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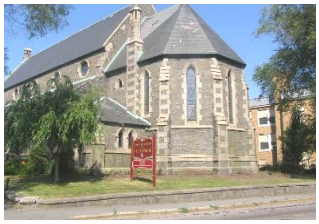

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Greetings from Fr. Rich

Dear Friends,

The Fall is very much about bringing in the harvest. It is the season when we gather our bounty and prepare for the future. Each year we hold our Annual Stewardship Campaign in the Fall making our commitments the week before Thanksgiving. This year is no different and our In Gathering of pledge commitments will be on the weekend of November 20th. The Annual Pledge Campaign is for the yearly operating budget. It provides for salaries, heat, and supplies.

This year in addition to our usual pledge campaign, we are running a capital campaign the Vestry has named Campaign for our Future. The church is running well and we are making progress in numbers, ministry, and finances. That being said, we want to continue to make progress and maximize the return we get from our increased strength and momentum. Some of our Campaign for our Future is directed at making sure our buildings are here for the long term, but we also have components that are focused on growing the church and expanding our ministries. This is a very forward looking campaign. The Campaign for our Future is in addition to our Annual Pledge Campaign. We pledge each year to be able to run the church and keep the doors open. The Campaign for our Future is above and beyond what we can do each year.

Please pray and consider seriously what you and your family can do in terms of time, talent and treasure to strengthen St. Thomas. I am asking everyone to increase their regular pledge as much as you can and to make a commitment to the Campaign for our Future. No gift is too small and all gifts can be spread out over five years. Because we are a relatively large community we can achieve great numbers if we all participate. This is not about who makes the biggest gift. It is about all of us making a gift. When we act together for the greater good, then we are a force that can do a lot. Help St. Thomas with your pledge and your gift.

Blessings, Father Rich

Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.
Elizabeth Bibesco

On-line pledging and donating now available

Elmer Holmes, Treasurer

- Pay your pledge directly from your checking account or by credit card
- Donate to all the other events throughout the year

Visit our St. Thomas webpage at www.stthomastaunton.com. Click the blue "donate" button in the upper left hand corner of our web page. That will lead you to our online giving page where you can create a user ID and password and select how often you'd like to pay your pledge (one time, weekly or monthly).

Blessing of the Animals

October 1 & 2

BRING YOUR PET or a picture

E-MAIL REQUEST

If you have not been receiving the news and announcements we send electronically, please send your email to Fr. Rich at FrRich64@aol.com or to lynnclifford1@comcast.net, so that we can make sure you get updated information. This is important not only because we send the most up-to-date information on our activities via the Internet, but also because we give notice by email in the event of a weather cancellation.

Also, if you have changed your e-mail address, please be sure we have your current one. Send to church office or print on sheet in the church.

Join us for the Blessing of the Animals

Fr. Rich

The first weekend in October is our annual **Blessing of the Animals** at all of our services. You are encouraged to bring your pets to church that day and have them sit with you in your pew. Please bring animals either on leashes or in appropriate cages and remember that it is OK to take them outside during the service if they become scared. If, for some reason, you are unable to bring your actual pet to church that day, feel free to bring a photograph or drawing of your pet. We will do this at all of our services.

We are intentional about having our pets with us in church on this day because they are, in fact, members of our families. By having them blessed in God's house, we show our love for them in a very concrete and special way. Having them here on this special day also helps us remember that God loves them as part of creation. He called them good and encourages us to be responsible for their care and welfare.

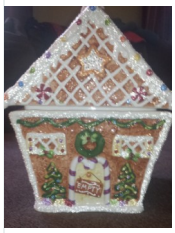
For each of you who would like to have your pet blessed but will be unable to attend a blessing, below is one that can be done at home by any member of the family. It is best to gather as many members of the family as possible and pray together saying:

"*Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless (name). By the power of your love, enable him/her to live according to your plan and may we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.*"

This is a typical Franciscan Prayer of Blessing for the Animals.

Homecoming Sunday—rain did not dampen the day.

Bid Board Items….



hand painted ceramic **Gingerbread cookie jar** from Princess House - a limited release item in 2005,

YMCA Family (annual) membership to Old Colony Y Taunton *($714 value)*

***Ukulele* (Red Sox embossed)**

Male and Female **Holly Bushes**

Numerous Baskets

….and more to come

COME PLACE YOUR BIDS

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR DINNER AT THE BELLA ROMA

Sunday, October 23, 2016

4:30 PM—following the fair

NEW THIS YEAR

CHILDREN'S FINGERPRINTING

CHILDREN'S GAMES

PETTING ZOO

FLU SHOTS

HAUNTED HAYRIDE

….. And more!!!!!

