SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the

CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026 AT 11 A.M.

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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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THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS Missa brevis *Sir William Walton* (1902-1983)

PRELUDE Song 13 *Percy Whitlock*
From Six Hymn-Preludes (1903-1946)

THE GREETINGS

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

HYMN CORNWALL

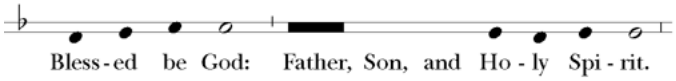




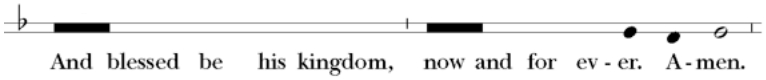
We sing of God, #386 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Christopher Smart (1722-1771), alt.
Music: *Cornwall*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant



People



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.

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON Isaiah 51:1-6

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

PSALM 113 *Sung by the Choir* Anglican Chant *(Jackson)*

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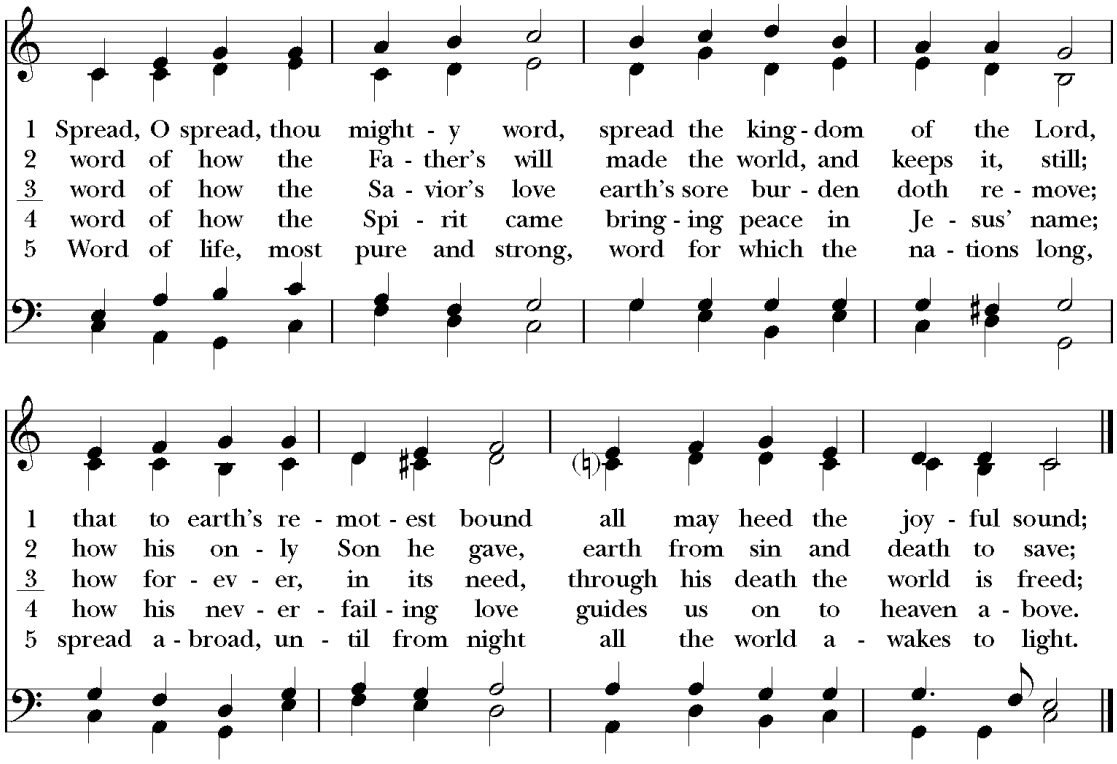
PRAISE the Lord, ye servants : O praise the Name of the Lord.
Blessed be the Name of the Lord : from this time forth for evermore.
The Lord's Name is praised : from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.
The Lord is high above all heathen : and his glory above the heavens.
Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high : and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?
He taketh up the simple out of the dust : and lifteth the poor out of the mire;
That he my set him with the princes : even with the princes of his people.
He maketh the barren woman to keep house : and to be a joyful mother of children.
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 Romans 12:1-8

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

The People stand.

