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Join us for our Annual Yard Sale

Pattie Stagliola

Save the Date!



The annual Yard Sale will be held Saturday, July 22nd - 8:30am - 2:00pm rain or shine.

Donations to the sale may be dropped off at the Parish Hall Monday – Friday 8:00am-2:00pm or on Sundays before or after service now through July. We are looking for **clean** household goods, yard tools, furniture, books, cd's, toys and knick-knacks. Please do NOT donate televisions or clothing.

This is a large event and we need volunteers to cover

shifts, setup and break down the sale, and to serve coffee, hot dogs and soda. Please contact Pattie Stagliola at PAS27@comcast.net or call 508-946-4708 to volunteer.

The week of July 17th I will start to price and clean items for the yard sale. Anyone available to help can come to the Parish Hall Monday, Tuesday and Friday morning 9:00-10:30AM or Thursday night 6:00-7:30pm.



...more church bloopers

Ladies, don't forget the church yard sale. It's a chance to get rid of the things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

Our Daily Bread Gets New Mixer/Steamer

Thanks to a grant from the **Ludcke Foundation, Bristol County Savings Bank and the Boston Food Bank**, Our Daily Bread was able to purchase a mixer, slicer and steamer. This will allow for healthier eating.



Scholarships Awarded

Kirk Cleathero

Nine scholarships were awarded to college students through the Tom Crum Scholarship Fund. Rev. Tom Crum served as our Rector between 1959 and 1988. In 1982 members of the parish, local citizens of Taunton and family and friends began a fund in his honor with an initial donation of \$1,0000 from Nancy Farrar Popella. Over the years the fund continued to grow and is now able to provide scholarship money to active members of the Episcopal Church of St. Thomas.

This year we awarded scholarships to nine college students who have been active members of St. Thomas. Shannon Largey, U-Mass/Amherst; Bailey Avila, Wentworth Institute of Technology; Alex Francis, Wentworth Institute of Technology; Kaylee Mason, University of New Hampshire; Liz Boudreau, Mass College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences; Ben Francis, Colorado State University; Chris Francis, Camden Cleathero, and Parker Cleathero. Each award recipient introduced themselves their school, year and major.

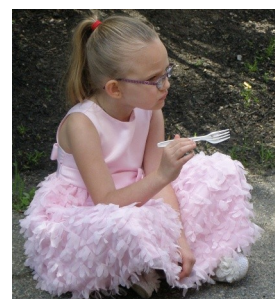
The Scholarship Committee awards scholarships based on the student's active participation and contribution to the church, its mission and the community.

~ GRAPEVINE DEADLINE ~ *September Grapevine - August 15th.*

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Celebration of Pentecost ~ all decked out in red!



Pentecost (also called Whitsun) is a Christian holy day that celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit 40 days after Easter. Some Christian denominations consider it the birthday of the Christian church and celebrate it as such. Originally, *Pentecost* was a Jewish holiday held 50 days after Passover.

Annual Church Fair Coming Soon

October 21 and 22, 2017

Saturday - 9 - 3 and Sunday 11 - 3

Sunday dinner at 4 - Bella Roma Restaurant

Cafeteria open for lunches ~ Saturday all day / Sunday 11:30 AM for lunch

OFFERINGS

Adult Roll-ups	Historical Hayride
Bakery/Pies	Jewelry
Bid Board	Knits/Stitches
Children's clothing	Lottery Tree Raffle
Children's games	Money Wreath Raffle
Chinese Raffle	Quilt Raffle
Farm Stand	White Elephant

...and more

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 lynncifford1@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.

Many artisans will return with their creative offerings.

The Fair is still in the planning stages, and we need many volunteers.

While you are on vacation, look for some items that may be auctioned off on our Bid Board or made into a basket for our Chinese Raffle.

Many tables need donations - bakery/pies, knitted and hand-made items, used jewelry, jams, jellies, produce of all kinds.

NEEDED

Decorating Committee
Set-up/Clean-up Committee
Advertising Committee
Signage for Buildings and around town

Help on all booths - most booth chairs have been secured
Donations of items for the all booths

Baskets are needed for the Chinese Raffle - themed baskets or items to fill baskets will be helpful

CHALLENGE - each Church Committee or group is challenged to donate a basket from the group

**THIS IS ANOTHER MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR ST. THOMAS AND
NEEDS SUPPORT FROM ALL PARISHIONERS.
THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT THE FAIR
PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL FAIR ~ PLAN AHEAD**

On-line pledging and donating now available

- o Pay your pledge directly from your checking account or by credit card
- o 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).

