reverend Prisca Lee-Pae
Associate for Pan-Asian Ministry
The Reverend Dr. Luigi Gioia
Theologian in Residence
The Reverend Preston Gonzalez-Grissom
Associate Priest for Children and Family Ministry

STAFF

Richard Tanner *Organist and Director of Music*
Nicolas Haigh, *Associate Organist*
Maks Adach, *Associate for Musical Studies and Assistant Organist*
Bruce Smith, *Chief Advancement Officer*
Adam MacDonald, *Director of Development*
Blake Martin, *Director of Communications and Digital Production*
Lizette Hernandez, *Executive Assistant to the Rector*

SAINT THOMAS CHOIR SCHOOL

The Rev. Dr. Alison J. Turner, *Director of Transition*
202 West 58th Street, New York, NY 10019
Telephone: 212-247-3311 email: admissions@choirschool.org
www.ChoirSchool.org

HONORARY CLERGY

The Reverend Andrew C. Mead, OBE, DD, *Rector Emeritus*
The Right Reverend Andrew R. St. John, DD, *Bishop in Residence*
The Reverend Mark Brown, *Honorary Assistant*
The Reverend Canon Anne Mallonee, *Honorary Assistant*
The Reverend Stephen Morris, *Honorary Assistant*
The Reverend David F. Mc Neeley, *Honorary Assistant*
The Reverend Thomas F. Pike, *Honorary Assistant*

THE LAY MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

Lloyd G. Stanford, *Warden*
Karen Duncan
Christopher M. Haley, *Clerk*
Darren Littlejohn
Winnie Kung

Gregory Zaffiro, *Warden*
Samuel Lee
John G. Oghia
Benita Potters
Inge Reist
Karl C. Saunders, *Treasurer*

You may contact the Wardens using this address: Wardens@SaintThomasChurch.org.



THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa Resurrectionis

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)

PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Materna'

Calvin Hampton
(1938-1984)

THE GREETINGS

HYMN

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers.

Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest - home:
All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;
E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest - home;

all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown:
from his field shall in that day all of - fen - ses purge a - way;
gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;

God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied;
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear:
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide;

come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest - home.
grant, O har - vest Lord, that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
come, with all thine an - gels come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.



THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant 
Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People 
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

The Celebrant says

HEAR what our Lord Jesus saith:
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.
And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.
On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

MOST merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

THE Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins,
true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The People stand.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

GLORY be to God on high,
and in earth peace,
good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee.
We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ.
With the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

ALmighty and gracious Father, we give thee thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season
and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we beseech thee, faithful stewards
of thy great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need,
to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Joel 2:21-27

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



PSALM 100

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Dirksen*)

JUBILATE DEO

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that has made us and not we ourselves;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise :
be thankful unto him and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting :
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

1 Timothy 2:1-7

The Subdeacon concludes The Word of the Lord.
The People respond Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

HYMN

AMERICA

1 God bless our na-tive land; firm may she
2 For her our prayers shall rise to God, a -

ev - er stand through storm and night: when the wild
bove the skies; on him we wait; thou who art

tem - pests rave, ru - ler of wind and wave,
ev - er nigh, guard - ing with watch - ful eye,



God bless our native land, #716 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Siegfried August Mahlmann (1771-1826);
tr. Charles Timothy Brooks (1813-1883) and John Sullivan Dwight (1812-1893), alt. Music: *America*, from *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1745.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (Mode VI) and Colin Mawby

This acclamation heralds the Gospel Reading



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor Jesus saith unto Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed;
blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25-33

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.



People Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.



People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia
Theologian in Residence

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.



THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.

I BELIEVE in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing for the Litany.

LET us give thanks to God our Father
for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of thy creation, in earth and sky and sea,
We thank thee, O Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
We thank thee, O Lord.



For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
We thank thee, O Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank thee, O Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
We thank thee, O Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
We thank thee, O Lord.

For all front-line workers, medical researchers, and for all who have inspired us through the Pandemic,
We thank thee, O Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
We thank thee, O Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank thee, O Lord.

Above all, we give thee thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
To him be praise and glory, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

THE harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5:22, 23

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

The Celebrant says the Offertory Sentence, and the People sit.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

*Leo Sowerby
(1895-1968)*

I WAS glad when they said unto me,
we will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates,
O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself.
For thither the tribes go up,
even the tribes of the Lord,
to testify unto Israel,
to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
For there is the seat of judgement,
even the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem;
they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls,
and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes,
I will wish thee prosperity.
Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do thee good.