HYMN GOTT SEI DANK



Spread, O spread, thou mighty word, #530 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier (1774-1841); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952) and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt. St. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984) Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Music: *Gott sei Dank*, melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Plainsong (Mode VI)*

This acclamation heralds the Gospel Reading



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
People **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
Cantor Speak, Lord, for thy servant is listening.
Thou hast the words of eternal life.
People **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

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

People



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People



THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Alison J. Turner
Dean of the Choir School

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM V)

After each petition

Leader We pray to thee, O Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

After the last petition

Leader ...and all our life to Christ our God.
People **To thee, O Lord our God.**

After a period of silence, the Celebrant concludes with this collect

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

The People stand.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

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

The People offer one another a sign of peace.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

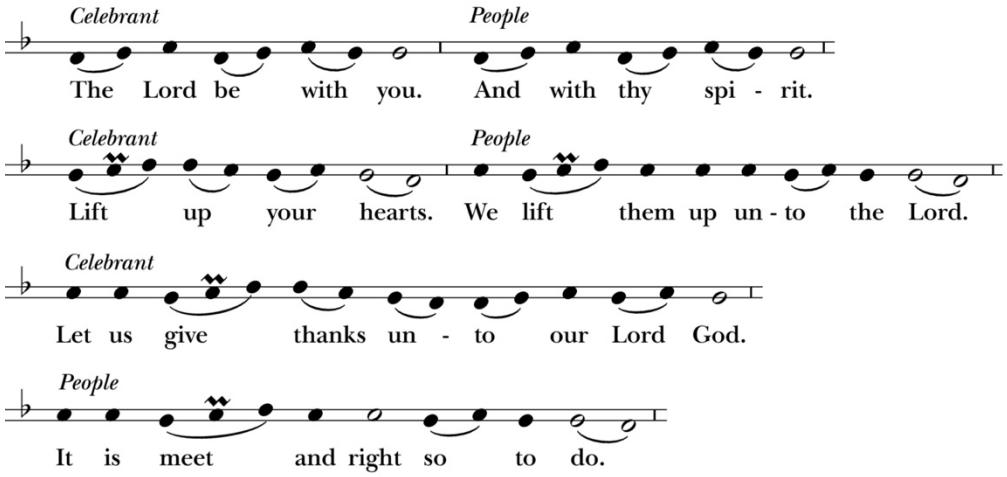
ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY *Sung by the Choir* *Elaine Hagenberg* (b. 1979)

ALL shall be Amen and Alleluia
We shall rest and we shall see.
We shall see and we shall know.
We shall know and we shall love.
Behold our end which is no end.

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The People stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

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

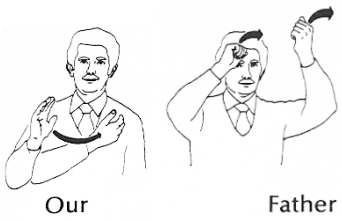
By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost,
all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

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 الذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ،

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,



The Celebrant says

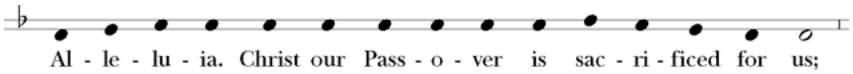
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

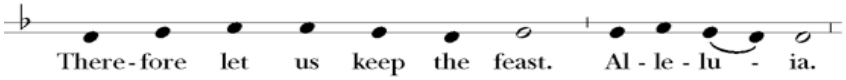
OUR Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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



People



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 shouldest 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 *(for those unable to receive Holy Communion in person)*

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.

MIDDLE VOLUNTARY Fidelis *Percy Whitlock*
from Four Extemporisations

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 *Sung by the Choir* *David Hurd* (b. 1950)

SOUL of Christ, be my sanctification;
Body of Christ, be my salvation;
Blood of Christ, fill all my veins;
Water of Christ's side, wash out my stains;

Passion of Christ, my comfort be;
O good Jesus, listen to me;
In Thy wounds I fain would hide;
Ne'er to be parted from Thy side;

Guard me, should the foe assail me;
Call me when my life shall fail me;
Bid me come to Thee above,
With Thy saints to sing Thy love,

World without end. Amen.