Report from Lobster Roll Day

Michael Stagliola

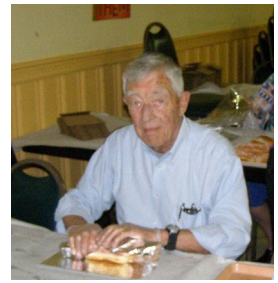
Lobster, lobster
everywhere -
2300 rolls worth.

PROFIT
\$11,143



This year's effort on Lobster Roll Day was a great success from both a coordination aspect and financial result. I want to thank the many volunteers who worked the day and day before as well as the weeks before gathering supplies and customers. The cost of lobster roll day was \$14,196 while the total revenue was \$25,339. The profit was \$11,143. Great effort and thank you for your support!

WAY TO GO TEAM!!!





Pastoral Care Team

Please pray for all who are sick & shut-in...

Robert Corriveau, Jr.
Helen
Leonard Catabia, Jr.
John Moniz
Sharon Sullivan
Andrew Crossman
Helen Theriault
Beverly Klotz

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
Justin Medeiros

Pray for the Dearly Departed

May light perpetual shine upon them

Gail C. Ferreira
Called Home June 1, 2017

Pray for the Newly Baptized

May light perpetual shine upon them

Egypt Sky Parrish
Mother - Pepper Parrish
Baptized June 4, 2017

Logan Jackson Ruschioni
Parents - Lindsey Ruschioni & Alex Ruschioni
Baptized June 4, 2017

GREETER SCHEDULE**July 2**

Terry Asci
Christina Latour

July 9

Fran McKinnon
Mason Badger

July 16

Lisa Benedetti
Fran McKinnon

July 23

Jacqui Schell
Terry Asci

July 30

Renee Vitale
Steve Lombardi

August 6

Jacqui Schell
Christina Latour

August 13

Fran McKinnon
Larry

August 20

Jacqui Schell
Maureen Eldredge

August 27

Renee Vitale
Steve Lombardi

COFFEE HOUR

July 9
Terry Asci / Carol Hunt

July 16
Alix McNamee

July 23 / July 30
No volunteers

August 6
Len & Sarah Walker

August 13
Terry Asci

August 20 / August 27
No volunteers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/LAYREADERS**July 2**

8:00 AM Norm Teed
10:00 AM Terry Asci, Lector/Chalice
Mary Wargat, Prayers/Chalice

July 9

8:00 AM Avis Leary
10:00 AM Len Walker, Lector/Chalice
Sarah Walker, Prayers/Chalice

July 16

8:00 AM Janet White
10:00 AM Marge Largey, Lector
Alix McNamee, Prayers/Chalice
Monica Shearer, Chalice

July 23

8:00 AM Norm Teed
10:00 AM Beverly Kimball, Lector/Chalice
Wayne Perkins, Prayers/Chalice

July 30

8:00 AM Youth Sunday
10:00 AM Avis Leary
Terry Asci, Prayers/Chalice
Mary Wargat, Chalice
Readers Condoleezza Dwuye / Douglas Francis

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE**July 2**

Crucifer Julia Boudreau
Candles Condoleezza Dwuye / Mason Badger
Gospel Calvinne Dwuye

July 9

Crucifer Douglas Francis
Candles Elijah Figueroa / Julia Boudreau
Gospel Khloe Butler

July 16

Crucifer Stephen Rose
Candles Condoleezza Dwuye / Mason Badger
Gospel Calvinne Dwuye

July 23

Crucifer Elijah Figueroa
Candles Kassidy Murray / Karissa Murray
Gospel Khloe Butler

July 30

Crucifer Youth Sunday
Candles Julia Boudreau
Gospel Stephen Rose / Douglas Francis
Readers Khloe Butler
Condoleezza Dwuye / Douglas Francis

COUNTER SCHEDULE**July 2**

Sarah Walker
Renee Vitale

July 9

Len Walker
Marge Largey

July 16

Lisa Benedetti
Gail Raposa

July 23

Gordon Francis
Christina Latour

July 30

Bob Wilbur
Wayne Perkins

August 6

Gail Raposa
Sarah Walker

August 13

Renee Vitale
Wayne Perkins

August 20

Maureen Eldredge
Lisa Benedetti

August 27

Beverly Kimball
Terry Asci

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(4th Tuesdays)

July 25
August 22
September 26

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

Vestry Appoints Committee for By-Law Review

The Vestry has appointed a small committee to look at our By Laws for updating. They have not been updated since 1991 and are in need of some revision in order to bring them into compliance with Diocesan and National Canons. The chair of this sub-committee is Lisa Benedetti and the group includes Marge Largey, Fr. Rich, Alan Dennen, and Amy Kazlauskas. The process involves a consultant from the Diocesan Standing Committee who has not been appointed yet.