"SPOOKTACULAR" BAZAAR ***October 22 & 23***

Jane Lopes at janelopes@comcast.net or (508) 944-0944
Beverly Kimball at bevdanek@outlook.com or (508) 697-6667

PLEASE MAKE YOUR DONATIONS ASAP!

LOTTERY TICKETS OF ALL AMOUNTS (Wayne Perkins)
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING (gently used and clean—infant/toddler to 6X)
WHITE ELEPHANT ITEMS (clean and working —September 30 deadline)
BID BOARD ITEMS: (More valuable items to encourage competitive bids)
(gift certificates, services, games, electronics and much more!)
FARM STAND ITEMS: (fresh produce, eggs, jams/jellies, etc.)
CAFETERIA ITEMS: (drinks, desserts, sandwich fillings, etc.)
GIFT ITEMS OF ALL SIZES (for Adult and General Roll-ups and prizes)

BAKERY PIES JEWELRY KNITS STITCHED ITEMS

DINNER TICKETS AVAILABLE ~ Paul Boudreau~

Bella Roma—Sunday evening October 23, 2016—4:30 PM
Buffet dinner featuring pasta, meatballs, baked stuffed chicken, green beans almondine, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea—**cash bar**

Tickets—Adults $16 / Children 6—12 $10 / 5 and under FREE
(*Children's meal consists of chicken fingers and fries—adults preferring chicken fingers must notify us at time of ticket purchase)*

Reservations must be made in advance—call church office -(508) 824-9595

CAFETERIA OPEN ~ Coffee and cakes available in the morning and a variety of menu items including sandwiches, soups and chowders for a delicious lunch.

HAUNTED HAYRIDE ~ Narrated ghost tour around Taunton on Saturday, October 23rd - 10:00 AM / 12 Noon / 2:00 PM **Sign-ups necessary**
Cost: Adult $10.00, Child $5.00 ($25.00 family maximum)

FLU SHOTS ~ CVS will be available to give flu shots - insurance card must be presented

CHILDREN'S FINGERPRINTING ~ Masonic Lodge - 10:00 am -1 PM Saturday

HELP IS NEEDED TO SET UP THE BOOTHS ON OCTOBER 16TH 11:30 AM (*following 10 AM service and coffee hour)*

HELP IS NEEDED TO DECORATE BOOTHS
OCTOBER 19TH ~ 10 am

VISITING ARTISANS ~
o Hidden Hollow Farm—Alpacca items
o Lorna Medeiros—knits
o Joanie Tantillo—fine art photography
o Susana Monteiro—jewelry
o Rock Village Publishing—Yolanda & Ed Lodi (books - local authors)
o JJ Creations—Maria Quintana (soy candies and heating pads)
o Rosemary Goldrick –tables and clothes racks
o Windsong Studios—Carol Tardiff (handcrafted copper jewelry)
o Woofy Biscuits—Jean Rubbo (dog treats)

Pastoral Care Team Prayer List

Please pray for our sick & shut-ins…

Sara Patterson
Stuart Parker
Edith Beard
Larry Sherwood
John Moniz
Bob Belenger
Ginny Teed

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Please contact Fr. Rich with any pastoral emergencies. Be sure to inform him if you know of anyone in the parish who is ill and/or in the hospital.

In addition to keeping you on our prayer list, our Pastoral Care Team is available, upon request, to visit and take communion to those who are sick/ shut-in or hospitalized.

Prayer for our Mission

O gracious and loving God, you work everywhere reconciling, loving and healing your people and your creation. In your Son, and through the power of your Holy Spirit, you invite each of us to join you in your work. We, young and old, lay and ordained, ask you to form us more and more in your image and likeness, through our prayer and worship of you and through the study of your scripture, that our eyes will be fully opened to your mission in the work. Then, God, into our communities, our nation and the world, send us to serve with Christ taking risks to give life and hope to all people and all of your creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pray for our Military

Daniel Snowdall
Megan Drewniak
Adam Dyke
William Marsh IV
Donald Souza
Noel Souza
Ryan Vohnoutka
Alex Paull
Christopher French
Rick Dray
Alex Bolton
Scott Larson
Brendan Clifford
Kyle St. Jean

Pray for the Dear Departed

Susan McDowell Pollard
Called home August 28, 2016

Daughter of Audrey Pollard

...long and faithful members of St. Thomas Church

On Homecoming Sunday a labyrinth filled the floor of the parish hall. Guests were invited to walk the labyrinth and enjoy a time of silent contemplation and reflection.