Anonymous, 14th century, trans. St. John Henry Newman

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.

The Celebrant says

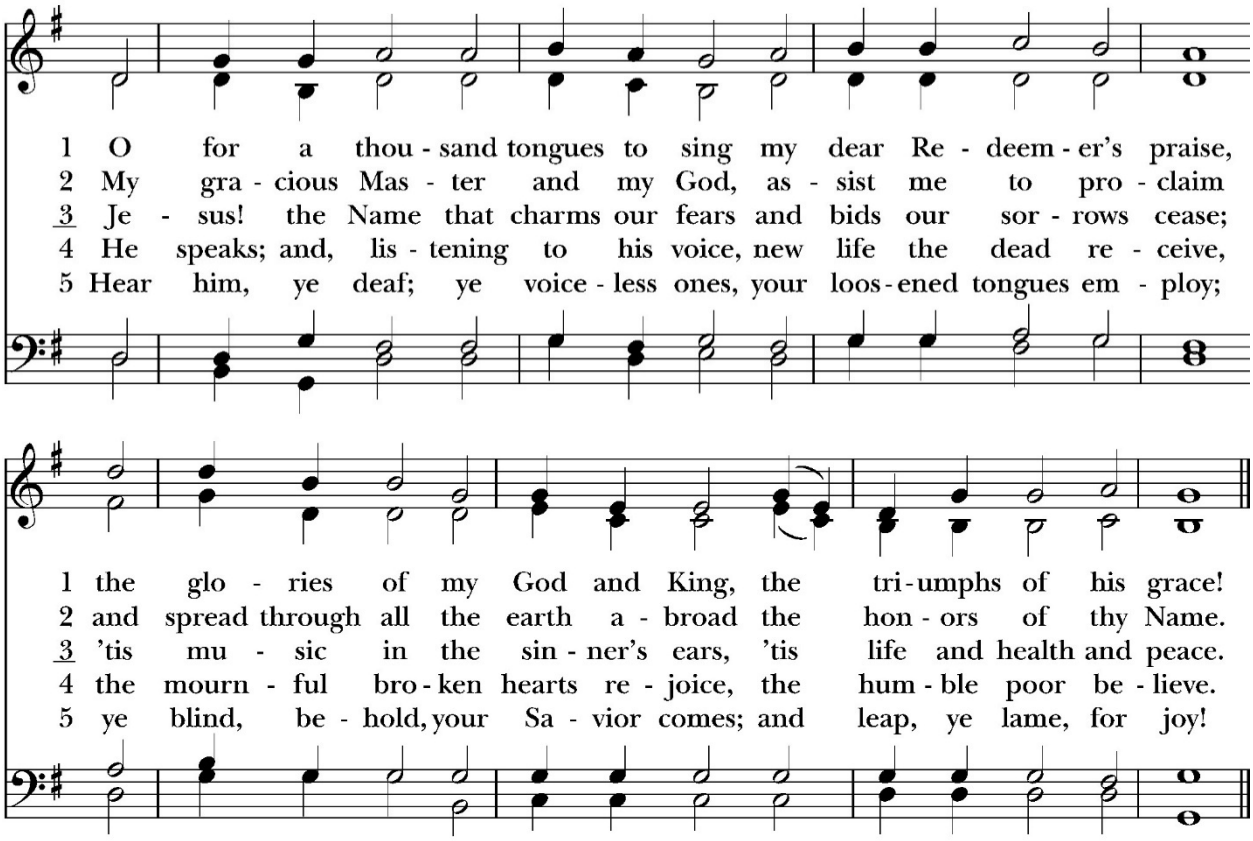
**ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members 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 BLESSING

The Celebrant 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**.

HYMN AZMON



6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

O for a thousand tongues, #493 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

THE DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY Postlude in D-minor *Charles Villiers Stanford* (1852-1924)

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Lady Chapel after the service.