Psalm 122



*Please scan this QR code if you wish to give online from your mobile device or text **Give** to 855-938-2085.*

The People stand.



HYMN

MATERNA

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

O beautiful for spacious skies, #719 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929).
Music: Materna, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903).



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People
It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues

IT is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The People kneel or stand.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

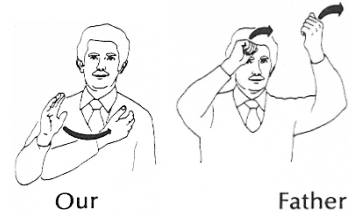
The People respond **AMEN.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo
하늘에 계신 우리 아버지
Notre Père qui es aux cieux
Πατερ ημων ο εν τοις ουρανοις
Pai nosso, que estais nos Céus,
Отче наш, що єси на небесах
أَبَانَا الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاءَاتِ،

Vater unser, der du bist im Himmel
Pater noster, qui es in caelis
我們在天上的父
Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni
Padre nostro, che sei nei cieli
天におられる私たちの父よ
हे हमारे स्वर्गबासी पिता,



Our

Father

The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

BEHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

I BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;
I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.
Never permit me to be separated from thee!
O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I
may die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Sacrament is distributed at the Crossing. Intinction (dipping the host in the chalice) is not permitted.

You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.



ANTHEM

Franz Joseph Haydn
(1732-1809)

THE heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of His work displays the firmament.

To day that is coming speaks it the day;
the night that is gone to following night,

The heavens are telling...

In all the lands resounds the word.
Never unperceived, ever understood,
ever, ever, ever understood.

The heavens are telling...

1 Kings 8:27, Psalm 19:1

After Communion, silence is kept for a while.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope,
of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The People stand.



THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

NATIONAL ANTHEM

O say can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly light,
what so proud - ly we hailed at the twi - light's last gleam - ing,
whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the per - i - lous fight,
o'er the ram - parts we watched, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing?
And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombs burst - ing in air,
gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say does that star - span - gled ban - ner yet wave
o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light, #720 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Francis Scott Key (1779-1843).
Music: *National Anthem*, source unknown, ca. 18th cent.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant says

MAY God our creator, who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air,
bestow on you his care and increase the harvest of your righteousness;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



HYMN

WIR PFLÜGEN

1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;
3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;
he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:

he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;
the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.
but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.



Refrain

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

We plow the fields, and scatter, #291 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815);
tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878), alt. Music: *Wir Pflügen*, Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747-1800).

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Nun danket alle Gott
from *Choral-Improvisationen für Orgel*, Op. 65

Siegfried Karg-Elert
(1877-1933)



Saint Thomas gives thanks for those who have given endowed funds to provide flowers to beautify the church in perpetuity. This week, we give thanks for the memory of Marjorie Carr, Sarah Aurelia Brush, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, Alice Mary Hyde, Linda Griffith Vorsanger, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Burks Yuille.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever, may the LORD rejoice in his works. (Psalm 104:31)



WORSHIP & RECITALS THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Friday 28th

The Church will be open from 10am until 2pm

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Saturday 29th

11-11:45 a.m. Confessions, Spiritual Advice, Ministry of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel

Confessor: The Rector

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday: November 30th

The First Sunday of Advent

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

Sung by the Noble Singers

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*

Sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

followed by Coffee Hour at the back of the Lady Chapel

Sermon by The Rector

4 p.m. The Avent Procession*

sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Music by Castellanos (STCS '09), Rose, Vaughan

Williams, Robinson, Sheils, Byrd, MacMillan, Bach, and

Simpson.

Parish Notices

Children and Family Ministries: The Blessing of the Crèche Service, a telling of the Nativity Story, is Saturday, December 13th at 4pm. If your child wishes to participate, please email Fr. Preston at pgonzalezgrissom@saintthomaschurch.org. 10am Children's Formation is available for children Pre-K - High School from 10-10:45 following the 9am Mass. The Children's area (near the icon of Saint Thomas) is available for families during all services, with quiet activities for young children. The Nursery also continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9am-1pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd floor. To receive more information, contact childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

The **Noble Singers**, our children's parish choir for singers (ages 5-14+) sing in the 9am Mass. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 4:15-5:15pm, and new singers are always welcome. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music! For more information, and to register your singer, contact JLane@saintthomaschurch.org.

Saint Thomas Choir School is home to the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Since September 2025, the Choir School (grades 4-8) has partnered with Professional Children's School for the boys' academic education, while they continue to live and train at STCS in a close-knit, music-centered environment. They sing five weekly services at Saint Thomas Church and perform in the Concerts at Saint Thomas series. If you know a boy who loves to sing and may thrive in this unique setting, please contact Margaret White at mwhite@choirschool.org.

