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Greetings from Fr. Rich

Dear Friends,

Excitement is in the air as we kick-off the new program year with Homecoming and the Open House for the new Center for Spiritual Practice. Please see our Facebook page about the Center at <https://www.facebook.com/Common-Ground-Center-for-Spiritual-Practice-in-Southeastern-Massachusetts> and our web page at <http://commongroundscsp.org/> for more information. You may be interested in visiting our web page because there is a reflection done every week by one of the clergy on the board of the Center. There are six of us so there is quite a bit of religious variety as well as many different topics.

I want to personally invite each of you to come for one of the activities the afternoon of September 11. We will have a labyrinth, which you can walk in the parish hall, short mini-courses in the Rectory, and a film and presentation by a Muslim woman there, too. Most enticing, however, will be the interna-

tional desserts immediately following the cookout at 12:30 p.m. I expect a nice assortment, so please save a bit of room at the cookout.

I also want you to come so that you can meet some of the clergy who will be present and are part of the new endeavor. Rabbi Cantor Heath (Jewish), the Reverend Sarah Person (Unitarian), the Reverend Phil Hardwick (UCC), the Reverend Ed Cardoza (Episcopal), and the Reverend Tanya April-Trzeciak (Pagan) will be present and eager to meet you.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a happy and relaxed Labor Day weekend. Celebrate this changing of the patterns of our lives and be filled with excitement for new endeavors and new friends.

Summer Blessings,

Father Rich



Tagging for Belize

Nathan and Raquel Holmes in front of Vault Liquor Store were part of a group tagging to raise money for the Belize Mission trip in August, 2017. Others tagging elsewhere included the Boudreau family, the Stagliola family and the Frances family.

Other tagging sites included Duncan Donuts on Broadway and Andy's Market on Bay Street. \$400 profit was realized for their efforts.

Photo courtesy of Raquel Holmes

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 Bag preparation



Photo courtesy of Raquel Holmes

Church in the Park



Photo courtesy of Fr. Rich

Memorial Park on 138 in Taunton across from Memorial United Methodist was the site for the annual *Church in the Park* on August 20th. Our Saturday musician, Jeff Paquette, played the guitar. This is an outreach effort to the Greater Taunton Community.



Photo courtesy of Raquel Holmes

Over 130 Blessing Bags were prepared with food items and info on ODB and St Thomas

Church to distribute at the event. Renee Vitale, Lisa Benedetti, Raquel, Jade and Elmer Holmes helped make the bags. Representing St. Thomas Church at the event and distributing the Blessing Bags were Rosemary Paquette, Jacqui Schell and her mom, Jim White, Jeff Paquette and Fr. Rich.

Newcomer Sunday
September 18
BRING A FRIEND

Get a new perspective—
PICK A NEW AND DIFFERENT SEAT FOR THE DAY!

Join us for Newcomer Sunday & Brunch

Fr. Rich

Bring a Friend Sunday and Newcomer Sunday

On Sunday, September 18 we celebrate **Newcomer Sunday**. As a way of helping our members understand what it is like to enter a new space we are having on this date New Perspective Sunday, too. The Welcoming Team is asking all of our members to have a bit of a new perspective on Sunday, September 18th. The way we want you to do that is by changing where you sit in church that day. All of us have our favorite seats. Week after week we sit in them and our perspective is the same. This one Sunday we would like you to sit somewhere you have never sat before. We want to see what you think about having a new perspective. This is an opportunity for us to have some fun and to learn that just finding a new seat can shift our perspective a lot. Don't worry; the next Sunday you can go right back to your usual seats. We want you to see what it is like for one day. Give it a shot and let us know! Thanks.

Finally, on September 18 we have our Fall **Newcomer Brunch** immediately following the 10 AM service in the Rectory. We will also be welcoming in new members at our services. This is a great day to bring a friend, so please do. There is much happening here at St. Thomas and we want everyone to be part of it!

Episcopal 101

Fr. Rich

For three consecutive evenings in August a group of people met in the Rectory and participated in a short class on the Episcopal Church.