Unlike a "maze," a labyrinth has no dead ends. The road continues on to the end with many twists and turns along the way. As with life, when things appear to be going along smoothly, there is sometimes a bend that takes us in a different direction.

Writing Cards for Families

Fr. Rich

Each week at St. Thomas we pray for five of our families in our worship. Sometimes a few of those families are not present in church to hear that they are being remembered in our prayers. I need a person willing to write five simple cards each week to the families for whom we pray so that they will know we are remembering them. If you have the time to write five cards a week—we can supply the cards and stamps—would you either call or email the office to take on this vital ministry? It is important that all our members know their church family is praying for them, and it provides us the opportunity to show in a concrete way that we love them. The office number is 508-824-9595 or you can email me at FrRich64@aol.com. Thanks. Fr. Rich
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Youth in Grades 3 through High School are needed to serve as Acolytes...

Gospel Carriers ~ Candle Bearers
Crucifers ~ Readers

If you are interested in joining or learning more about Acolytes, *contact Lisa Benedetti, lisa_benedetti@yahoo.com or Elizabeth Boudreau, liz_boudreau@yahoo.com*

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Coffee Hour is a good time of fellowship and a chance to meet old friends, welcome new members and visitors. Without our volunteers, this is not possible.

Please consider taking one or two Sundays a year. Contact Lynn in the church office at (508) 824-9595

Without our volunteers, there will be NO coffee hour!

Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 PM Sundays

Melanie Auger
Eric Amoedo
Annemarie Amoedo.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

October 2
Crucifer — Julia Boudreau
Candles — Elijah Figueroa / Condoleezza Dwuye
Gospel — Calvinne Dwuye
5:00 PM — Dhillon Auger

October 9
Crucifer — Douglas Francis
Candles — Stephen Rose & Mason
Gospel — Khloe Butler
5:00 PM — Dhillon Auger

October 16
Crucifer — Julia Boudreau
Candles — Elijah Figueroa / Condoleezza Dwuye
Gospel — Calvinne Dwuye
5:00 PM — Dhillon Auger

October 23
Crucifer — Douglas Francis
Candles — Karissa Murray / Kassidy Murray
Gospel — Khloe Butler
5:00 PM — Dhillon Auger

October 30
Crucifer — Julia Boudreau
Candles — Elijah Figueroa / Condoleezza Dwuye
Gospel — Calvinne Dwuye
Readers — Stephen Rose / Condoleezza Dwuye
5:00 PM — Dhillon Auger

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/LAYREADERS

October 1 — Terry LaRue
October 2
8:00 AM — Michael Stagliola
10:00 AM — Beverly Kimball, Lector/Chalice
Mary Wargat, Prayers/Chalice

October 8 — Raquel Holmes
October 9
8:00 AM — Avis Leary
10:00 AM — Linda Belenger, Lector/Chalice
Wayne Perkins, Prayers/Chalice

October 15 — Brenda Neugeboren
October 16
8:00 AM — Norm Teed
10:00 AM — Marge Largey, Lector
Alix McNamee, Prayers/Chalice
Monica Shearer, Chalice

October 22 — Renee Vitale
October 23
8:00 AM — Michael Stagliola
10:00 AM — Len Walker, Lector/Chalice
Sarah Walker, Prayers/Chalice

October 29 — Raquel Holmes
October 30 — ***Youth Sunday***
8:00 AM — Avis Leary
10:00 AM — Wayne Perkins, Prayers/Chalice
Linda Belenger, Chalice

COUNTER SCHEDULE

October 2
Lisa Benedetti
Bob Wilbur

October 9
Wayne Perkins
John Blake

October 16
Christina Latour
Gordon Francis

October 23
Mary Wargat
Sarah Walker

October 30
Len Walker
Beverly Kimball

GREETER SCHEDULE

October 2
Maureen Eldridge
Joan Andrade

October 9
Alix McNamee
Carol Hunt

October 16
Liz Boudreau
Julia Boudreau

October 23
Carol Crepeau
Joan Andrade

October 30
Steve Lombardi
Renee Vitale

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(4th Tuesdays)

October 25
November 22
December 27

Meetings start at 7:00 PM in the Rector's Office

International Desserts

Honor your deceased loved ones through pictures on the altar.