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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 *Edith M. Schroeder, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Joel Rothermel,* and pray for the repose of their souls.

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.

The Daily Mass

Monday, August 24th – Saturday, August 29th

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday 25th
5:30 p.m.
Holy Eucharist (traditional language)

Wednesday 26th
5:30 p.m.
Holy Eucharist (traditional language)

Thursday 27th
5:30 p.m.
Holy Eucharist (traditional language)

Confessions, Spiritual Advice, and the Ministry of Healing

Saturday, August 29th
11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
in the Resurrection Chapel
Confessor: Fr. Gonzalez-Grissom

Next Sunday:

August 30th
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass
followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*
sung by the Choir of Saint Barnabas, Greenwhich, CT - Marnus Greyling, Director
Sermon by Fr. Gonzalez-Grissom

3 p.m. Festal Evensong*
sung by the Choir of Saint Barnabas, Greenwhich, CT - Marnus Greyling, Director

Please Note: The Choir of Men and Boys will return on 10 September, 2026. During the Summer, Sunday and Feast Day Masses will be sung by the Saint Thomas Consort, the Girl Chorister Course, and Visiting Choirs.

Summer Feast Days 2026

Come and celebrate the stories of our faith

5:30 p.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST
with the Saint Thomas Consort
followed by cheese, wine, and soft drinks

Tuesday, September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Neighbor to Neighbor

A MINISTRY OF CARE AT SAINT THOMAS CHURCH

Every Saturday morning between **8am and 10:30am,** a group of volunteers meet in the Cloisters of the Church to provide meals, toiletries and community to our neighbors in need.

On **the second Saturday of every month,** we provide clothing to our guests from **11am to 12pm**.

Please email at communityoutreachstc@gmail.com to volunteer!

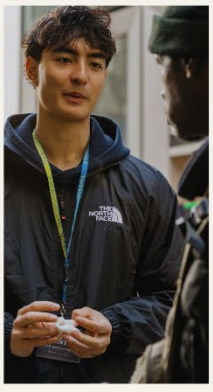
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PARISH NOTICES

Sunset Harbor Cruise – Saturday, September 12 - Join fellow parishioners for a memorable evening aboard a chartered boat with Classic Harbor Line as we enjoy a two-hour sunset cruise through New York Harbor and along the Hudson River. The evening will feature an open bar, passed hors d'oeuvres, live music, and spectacular views of the Manhattan skyline, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and New York Harbor. Please use the QR code to register and for complete event details, including pricing. Space is limited, and registration closes on August 24.

Children and Family Ministries: The Children's area (near the icon of Saint Thomas) is available for families during all services, with quiet activities for young children. This Sunday, the Nursery is available on the 3rd Floor from 9-10 and 11-1pm and is for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers. To receive more information, contact childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

The Noble Singers are on break until Choir Camp, Saturday, September 12th. 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.

You are cordially invited to the **Holy Eucharist in the Korean language** every **Second Sunday** of the month at **1:30**pm. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45pm in the Dining Room of the Parish House.

매달 둘째 주일 오후 1:30 에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후 12:45 에 2 층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도 나누세요.

Contemplative Prayer will resume on **September 18** in the Lady 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.

Take a Tour! Explore the beauty and rich history of Saint Thomas Church each Sunday following the main service. The tour offers a unique opportunity to learn about the exquisite architecture of our landmark building as well as the choral tradition of our church. Please meet at the "Tour Guide – Meet Here" sign in the Narthex where you entered the church. All are warmly welcome.

Friday Bible Study is held at 1 p.m. on Zoom with a series called **THE VISION OF THE CITY**. Join us as we dive into the enigmatic and compelling Revelation of Saint John the Divine. From examining the book's symbolism to exploring what prophetic and apocalyptic literature are for, we'll see how our author understands liturgy and worship as the touchstone for understanding everything, and we'll move with him as he brings us not into the future, but to an apprehension of the very heart of what is always already Real: the Vision of the City. Write to Fr. Schultz at mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org if you're interested in joining the Study.