Episcopal 101 was a chance for those who have never been confirmed or received into the church to prepare to do so or for those just wanting to learn more about the church to ask questions. The class was followed by fellowship and ice cream.



Photo courtesy of Fr. Rich

Join us for the
Fair Committee Meeting
September 25—11:30 AM

**PLEASE HELP BY
 GETTING
 DONATIONS IN
 EARLY!**

**WE NEED YOUR
 HELP!!!**

**JOIN US FOR DINNER AT
 THE BELLA ROMA**
Sunday, October 23, 2016
4:30 PM—following the fair



- CHILDREN'S FINGERPRINTING**
- CHILDREN'S GAMES**
- 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

needed

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 children's game prizes)
- BASKET RAFFLE ITEMS** (Terry LaRue is looking for coloring books, crayons, stickers, paint, scissors, glue stick, construction paper, water color paint set, and books to fill children's raffle basket)
- BAKERY PIES JEWELRY KNITS STITCHED ITEMS**

DINNER TICKETS AVAILABLE ~ Join us for dinner to relax after the fair



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 ~ Saturday ~ 10:00 AM ~ 12:00 Noon ~ 2:00 PM
 Cost: Adult \$10.00, Child \$5.00 (\$25.00 family maximum)

FLU SHOTS ~ CVS will be available to give flu shots—no cost but insurance card must be presented.

FINGERPRINTING of children ~ the Masonic Lodge fingerprinting group will be available to fingerprint all children ~ 10 AM to 12 Noon on Saturday

- 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
- Sue Pollard
- Marjorie Bessette



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.

**EUCARIST VISITOR
TRAINING**

The next Eucharistic Visitor Training is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.

Eucharistic visitors are lay people who have been trained to give the Holy Eucharist to those who are unable to attend church services. This training provides the needed licensing to be a Eucharistic visitor in the Diocese of Massachusetts.

FOR INFORMATION: Andrew Del Pilar, Congregational Resources and Training (617-482-4826, ext. 421 or adelpilar@diomass.org).

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 Newly Baptized

Allison Munuae Richardina Subo Siewon Dwuye

Born October 2, 2015
Baptized: August 7, 2016

Daughter of
Josephine and Calvin Dwuye

Richard John Abbadessa

Born March 10, 2016
Baptized: August 7, 2016

Son of
Justine and Richard Abbadessa



Hans Raymod LeBeau

Born June 11, 2016
Baptized: August 7, 2016

Son of Tanja and Aaron LeBeau

Dylan Cuddy Walk for Mercy

Ethel Fraga



Please remember in prayer, Dylan Cuddy, friend of Ethel Fraga and Alan O'Hare, who is in the 165th day of his Walk for Mercy across the southern states to California. He carries a hammock for sleeping and relies on the goodness of others for food. The police along the way have been very supportive of him and of his Walk for Mercy.

As of August 17th he was entering 3 days of walking 97 miles westward through the Mohave Dessert and is scheduled to arrive at his destination by the end of August. See his progress on mercyrun.com.

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

Send articles to Beverly Kimball

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

ACOLYTE TRAINING / MEETING
September 17—5:45 PM

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!

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

- September 4**
Crucifer Mitchell Grady
Candles Elijah Figueroa / Julia Boudreau
Gospel Kloie Butler
5:00 PM Dhillon Auger
- September 11** *Homecoming Sunday*
Crucifer Stephen Rose
Candles Karissa Murray / Kassidy Murray
Gospel Calvinne Dwuye
5:00 PM Dhillon Auger
- September 18**
Crucifer Julia Boudreau
Candles Elijah Figueroa / Condoleezza Dwuye
Gospel Kloie Butler
5:00 PM Dhillon Auger
- September 25** *Youth Sunday*
Crucifer Douglas Francis
Candles Karissa Murray / Kassidy Murray
Gospel Calvinne Dwuye
5:00 PM Dhillon Auger

If you cannot make your Sunday, please try to find a replacement. Send me your contact information and I will share with the group—lisa_benedetti@yahoo.com and liz_boudreau@yahoo.com.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/LAYREADERS

- September 3** Terry LaRue
September 4
8:00 AM Michael Stagliola
10:00 AM Beverly Kimball, Lector/Chalice
Mary Wargat, Prayers/Chalice
- September 10** Raquel Holmes
September 11 *Homecoming Sunday*
8:00 AM Avis Leary
10:00 AM Sonia Hodge, Lector/Chalice
Wayne Perkins, Prayers/Chalice
- September 17** Brenda Neugeboren
September 18
8:00 AM Norm Teed
10:00 AM Marge Largey, Lector
Alix McNamee, Prayers/Chalice
Monica Shearer, Chalice
- September 24** Renee Vitale
September 25 *Youth Sunday*
8:00 AM Robertha Dwuye
10:00 AM Len Walker, Chalice
Sarah Walker, Chalice
Ethel Fraga, Prayers
- 5:00 PM Sundays Melanie Auger, Eric Amoedo
Annemarie Amoedo.



COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

September 4
Ann & Norman Lafleur

September 11
Homecoming Sunday

September 18
Renee Vitali & Steve Lombard

September 25
NEED A VOLUNTEER

Also need volunteers for October 23rd & 30th



FINANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE
(4th Tuesdays)

September 27
October 25
November 22
December 27

Meetings start at 7:00 PM in the parish hall.

**Common Ground:
Center for Spiritual
Practice
in Southeastern Mass**

For more information:
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Rabbi/Cantor Anne Heath
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(781) 956-8673 cell

The Rev. Dr. Richard Bardusch
frich64@aol.com
(508) 824-9595

Imam Farid Ansari
Homecoming Sunday
Guest Speaker



Homecoming Cookout
September 11 ~ 11:15 AM

**PLEASE
BRING A SIDE DISH
TO SHARE**

Join us for the *Common Ground* Open House

On Sunday, **September 11 from 12 noon—4:00 PM** at the McKinstrey House (church Rectory), there will be an open house for the Common Ground: Center for Spiritual Practice in Southeastern Massachusetts. This program is **FREE** and open to all.

12:00 Noon Opening, welcome, blessing by Imam Farid Ansara

12:30 PM. International desserts to enjoy

12:30—1:45 Three 20-min. mini-talks— different traditions (Pagan, Jewish, Christian)

2:00—3:00 Film: Sacred Journeys with Bruce Feiler (PBS), Jerusalem the Sacred City

3:00—3:45 Three-Faith film discussion with The Rev. Dr. Richard Bardusch,

Rabbi/Cantor Anne Heath and Professor Sawsan Zahara

3:45—4:00 Closing and 9/11 Remembrance

12:30—4:00 Guests are invited to drop by the St. Thomas Parish Hall during the afternoon to walk The Labyrinth—a time of silent contemplation and reflection for those of any or no faith tradition.

Visit <http://commongroundcsp.org/> for detailed information

Family Systems Theory & Christian Spirituality

Fr. Rich

This fall for six Wednesday evenings beginning September 7th at 6:00 PM in the Rectory I will be offering a class on *Family Systems Theory and Christian Spirituality*. Family Systems Theory is a school of thought that encourages people to think of issues, (e.g. marital conflict, depression, addiction, acting out teenagers, difficult relationships, loneliness, etc.), in terms of a multi—generational family or a “system.”

Unlike most conventional psychological therapies, the focus is shifted away from the individual and toward the larger family unit. There are eight (8) basic concepts in the theory that will be covered in the six sessions. The **cost for the class is \$90.00 plus \$12.00 for the book**. Individuals must sign up in order to attend. Please RSVP to Lynn at lynnclifford1@comcast.net.

Join us for Homecoming 2016

On September 11, 2016, St. Thomas will celebrate its annual **Homecoming** with a special guest speaker at the 10:00 AM service. Our speaker this year will be Imam Farid Ansari. His topic will be on True Islam. Mr. Ansari is originally from Bronx, NY and studied Urban Legal Studies at CCNY. He is married to Na’ima Ansari and currently serves as Chaplain for the Bristol County Sheriff’s Department. He was formerly Chaplain for the Department of Corrections for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and is employed by the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF). Since 1998, Mr. Ansari has served as Imam at the Muslim American Dawah Center of Rhode Island.

Please join us for the **cookout after the 10:00 a.m. service at 11:15 a.m.** in the driveway between the church and the Rectory. The Center for Spiritual Practice will be providing international desserts as part of its kick-off in the McKinstrey House at 12:00 p.m.

Join us for Lunch or Dinner

Dine out

Tuesday ~ September 20th

Bay Street Grill



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 yynnclifford1@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.



Singers wanted

Choir Rehearsals resume

Wednesday evening
September 7th ~ 7:30 PM
...at the piano in the Chapel



Fundraiser
(Bay Street Grill)

Tuesday ~ September 20, 2016
Home Plate ~ Bay Street Grille


Enjoy lunch or dinner with your family and friends and present this ticket with your bill. St. Thomas Church will receive 20% of your bill. This offer is good on sit-down meals, take-out orders as well as gift certificates purchased.

This ticket should be cut out, copied and given to your family and friends, and take one with you to Home Plate.

NOTE: No tickets are allowed to be distributed at Home Plate Restaurant at any time.

SEE YOU THERE!

TICKET



Supports
Episcopal Church of
St Thomas

Bring this ticket to
Home Plate Bay St. Grill on
Tuesday,
September 20, 2016

Good for dine-in, take-out
and gift card purchases.
Tickets cannot be distributed
at any time at Home Plate.

20% of your bill
will be donated to

Episcopal Church of St Thomas

Notes from the Organ Console

Dr. Steven Young

The adult choir will begin its new season with works by American composers David Ashley White, Stephen Casurella, and Jester Hairston. Two of these composers have arranged familiar African-American spirituals. These will be a delight to the ear, and a welcome addition to the choir's repertoire. Additionally, the prelude music for those services will also feature arrangements of other well-known spirituals to musically tie the service together.

- Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 7th, 7:30 PM at the piano in the Chapel.
- The choir sings at Homecoming Sunday, September 11th at the 10:00 AM service.

New members are welcome and encouraged to join us. Rehearsals are:

Wednesday evenings ~ 7:30 PM ~ at the piano in the Chapel
Sunday mornings ~ 9:15 AM ~ in the choir stalls in High Church
The only requirement is a love of music!



CAMPAIGN FOCUS

Ministry

In-house programs:
Christian formation
Newcomers' Fund

Mission / Outreach

Mission Trips
Outreach programs

Building / Grounds

Repair High Altar
Upgrade church heating
Repair 5 stained glass windows
Establish building fund
Repave parking lot
Upgrade system



Father we thank you for all the good things St Thomas does in your community, for the people of this parish, their generosity and their devotion to you. Provide your guidance through the Holy Spirit and let us hear your will as we chart the future of St. Thomas Church, Taunton in Jesus's name we ask. Amen

Support our *Campaign for the Future*

Mike Stagiola

Several months ago the Vestry was approached with an opportunity to expand our mission capability through a possible purchase of 150 Cohannet Street, a neighboring building to the church. There were many tours of the building and months of discussion. Purchasing a new building is a good idea, however, Vestry members questioned the long-term plan for the Church and put into perspective where the "new" building would fit into the mission and vision for St. Thomas Church. Eventually the discussion turned to other "needs" of St. Thomas. Areas of "need", the Vestry defined as building and grounds items such as repairing the High altar, Ministry items such as improving in-house programming like Christian Formation, and finally Mission and Outreach areas such as Mission Trip support and coordination. In the end the purchasing of a new building was not approved, rather the Vestry chose a comprehensive plan to improve specific areas that would support St. Thomas's programs and existing buildings and dubbed this task *A Capital Campaign for the Future of St. Thomas*.

This past Sunday at the 8 am and 10 am services, we held a short discussion of this campaign. This article is to provide a summary of that presentation. Communication about this program to the parishioners is important to the Vestry. Along with this article and the presentations last Sunday, there will be additional updates at Services as well as letters to everyone explaining the campaign. A survey was also initiated last weekend to identify what is important for future action items to you, the parishioners. There are five questions we are asking which will help the Vestry identify where to focus areas of improvement over the next five years of the new campaign.

Five years ago, Jane Lopes lead a Capital Campaign called "Together Now". The focus of this campaign was to generate capital dollars to complete some much needed buildings and grounds items. For example Walgreens Pharmacy was completed and the Church was given a parking lot that required paving. The Rectory and Parish House heating systems required upgrades and a conversion to natural gas, which helped decrease fuel costs for the Church. The Rectory retaining wall was in need of repair and was completed. While the focus was surly on buildings and grounds items, there was encouragement of parishioners to share their time and talent as well as treasure. The Vestry wanted to ensure that the focus on a new campaign was not solely on "buildings and grounds".

This is from Fr. Rich: "The essence of this campaign is a little different, too. The projects in the Together Now Campaign were more--we have to do this to save money--while the current projects are a bit more proactive, looking toward the future, and there is emphasis on mission, program, and our future. The Campaign for our Future feels less desperate and more proactive in that it is our choice and more thought through by the Vestry."

Elements of this new campaign will be:

A 5 year Program w/ targeted improvements: build membership, strengthen internal programming, make necessary building / system / structural improvements.

Targeted donations: \$410k

While the details have not all been worked out, the Vestry is focusing on Ministry, Mission and Outreach, and Building and Grounds. Below are focus areas the Vestry is studying:

Timeline over the next few months is this:

Capital Campaign is launched--September 25
Communications continue regarding campaign
Pledge cards returned September 26-November 19
Campaign conclusion & ingathering --November 20

Over the next several weeks the Vestry will continue to develop this plan for our future, and, additionally, will re-work the Strategic Plan, a much more detailed and broad plan for our future.

In summary, the goal of this campaign is to identify areas of the church such as ministry, mission, outreach and building & grounds that need new life, new participation or targeted funding which will prepare our church to build membership and support and continue the many ministries St. Thomas has been performing for hundreds of years to the glory of Jesus Christ.

I am asking for your support for this campaign as I am excited to be participating in building a strong church family for future good work of St. Thomas in the greater Taunton community. The Vestry is asking every parishioner to support this campaign. There are many programs that would benefit with your support. I look forward to discussing your involvement in our campaign for a very promising future!

Support our Belize Fundraiser

Pattie Stagliola

pampered|chef

Saint Thomas Church

fundraiser!

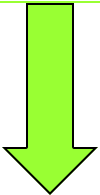
Pampered Chef FUNDRAISER

September 18 to October 2

Thank you for helping participate in our pampered chef fundraiser. Pampered Chef donates 15% of the product sales and our consultant is donating 10% of her commission bringing our **total profit to 25% of the sales (& we all have to eat, so ask everybody to help you!).** The money raised will go towards the Belize Mission Trip 2017.

please support our fundraiser!
25% of sales

Choice of free gift with purchase of \$75.00 or more



1. The **entire catalog is available** to order from and can be viewed/ordered online. For online secure ordering, go to: <https://pamperedchef.com/go/Z9d5TI> ... then happy shopping!
2. Please use **ONE order form PER person**. All orders will be shipped to chairperson for \$5.25 shipping per person/order form ... but you can do **direct shipping for \$2-4 more** and it will go directly to you ... **so invite everybody!** ... no order is too small! Any order is a good order!
3. Be sure to tell each customer about the **GUEST SPECIAL: Spend \$75 or more**, and they will receive their choice of: 1) 29 minutes to dinner vol. 3 cookbook 2) julienne peeler 3) metal cookie sheet 4) bamboo spoon set 5) greek & lemon pepper rubs or 6) "sweet treats" scraper ... **for free!**
4. Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express are preferred. Customers can pay by CHECK or MONEY ORDER. Checks and money orders should be made payable to: **Patty Stagliola/ (fundraiser coordinator).** NOTE: Returned checks WILL be subject to a significant fee.
5. For those not ordering online, please make sure your name, phone, email and address are complete on the form. We must have your orders back on or before: **Sunday, Oct 2nd.**

Any questions, please contact: Patty Stagliola 508-946-4708 pstagliola25@gmail.com or Tammy Carreiro (our pampered chef consultant) 508-644-3021 carreirodesigns@comcast.net

Thank you for your support!!!!

Orders can be placed on line (see web site above). Catalogs and order forms will also be available in the church. Contact Pattie Stagliola at pas27@comcast.net with any questions.

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Weeknight Dinners (and Dinnered) Done Right

Only available through this special!

- 29 Minutes to Dinner, Vol. 3 \$15.50 value
- Julienne Peeler \$11.50 value
- Cookie Sheet \$19 value
- Bamboo Spoon Set \$11 value
- Set of Rubs (Greek Rub & Lemon Pepper Rub) \$10.50 value
- Sweet Treats Scraper \$12.50 value



Upcoming Events ~ Save the Dates

THINK FAIR!
October 22 & 23
2016
 Great bargains
 Great gifts
 Great food

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— Begins February 28th —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) Women's Club
Mondays (3rd)	
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

COMING SOON
 October 1 & 2
ALL SERVICES
Blessing of the Animals
 ALL pets invited to join you in church.

September 1 -	6:30 PM	Pre-School exploratory meeting, Coram Lounge
September 3 -	5:00 PM	Blessing of the Backpacks/Briefcases, Chapel
September 4 -	All Services	Blessing of the Backpacks/Briefcases
September 7 -	9:30 AM	Joy of Living Walk—Boyden Wildlife Sanctuary
September 7	6:00 PM	Family Systems/Spiritual Direction, McKinstrey House
September 7 -	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal resumes , Chapel
September 10 -	5:00 PM	Saturday School sign-ups, Chapel
September 10 -	5:00 PM	Welcome Back Cookout for Saturday Church
September 11 -	10:00 AM	Homecoming Sunday—Bring a friend to church
September 11 -	11:15 AM	Homecoming Cookout—driveway outside church
September 11 -	12 Noon	Kick-off/Center for Spiritual Practice, McKinstrey House
September 14 -	6:00 PM	Family Systems/Spiritual Direction, McKinstrey House
September 17 -	5:00 PM	Saturday School begins, Chapel
September 17 -	5:45 PM	Acolyte Training—Church
September 18 -	11:15 AM	Greeters' Training—Church
September 18 -	11:30 AM	Newcomer Brunch—Bring a Friend Sunday
September 18—October 2	All Day	Pampered Chef Fundraiser (Belize Mission Trip)
September 20 -	All day	Home Plate Fundraiser
September 21 -	6:00 PM	Family Systems/Spiritual Direction, McKinstrey House
September 25 -	10:00 AM	Stewardship/Capital Campaign Kick-off
September 25 -	11:30 AM	Fair Meeting
September 28 -	6:00 PM	Family Systems/Spiritual Direction, McKinstrey House
October 1 & 2 -	All services	Blessing of the Animals
October 5 -	6:00 dPM	Family Systems/Spiritual Direction, McKinstrey House
October 12 -	6:00 PM	Family Systems/Spiritual Direction, McKinstrey House
October 22, 23 -	All Day	2016 FAIR ~ Spooktacular Bazaar
October 23 -	4:30 PM	After Fair Italian Buffet Dinner , Bella Roma

Blessing of the Backpacks & Briefcases
 September 3rd & 4th
ALL SERVICES

Blessing of the Backpacks & Briefcases

Please bring your backpacks for school and briefcases/laptops for work. At the peace everyone will be invited to the front of the church where they will receive a blessing for a prosperous school/work year. You are welcome to bring anything you want for a blessing such as sports equipment, chemistry sets, etc. that you will need to use during year. We will do this at all of our services.

Joy of Living Senior Lunches

Thursdays ~ 12 noon
St. Thomas Church Taunton

September - **JOL Walk**

**Wednesday,
September 7th
9:30 AM**

PRE-SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are looking into the feasibility of re-inventing the pre-school Sunday School program—ages 3—6.

Children would have their little service learning prayers and singing songs followed by an activity and play time ...

AND, YES, COMPLETE WITH THE SANDBOX OF WHICH MANY HAVE FOND MEMORIES!

**We need children.
We need volunteers.**

PLEASE

Contact Dane Kimball if you are interested.

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If you are interested, please contact:

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

Join the Joy of Living Senior Lunches

These catered luncheons are free for anyone over 55. The meal begins at noon and is followed by a short program usually about resources or events of interest to seniors. Generally, on the fourth Thursday of every month, we have a special bingo with prizes.

The programs are organized and sponsored by the Joy of Living Seniors ministry at St. Thomas which also sponsors the Nature and Meditation Walks. Our Daily Bread provides the nutritious lunches offered each week..

September Schedule of Speakers

- September 8 ~ Region C: Casino Free: Update on Land in Trust
Michelle Littlefield of Preserving Taunton's Future
- September 15 ~ Common Ground: Center for Spiritual Practice -
Rev. Tara Sougthers, Director
- September 22 ~ Catch Your Breath—Alan O'Hare, Story Teller
- September 29 ~ Bingo with prizes

Join the Joy of Living Meditation Walkers

The September walk will take place at the **Boyden Wildlife Sanctuary**, 1298 Co-hannet Street, Taunton. This is an easy walk with paved and woodland trail options.

All are welcome to join the walkers for exercise, fresh air, meditation and fellowship.

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

Saturday Church

Raquel Holmes

Saturday Church School will meet at 5PM in the Chapel the 1st and 3rd Saturdays. Registration is Saturday, September 10. Classes begin on Saturday, September 17.

Saturday Church Homecoming will be held on Saturday, September 10th with a cookout following the 5:00 PM service.

Greeters Wanted

Terry LaRue

Can you smile? Can you listen to others? Do you enjoy people? Can you help spread the word about St. Thomas? If you've answered yes to one or more of these questions, then please consider becoming a greeter! The benefits are meeting new and different people, making new friends, and sharing your gifts with others.

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. Training will be provided on **SEPTEMBER 18TH following the 10am service**. We need Greeters for October 9th, 16th, and 23rd.

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

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS

111 High Street
Taunton, MA 02780



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 McKinstrey 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.

Thoughts from the B&G Committee

Ann Lafleur

B&G - Budget & Grants? No. Actually, it's **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS!** But to be perfectly honest all the discussions, plans, and recommendations of the B&G team are always tempered by "budget and grants." For example, the Coram Lounge will be comfortably warm or cooled because of a green grant, which allowed us to purchase a Mitsubishi heating/cooling unit.

Our current concern is the high altar. The timbers supporting it are failing, which damages the actual stones of the altar. This could be a major undertaking, of one or many parts. Stay tuned. At the very least, the supporting timbers must be repaired or replaced with their associated supporting members. The failure of these timbers is a result of age and moisture. Part of that moisture is the result of water coming in through the stone basement walls. That leads to a second part of the work, the installation of a French drain along the playground side of the church. Stay tuned for more information about this to come.

If the goal is to do this job once and done, some consideration should be spent on mold removal and prevention, as well as a more permanent waterproofing of the floor and walls of the basement directly under the altar.

Like many church endeavors, there are items we would like to do, others that are necessary, and some that fall into the category of **emergency**. Emergencies are generally small budget items and are taken care of by the Sexton and paid for from Repair and Maintenance.

B&G also has easier tasks, such as arranging for church and ground spring and fall cleanup.

The members of the team always appreciate input from the entire congregation, and we are always looking for more people to join us. We meet on the fourth Sunday of the month after the 10 AM Mass.