Common Ground Open House

All Saints' Day—honoring our deceased relatives

I am inviting members of the congregation to bring in pictures of their deceased loved ones in October. I will have some of my family on the high altar on October 2nd. During the month you will see that the high altar will be increasingly crowded with pictures of our loved ones who have gone before us to become part of the Church Triumphant. They will remain there until after the 10 AM service on Sunday, November 6th. We bring pictures of our loved ones into church for All Saints' Sunday to remind us of their love for us while they were on this earth and our love for them. We also remember the good and bad times we had with them, and the hope we have in the Resurrection that will enable us to see them again. On Sunday, November 6th each photograph will have a candle lit in front of it as a symbol of that person's life and union with Christ.

When you bring in pictures of your family and friends who are deceased, you may place them on the high altar yourselves or ask a Greeter or Fr. Rich. We would be glad to put them up before the service or immediately after the service during Coffee Hour. If you don't have a photo of someone you would like remembered, you can simply have their name displayed using the name cards, which will be found at the back of the church on the table in the crossing. The Parish Administrator will also have some available in the office. Name cards may be placed in front of the photos in order to identify who they are.

Choir Rehearsals

Wednesdays~ 7:30PM

...the Chapel

Sundays—9 AM in the Chancel

Notes from the Organ Console

Dr. Steven Young

Third Annual Organ Recital and Choral Evensong

Our third annual All Saints' Day Evensong will be held on Sunday, **October 30, 2016 at 3:30 p.m**. The organ recital will be performed by Dr. Steven Young, organist/ choirmaster of St. Thomas Church. The program will feature music by Bach, Franck, Claussmann, Bolcom, and Becker. The St. Thomas Choir will perform anthems by Thomas Tallis and Christopher Tye, along with psalm settings and other choral music. A reception will follow the service.

OCTOBER ANTHEMS

October 2 ~	Trust in the Lord	Daniel E. Gawthrop
October 9 ~	With a Voice of Singing	Martin Shaw
October 16 ~	He watching over Israel (Elijah)	F. Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
October 23 ~	Rejoice in the Lord always	John Redford
October 30 ~	Exultate justi	Lodovico Grossi da Viadana

October 30 ~ 3:30 PM Organ Recital **4:00 PM** *Choral Evensong*
Magnificat/Nunc (Thomas: Tallis); Phos hilaron (Roland Martin);
Anthem: Hail, glorious Spirits, heirs of light Christopher Tye

Common Ground—Letter to the Editor

Rabbi/Cantor Heath

You occasionally receive updates for your Religious News and Community News sections concerning the synagogue I serve in Taunton–Agudath Achim.

This news release comes from an organization that The Rev. Dr. Richard Bardusch (Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, Taunton) and I have recently founded - under the name "Common Ground" – which we began using six or seven years ago when we started teaching interfaith classes in the area. In 2014 we co-led a successful interfaith pilgrimage to Israel with 24 people.

As a follow-up to our work, in the summer of 2015 we founded "Common Ground: Center for Spiritual Practice in Southeastern Massachusetts" as a non -profit organization that is beginning its life as a ministry of The Episcopal Church of St. Thomas – until we can be self-sustaining.

We've added board members from various faith traditions. We've hired a part-time executive director (The Rev. Tara K. Soughers, Ph.D.). We received several small grants. We scheduled a series of classes, workshops and programs for 2016-2017. We now want to spread the word and could use your help. We believe we have something significant to offer those from many or no faith traditions.

You can learn more at our website: http://commongroundcsp.org/

Finally, we're far enough along to host an open house and announce ourselves to the general public. Please see the blurb below with full information. We hope that you will consider adding this to your Religion and Community News pages and, if available, send a reporter/photographer to gather additional information before or during the event.

Letter to the Editor

Common Ground—Center for Spiritual Practice

Rabbi/Cantor Heath
Congregation Agudath Achim

"Old Men on the Block"

To perform at St. Thomas

October 2 ~ 2 PM

Support the Taunton Woman's Club Fundraiser

Joan Blake

Scholarship Fundraiser

Sunday, October 2, 2016 ~ 2:00 PM ~ St. Thomas Parish Hall

Cost—$15.00

The women will be serving coffee, tea and desserts while you enjoy the music of the "**Old Men on the Block**" band. A raffle will be held.