Concerts at Saint Thomas presents the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys in their annual performances of Handel's Messiah, accompanied by the period instrument ensemble New York Baroque Incorporated on December 9 and 11 at 7:30pm. The Choir is joined by soloists Margaret Carpenter Haigh, Daniel Moody, James Reese, and Paul Max Tipton, led by conductor Richard Tanner. Tickets for in person and livestream are available now at www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts

You are cordially invited to the **Holy Eucharist in the Korean language** every **second Sunday** of the month at 1:30pm. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45pm in the Dining Room of the Parish House. 매달 둘째 주일 오후 1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후 12:45에 2층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도 나누세요. 아래 주소로 등록하시면 월요일 아침묵상글을 이메일로 받아볼 수 있습니다. <https://mailchi.mp/saintthomaschurch/korean>

Contemplative Prayer takes place on Fridays at 3pm in the Resurrection Chapel. You are welcome to join this sacred time of silent prayer and quiet praise in the presence of God. The service includes Taizé Songs, Centering Prayer, and Lectio Divina, and is led by Mo. Prisca Lee-Pae. For more information, please contact Mo. Lee-Pae at pleepae@SaintThomasChurch.org.

The **Saint Thomas Theological Education Program**, rooted in Scripture, tradition, and spirituality, is for those who seek a deeper understanding of faith, worship and prayer. Lecturers are The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence, and internationally renowned guest speakers committed to making theology accessible to non-specialists. Classes are held Sundays at 10am on the 5th Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. For more info, contact Fr. Luigi Gioia: lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org.

Explore the Beauty and History of Saint Thomas Church each Sunday following the 11am service with a guided tour. These tours offer a unique opportunity to delve into the rich history, sacred art, and exquisite

architectural details of our landmark building. To take part, please meet the Tour Guide at the "Tour Guide - Meet Hear" sign on the south side of the Narthex. All are warmly welcome.

Friday Bible Study occurs at 1pm on Zoom, currently focusing on the book of Ecclesiastes. To receive the zoom link, contact Fr. Brown at mbrown@saintthomaschurch.org

The **Annual Election for the Vestry of Saint Thomas Church** will be held on December 2, 2025. The following parishioners are standing for election: As warden, Lloyd Stanford; and for the vestry, Samyel Lee, John Oghia and Karl Saunders. The by-laws of the parish define those eligible to vote as follows: "Persons of full age belonging to the Parish, who have been baptized and are regular attendants at its worship and contributors to its support for at least twelve months prior to such election or special meeting, shall be qualified voters at any such election or special meeting." Ballots have been e-mailed and mailed if we have no emails on file. If you have not received one and are a qualified voter, please contact Lizette Hernandez at LHernandez@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Angelus Tree. We invite you to donate gifts for disadvantaged children and children who will spend Christmas Day in a municipal shelter this year. We also give gifts to children who are with their mothers in a shelter for those who are escaping domestic violence. Simply take a gift tag from the tree and bring your gift unwrapped before Christmas. If you prefer to make a donation and for us to shop for the gift, use the QR code:



Christmas Candles in Memory of Loved Ones: During Christmastide, the time between Christmas Day and New Year's Day, we will light an eight-day candle for your loved one(s), and place it before the Crèche of Saint Thomas Church. Each candle will be affixed with the name(s) you submit. The suggested donation for each eight-day candle is \$25. All of these names will be added to the prayer list during Christmastide.



Contributions for Christmas Flower Memorials are now being received in memory of departed loved ones. The names of the faithful departed in whose memory the church will be adorned will be listed in the Christmas service leaflet on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. In order to cover the cost of Christmas flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25 per name. Please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation to the parish house receptionist. You can also email your list to giving@saintthomaschurch.org. We cannot guarantee that any names received after December 8 will appear in print, but will be printed and placed on the altar for the Christmas services. The deadline is Monday, December 8 for names printed in the leaflets.



The Saint Thomas Community Outreach Program **Neighbor to Neighbor** provides coffee, tea, water, muffins, fresh fruit, yogurt and hot oatmeal to neighbors in need. The program serves guests between 9-10am every Saturday, with volunteers arriving at the Parish House on 53rd Street around 8:15am. Please note that there is a signup form for interested volunteers. If you are interested in knowing more about the program and getting involved, please register to be on the mailing list for this group using the QR code:

