

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 AT 4 P.M.
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FESTAL EVENSONG
WITH ADMISSION OF NEW CHORISTERS,
HEAD CHORISTER, AND DEPUTY HEAD CHORISTER
SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS



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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.*

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PRELUDE

Air

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)

INTROIT

Gerre Hancock

THE Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.
The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in:
from this time forth for evermore.

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that,
as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength,
so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Habakkuk 2:20; Psalm 121:8; Collect of the Day

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

HYMN

AURELIA

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

The Church's one foundation, #525 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900).
Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Arthur Li
(b. 2011)

The Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.

- V. O Lord, open thou our lips.
R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
- V. O God, make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
- V. Praise ye the Lord.
R. The Lord's Name be praised.

The People sit.

WELCOME



PSALM 42

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Turle, Lowman)

QUEMADMODUM

LIKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks :
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God :
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night :
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?
Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself :
for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God;
In the voice of praise and thanksgiving : among such as keep holy-day.
Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul : and why art thou so disquieted within me?
Put thy trust in God : for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance.
My God, my soul is vexed within me :
therefore will I remember thee concerning the land of Jordan, and the little hill of Hermon.
One deep calleth another, because of the noise of the water-pipes :
all thy waves and storms are gone over me.
The Lord hath granted his loving-kindness in the day-time :
and in the night-season did I sing of him, and made my prayer unto the God of my life.
I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast thou forgotten me :
why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseseth me?
My bones are smitten asunder as with a sword :
while mine enemies that trouble me cast me in the teeth;
Namely, while they say daily unto me : Where is now thy God?
Why art thou so vexed, O my soul : and why art thou so disquieted within me?
O put thy trust in God : for I will yet thank him,
which is the help of my countenance, and my God.
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.

PSALM 43

Anglican Chant (Turle, Lowman)

JUDICA ME, DEUS

GIVE sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people :
O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.
For thou art the God of my strength, why hast thou put me from thee :
and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseseth me?
O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me :
and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.
And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness :
and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.
Why art thou so heavy, O my soul : and why art thou so disquieted within me?
O put thy trust in God : for I will yet give him thanks,
which is the help of my countenance, and my God.
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 ADMISSION OF HEAD AND DEPUTY HEAD CHORISTERS

The People remain seated. The Choir and ministers stand. The Rector and Head of School stand at the top of the Chancel steps. The Director of Music presents the Choristers for admission to the Rector, saying

REVEREND Father, I present to you Dominic Scarozza to be admitted as Head Chorister, and Bakore Azubuike Dansoko Camara to be admitted as Deputy Head Chorister of this Church of Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue.

The Rector addresses those to be admitted

Do you desire to be admitted as Head Choristers of this Church?

Answer I do.

The Rector says

Do you promise to set a good example, show respect to those in authority, and encourage your fellow choristers to offer their best to God and to the Choir School?

Answer I do.

The Rector takes the hand of the Head Chorister and says

I admit you, Dominic Scarozza, as Head Chorister of this Church in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Rector places the medal around his neck and says

Receive this medal as a badge of your office; may it remind you that what you sing with your lips, you should believe in your heart, and practice and show forth in your life.

The Rector takes the hand of the Deputy Head Choristers and says

I admit you, Bakore Azubuike Dansoko Camara, as Deputy Head Chorister of this Church in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Rector places the medal around his neck and says

Receive this medal as a badge of your office; may it remind you that what you sing with your lips you should believe in your heart, and practice and show forth in your life.

The Rector says this prayer

SING, rejoice and be glad; praise the Lord with a merry voice.
May God grant you grace so to worship and serve him on earth, that you may praise him eternally among the saints in heaven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Head and Deputy Head Chorister now bring the Probationers forward to be admitted.



ADMISSION OF NEW CHORISTERS

The Head of School presents the Probationers for admission to the Rector, saying

Reverend Father, I present to you Edric Baty and Ephrem Henthorn,
to be admitted as Choristers of this Church of Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue.

The Rector asks the Boys to be admitted the following

Do you desire to be admitted as a Chorister of this Church?

The Boys answer

I do.

Taking each Probationer's hand, the Rector says

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I admit you, N.,
as a Chorister of this Church. **Amen.**

The Director of Music vests each new Chorister with a surplice and then hands to the Rector a Hymnal.

The Rector hands the Hymnal to each newly admitted Chorister, saying

Remember always that what you sing with your lips, you should believe in your heart,
and what you believe in your heart, you should practice in your life. **Amen.**

*After each Probationer has been admitted, the Head and Deputy Head Chorister take the admitted Chorister
to his place in the Choir stalls and say,*

Pursuant to a decree of the Venerable Rector and Vestry of Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue,
we install you, N., as a Chorister of this Church.

The Head and Deputy Head Chorister take their places in the Choir stalls.

The Rector says

Let us pray.

The People stand.

ALmighty and everlasting God, who makes us both to will and to do those things that
are good and acceptable unto thee: We offer our prayers to thee for thy servants here present,
and more especially for Edric and Ephrem who have now been admitted to a place in the Choir of
this Church. Let thy fatherly hand ever be over them; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so
lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy holy word that, in the end, they may obtain
everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and
reigneth ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The People remain standing for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.



HYMN

O LUX BEATA TRINITAS

1 O Trin - i - ty of bless - ed light,
2 To thee our morn - ing song of praise,
3 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light,
O U - ni - ty of prince - ly might,
to thee our eve - ning prayer we raise;
to Christ re - vealed in earth - ly night,
the fier - y sun now goes his way;
O grant us with thy saints on high raise
to God the Ho - ly Ghost we raise
shed thou with - in our hearts thy ray.
to praise thee through e - ter - ni - ty.
our c - qual and un - ccas - ing praise.

O Trinity of blessed light, #30 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866); St. 3, Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. John Chandler (1806-1876). Music: *O lux beata Trinitas*, plainsong, Mode 8.

MAGNIFICAT

St. Mark's Service

Gerald Near
(b. 1942)

MY SOUL doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
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 People sit.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 6:1-18

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.



NUNC DIMITTIS

St. Mark's Service

Gerald Near

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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 APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy Catholick Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Sung by the Choir

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

The People kneel.

Let us pray.

*R. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*



- ℣. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
℟. And grant us thy salvation.
- ℣. O Lord, save the State.
℟. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
- ℣. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
℟. And make thy chosen people joyful.
- ℣. O Lord, save thy people.
℟. And bless thine inheritance.
- ℣. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
℟. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
- ℣. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
℟. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

GRANT us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The People sit.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Rivers of Living Water

Trevor Weston
(b. 1967)

OUT of his heart shall flow rivers of living water. A river flowing in a parched land.
“If anyone thirst, let him come to me and drink.”

John 7:37-38



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SERMON

The Rector

HYMN

ENGELBERG

1 When in our music God is glo - ri - fied, _____
2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found _____
3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song, _____
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night _____
5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! _____

1 and a - dor - a - tion leaves no room for pride, _____
2 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound, _____
3 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, _____
4 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the Light? _____
5 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise! _____

1 it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried _____
2 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found _____
3 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue, _____
4 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight, _____
5 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways _____

1-4 Final Ending
— Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

When in our music God is glorified, #420 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000). Copyright © 1972 by Hope Publishing Company Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).

THE BLESSING

The Rector says

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



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God's Love at the Heart of New York

PSALM 150

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Talbot)

LAUDE DOMINUM

O PRAISE God in his holiness : praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts : praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet : praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances : praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath : praise the Lord.
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.

VOLUNTARY

Fantasy No. 6: Toccata on 'Hanover'
(from Six Fantasies on Hymn Tunes, Op. 72)

Kenneth Leighton
(1929-1988)



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:

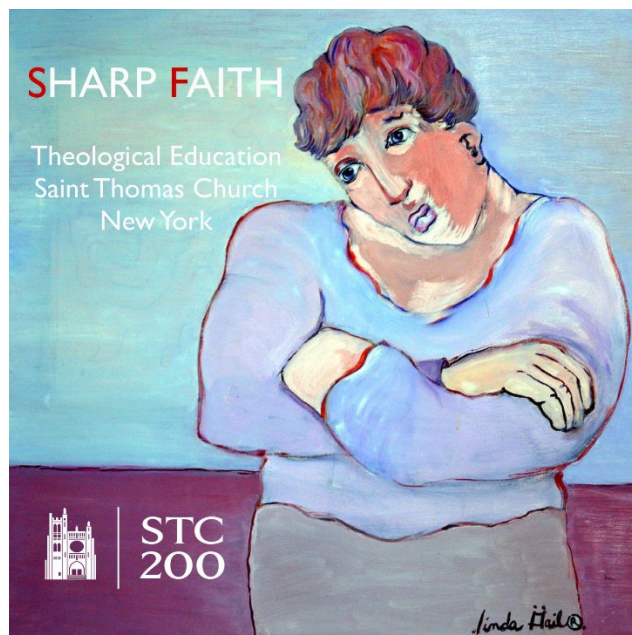
Margaret Crane Hurlbut

and in loving memory of Warren David Johnson who passed away September 5, 2009

The Saint Thomas Theological Education Program 2024-25 resumes on September 15
with a series of talks on The Question of Evil and Suffering and The Theology of Healing
by our Theologian In Residence, Fr. Luigi Gioia.

The lectures will be livestreamed on YouTube and video-recorded.

If you want to receive weekly updates about the program,
or to access the dates and titles of the talks, please register at this link:
<https://saintthomaschurch.tpsdb.com/OnePageReg/282>





PILGRIMS' II COURSE FALL 2024



*Want to know more about the Christian Faith?
Want to be baptized or confirmed?
Want to become a member of Saint Thomas Church?*

A Follow-Up to the Pilgrims' course will take place in the Fall on **October 22, 29** and **November 5, 12, and 19**.

Among the topics there will be two highly appreciated talks by the Rector:

- **“Divine Design:** a guided exploration of Saint Thomas Church and of the liturgical signification of its architecture with the Rector”
- **“Unpacking the Sunday High Mass:** A step-by-step explanation of what happens and why”

A poll will be sent to the participants of the Pilgrims' course of the past few years to ask them which topics they would like to revisit or deepen. If you wish to be kept informed about the Pilgrims' Follow Up Course, please register at <https://saintthomaschurch.tpsdb.com/OnePageReg/307>

You are invited!

Tickets are on sale now for a parish-wide event on Saturday October 5th, 6-8 p.m.

Please plan to join this Bicentennial Closing Celebration in Bonnell Hall at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian. We'll have cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and live music as we toast the end of this 200th jubilee and look ahead to the coming year!

While the event is open to all, space is limited so please scan below to purchase today!



WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Monday – Friday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Saturday

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: September 15, Holy Cross Day (tr.)

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Sermon by Mo. Turner

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Benediction*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: All CFM parents and caregivers are invited to a Parents Meeting in the Dining Room from 10-10:40 a.m. on Sunday, September 15th. CFM Registration is now open! Please register your children on the church website for the 2024-2025 CFM Program Year. Sunday School (3-10) and Faith Alive (10-14+) return next Sunday, September 15th at 10 a.m. Sunday School meets in the Sunday School Room (3rd Floor) and Faith Alive meets in the Dining Room (2nd Floor). The Nursery 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 our CFM newsletter contact childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

The **Noble Singers**, our children's parish choir for singers ages 5-14+, under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is now accepting new choristers. Weekly rehearsals resume this Thursday and Friday at 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm in the Sunday School Room and we return to singing and leading worship at the 9 a.m. Sung Mass on Sunday, September 15. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music! For more information, and to register your singer, contact Rkellerman@saintthomaschurch.org.

Join us on Saturday, September 28 at 3:00 p.m. as **Concerts at Saint Thomas** opens the 2024-2025 Concert Season with a Grand Organ Concert featuring organist **Frédéric Blanc** playing **Cochereau and the French Masters**. For in-person or livestream tickets and for information about future concerts, please email us at concerts@saintthomaschurch.org or visit us online at <https://www.saintthomaschurch.org/music/concerts/>. Support Concerts at Saint Thomas by becoming a Friend of Music. To make your donation with our team call 212-664-9360.

New Volunteer Meeting – Save the Date! Safe Church: an introduction to safeguarding training within the Episcopal Church will take place Sunday, September 22 from 1-2:30 p.m. on the fifth floor with lunch. Sign up details to follow in September.

Saint Thomas Church Tours are available on Sundays after the 11am service. It is a great way to experience and learn about the church. If you are interested, please meet the Tour Guide on the south side of the Narthex near the "Tour Guide – Meet Here" sign.

You are cordially invited to the **Holy Eucharist in the Korean language** every second Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45 p.m. 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 친교도나누세요.

Contemplative Prayer will resume next Friday, September 13. For more information, please contact Mo. Lee-Pae at Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org.

Friday Zoom Bible Study—Christ and Ekklesia: John's Wondrous Vision of Light. Led by Fr. Schultz Fridays at 1 p.m. via Zoom. We have embarked on the Book of the Glory (John 13-21) in which we will witness Jesus' Passion and Resurrection. Bring your Bible, your questions, and yourself as, together, we deepen our relationship with God through scripture. Contact Fr. Schultz with any questions and for the Zoom link: Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org.

Saint Thomas Choir School exists to nurture and educate the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented students in grades 3-8 come from the greater New York City area and beyond to sing, study, play, perform, and live together at the school. If you know a boy who loves to sing, encourage his family to contact Margaret White: Mwhite@choirschool.org.

The Saint Thomas Social Justice Outreach Group gathers volunteers from our community to address the needs of vulnerable people facing special challenges and who struggle to meet basic needs. With St. Patrick's Cathedral and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian, Saint Thomas Church is part of the EOP (Ecumenical Outreach Partnership). The EOP employs two social workers who make sure that volunteer work is done professionally, in compliance with regulations and safeguarding, and in such a way that people in need are helped to improve their life situations. Parishioners from Saint Thomas can join the distribution of meals by the EOP on 55th Street from 1-2 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Those who would like to join can write to Fr. Luigi Gioia at Lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org.