For tickets call Joan Blake (508) 880-7882

Campaign for the Future

Mike Stagliola & Wayne Perkins

Mike Stagliola (*left)* and Wayne Perkins (*right)* are Co-chairs of our "Campaign for our Future" of St. Thomas Church. They are looking for your support!

Elements of this campaign will be:

- A 5-year program with targeted improvements: build membership, strengthen internal programming, make necessary building/system/structural improvements.
- Targeted donations: $410,000

HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR BRIEF SURVEY?

The Next Baptismal Sunday ~ November 6, 2016

The next Baptismal Sunday is November 6, 2016. Anyone desiring to be baptized or to have a child baptized should contact Father Rich at 508-824-9595 or by email at FrRich64@aol.com immediately. Those who are to be baptized are to have at least two Godparents, both of whom must be baptized and members of a Christian church. It is permitted to have more than two Godparents, but two is the minimum.

Godparent preparation is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office. Those adults being baptized and Godparents for all candidates must be present. Young children do not need to be present, but may if their parents wish it.

"Sponsors of adults and older children present their candidates and thereby signify their endorsement of the candidates and their intention to support them by prayer and example in their Christian life. Sponsors of infants, commonly called godparents, present their candidates, make promises in their own names, and also take vows on behalf of their candidates."

It is fitting that a parent be included among the godparents of their own children. Parents and godparents are to be instructed in the meaning of Baptism, in their duties to help the new Christians grow in the knowledge and love of God, and in their responsibilities as members of his Church." Book of Common Prayer, page 298.

Thank you

from

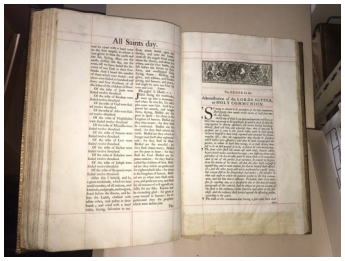
Cranwood Children's Services

"Hi Raquel,
I wanted to thank you and your church for the donation we received. You and your church always help our children out and I want you to know how much it means to us.

Thank you again,
Kathy, Program Director"

(St. Thomas donated $500 from the Buzz Perrin Fund/community service)

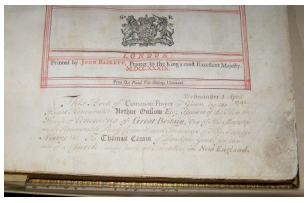
Legacy of Thomas Coram ~ our 1739 Book of Common Prayer



Newcomers' Sunday & Brunch

Coming Soon

We are in the process of revising/expanding a 1995 booklet, A Walk Through St. Thomas Church with Fr. Frank (*adapted from his "Sermons You Can See"*). This 2016 edition will include our Chapel and more on our Jardine Organ. Complete with many beautiful pictures of our stained glass and other artifacts, this book talks about our vast history, symbolism and struggles and those founding fathers who made it happen 288 years ago.



Pictured is a Book of Common Prayer that we still have and value to this day as a legacy from our Founder Thomas Coram. The inscription reads:

Printed by John Baskett, Printer to the King's most Excellent Majesty
MDCCXXXIX
Price One Pound Five Shillings Unbound

Westminster 3 April 1742

This Book of Common Prayer is given by the Right Honourable Arthur Onflow, Esq. Speaker of the Hon^ble^ House of Commons of Great Britain and One of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council and Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy to Mr. Thomas Coram of London, Gent, for the use of a church lately built at Taunton in New England.

THINK FAIR!

October 22 & 23 2016

Great bargains
Great gifts
Great food

Calling All Pie Bakers…

It's that time of year again! Please consider sharing your pie-making talents by making home-made pies for our pie booth October 22-23rd.

Pie tins will be available at the 10:00 Sunday service. Please don't forget to sign up on the sheet located on the back table in the church.

Thank you! Contact is:
Terry (LaRue) Asci
774-240-9674
terryasci@gmail.com

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Dates

Saturdays *(weekly)*	5:00 PM -	Come as you Are service—Chapel
Saturdays *(1st)*	6:00 PM -	Senior Ministry—Coram Lounge
Sundays (*1st)*	11:30 AM -	Newcomer's Meeting—Coram Lounge
Sundays (1st & 3rd)	10:00 AM -	Healing Prayer offered during Eucharist—Serviceman's Altar
Sundays (2nd)	11:30 AM -	Christian Formation Meeting
Sundays (weekly)	9:00 AM -	Choir Rehearsal—at the organ
Sundays (*weekly)*	10:00 AM -	Church School
Sundays *(weekly)*	1—6 PM -	Nothing But the Truth—Coram Lounge
Sundays (*weekly)*	5:00 PM -	After Sports Mass—Chapel
Sundays (*last Sunday)*	10:00 AM -	Youth Sunday
Sundays (*4th Sunday)*	11:30 AM -	Building & Grounds Committee—Coram Lounge
Mondays (1st & 3rd)	10:00 AM -	Assisted Living (Raynham)
Tuesdays (2nd)	7:00 PM -	VESTRY—Coram Lounge
Tuesdays (4th)	7:00 PM -	Finance Committee Meeting—Counting Room
Wednesdays (*weekly)*	7:30 PM -	Choir Rehearsal—Chapel
Wednesdays (1st)	6:30 PM -	Mindfulness Group—Coram Lounge
Thursdays (*weekly)*	12:00 N -	Senior Luncheon—Parish Hall
Fridays *(weekly)*	7-10 PM -	Nothing But the Truth—Parish Hall
Fridays (2nd)	10:00 AM -	Knitters meet in the Coram Lounge
Fridays (3rd)	2:30 PM -	Taunton Nursing Home

October 1 & 2 -	All services	Blessing of the Animals
October 2	2:00 PM	Woman's Club Scholarship Fundraiser—Parish Hall
October 5 -	6:00 PM	Family Systems/Spiritual Direction, McKinstry House
October 12 -	6:00 PM	Family Systems/Spiritual Direction, McKinstry House
October 14 ~	3:30 PM	Walk for World Peace - leaves from Taunton High
October 22, 23 -	All Day	2016 FAIR ~ **Spooktacular Bazaar**
October 23 -	4:30 PM	After Fair **Italian Buffet Dinner,** Bella Roma
October 25 -	7:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting—Fr. Rich's Office
October 30 ~	3:30 PM	Third Annual Organ Concert - Dr. Steven Young
October 30 ~	4:00 PM	Evensong
November 6 -	10:00 AM	Baptism Sunday
November 6 -	10:00 AM	All Saints' Sunday-photos of deceased loved ones on altar
November 20 -		In Gathering of Annual Pledge Campaign

~ GRAPEVINE DEADLINE ~ *November deadline is October 20th*

Send articles to Beverly Kimball

(h) (508) 697-6667 ~ e-mail: bevdanek@outlook.com

Join the Finance Committee

Elmer Holmes

Fall is the season when we prepare our budget for next year. We have lots going on at St. Thomas with new things planned for next year. That means we need help with our finances. We also have plans on reworking some of our procedures around finance, and could use more input.

Please join us Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. in Fr. Rich's office for our regular meeting. We meet every fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Come check us out!

Joy of Living Senior Lunches

Thursdays ~ 12 noon
St. Thomas Church Taunton

Join the Joy of Living Senior Lunches

Ethel Fraga

These catered lunches, held in the St. Thomas Church Parish Hall, are free of charge. Donations may be made to help support Our Daily Bread who provides the nutritious lunches each week.

The meal begins at noon and is followed by a speaker or activity from 12:30—1 PM.

October Schedule of Speakers

October 6 ~	Fire Safety—Officer Larry Gantz, TFD SAFE Officer
October 13 ~	Catch Your Breath—Alan O'Hare, Consultant
October 20 ~	Building a New Business in Taunton—Steve Vilas—Boas Owner of Garden Patch
October 27 ~	Bingo

Joy of Living
Walk for World Peace
Friday, October 14 ~ 3:30 PM

Join the Joy of Living Walk for World Peace

The Joy of Living **Walk for World Peace** will take place on Friday, October 14 at 3:30 PM on the trail alongside the Taunton River. This is an easy wooded trail and the walk will be 45 minutes. **All are welcome!**

Walkers will meet at the Taunton High School main parking lot at 3:15 PM

For information, contact Ethel Fraga through the church office, (508) 824-9595.

At the Sr. Luncheon on September 15th ladies serve a delicious meal (*left);* Albert enjoys coffee after lunch *(*center); guests listen to Common Ground presentation by Tara Soughers (*right)*

Greeters Wanted

Terry LaRue

Greeters welcome parishioners and visitors at the door, take the collection during the Offertory and release the congregation for communion. If you can commit for one year beginning at 9:30 am for the 10:00 am service and help St. Thomas grow, then we want YOU! You will be added to a rotating schedule and paired with a veteran greeter, no worries.

If you are interested, please (PRINT) sign up on the sheet at the back table in the church.

If you sign up and find that you cannot make your date, please contact someone on the list to replace you.

If you are interested, please contact:

terryasci@gmail.com or call 774-240-9674.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS

111 High Street
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The mission of the church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

To Welcome and Grow in Love.

***BRIEF HISTORY**—Thomas Coram, a wealthy sea captain and philanthropist, arrived from England in the 1690's and established a successful shipyard on the Taunton River. He returned to London in 1703 and left behind 59 acres of land in trust and a substantial collection of books to help found a Church of England in Taunton.*

Twenty-five years later Thomas Coram's intent was carried out. In 1728 a congregation of lay persons gathered and a small church was built on the outskirts of town near the Three Mile River on what is now Tremont Street. Although the land trust was no longer available, Coram's library of books became the basis for the young parish's ministry. The church was named St. Thomas.

During the Revolution, St. Thomas Church, like most Episcopal Churches, fell upon hard times and was closed for a number of years as were many others in the area. The building itself stood unused and blew down in the Gale of 1815. In 1820 the parish was incorporated. In 1828 the Vestry voted to seek a minister who was called and then a new building was erected in the center of Taunton on High Street across from the present building.

The church grew rapidly leading to the enlargement of the building in the 1840's and this, too, was soon outgrown. The third and present structure designed by Richard Upjohn was consecrated in 1859. A chapel was added in 1869. A fire gutted the Church sanctuary in 1898, but it was rebuilt with the addition of a large three-manual Jardine organ in 1899.

The historically significant 1759 McKinstry House (present rectory) adjacent to the church was purchased in 1907 for use as a Sunday School. In 1910 Mr. & Mrs. Walter Cabot Baylies donated a Sunday School building. This parish house has proven to be of immeasurable value throughout the years to the church and to the entire community. In 1960 ground was broken for an addition to the parish house which completed the complex of buildings as we know it today.

On-Going Committees

Consider joining one or more of these committees

Acolytes—Lisa Benedetti, Elizabeth Boudreau, Jessica Mason
Altar Guild—Anna Loura
Archives—Marge Largey
Audit Committee—Susan Cameron, Kirk Cleathero, Steve Perry
Brown Bag Program—Lynn Clifford
Building & Grounds—Paul Boudreau
Capital Fund Drive -Mike Stagliola/ Wayne Perkins
Centering Prayer—Fr. Rich, Ethel Fraga
Christian Education—
Coffee Hour -
Counters—Sarah Walker
Fair—Jane Lopes, Beverly Kimball
Finance Committee—Elmer Holmes
Budget - Treasurer
Insurance—Susan Cameron/Norm Dunphe
Investment -
Stewardship—
Flower Committee—Cheryl Medeiros
Fundraising Committee—Paul Boudreau
Golf Tournament—Len Walker
Grapevine—Beverly Kimball
Greeters—Terry Asci LaRue
Healing Prayer Ministry—Jane Lopes
Historian—Norm Dunphe
Lobster Roll Day—Paul Boudreau
Mission Trips— Paul Boudreau, Lisa Benedetti, Andrew Francis, Kim Avila
Haiti Micah Fund—Paul Boudreau
Cranwood House—Raquel Holmes
Music Committee—Dr. Steven Young
Newcomer Welcoming—Sarah Walker, Mary Wargat
Our Daily Bread—Rene Cantin
Parish Life Team—Fr. Rich
Pastoral Care Team— Fr. Rich, Robin Miller, Mary Wargat, Frank Capron, Sonia Hodge
Property Rentals—Andrew Francis
Scholarship Committee—Kirk Cleathero
Senior Ministry—Avis Leary
Spiritual Development—Ethel Fraga
Visitations—Robin Miller, Sonia Hodge
Taunton Nursing Home ~ Sonia Hodge
Assisted Living Facility ~ Sonia Hodge
Waldron-Gibson House (School Street) —Chris Hannon
Wine & Cheese Reception Coordinator—Brittannya Figueroa