After the sub-committee identifies the needed changes, it will make a recommendation to the Vestry. After the Vestry votes on the recommendation, the proposed changes will be sent to the Standing Committee of the Diocese and our own congregation to read. Once read and if there are no substantial changes, then it will be approved by the Standing Committee and voted on by the members of the congregation at the Annual Meeting. The sub-committee has the right to suggest to the Vestry a meeting of the congregation for the purpose of discussing the proposed changes prior to the Annual Meeting.

Join our Children's Service & Eucharist

The children's service and Eucharist at 9 AM on Sunday mornings in the Chapel is well attended and enjoyed by all. Fr. Rich gives hands-on sermons, and each week children are given special responsibilities, (lighting/extinguishing candles, taking the collection plate forward and helping behind the altar setting up for communion). The service is followed by refreshments and story time in the room behind the Chapel.

This is a casual service where the children participate and can be themselves.

Calling all children

Children's service and Eucharist is held each week in the Chapel
Sundays ~ 9 AM



On-Going Events ~ Save the Dates

Saturdays (<i>weekly</i>)	5:00 PM - Bible Study/Eucharist followed by Pot Luck Supper ~ Rectory
Saturdays (<i>1st</i>)	6:00 PM - Senior Ministry—Coram Lounge
Sundays (<i>1st</i>)	11:30 AM - Newcomer's Meeting—Coram Lounge
Sundays (<i>1st & 3rd</i>)	10:00 AM - Healing Prayer offered during Eucharist—Serviceman's Altar
Sundays (<i>2nd</i>)	11:30 AM - Christian Formation Meeting
Sundays (<i>weekly</i>)	9:00 AM - Choir Rehearsal—at the organ
Sundays (<i>weekly</i>)	10:00 AM - Church School
Sundays (<i>weekly</i>)	1—6 PM - Nothing But the Truth—Coram Lounge
Sundays (<i>weekly</i>)	9:00 AM - Children's Service - Chapel
Sundays (<i>last Sunday</i>)	10:00 AM - Youth Sunday
Sundays (<i>4th Sunday</i>)	11:30 AM - Building & Grounds Committee—Coram Lounge
Mondays (<i>1st & 3rd</i>)	10:00 AM - Assisted Living (Raynham)
Tuesdays (<i>2nd</i>)	7:00 PM - VESTRY—Coram Lounge
Tuesdays (<i>4th</i>)	7:00 PM - Finance Committee Meeting—Counting Room
Wednesdays (<i>weekly</i>)	7:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal—Chapel
Wednesdays (<i>1st</i>)	6:30 PM - Mindfulness Group—Coram Lounge
Thursdays (<i>weekly</i>)	12:00 N - Senior Luncheon—Parish Hall
Fridays (<i>weekly</i>)	7-10 PM - Nothing But the Truth—Parish Hall
Fridays (<i>2nd</i>)	10:00 AM - Knitters meet in the Coram Lounge
Fridays (<i>3rd</i>)	2:30 PM - Taunton Nursing Home

**5:00 PM Service
moves
To the Rectory**

Upcoming Events ~ Mark Your Calendars

July 22	8 - 3	Yard Sale
September 10	10:00 AM	Homecoming Sunday
October 21/22	All Day	FALL FAIR 2017

Join Us for Bible Study/Eucharist/Pot Luck

Fr. Rich

Our 5:00 PM service moves to the Rectory. We will begin with a Bible Study followed by a short Communion service. At 5:45 we have a pot luck supper. Vegetarians are welcome. Come join us everyone!!!

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,
Altar Guild—Anna Loura
Archives—Marge Largey
Audit Committee—Susan Cameron,
Kirk Cleathero
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 - Lynn Clifford
Counters—Sarah Walker
Fair— Vestry
Finance Committee— Mike Stagliola, Treasurer
Budget -
Insurance—
Investment -
Stewardship—
Flower Committee—Cheryl Medeiros
Fundraising Committee—Paul Boudreau / Vestry
Golf Tournament—Len Walker
Grapevine—Beverly Kimball
Greeters—Terry Ascì

Healing Prayer Ministry—
Historian—
Lobster Roll Day—Paul Boudreau / Vestry
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, Avis Leary, Alan Dennen, Maureen Eldredge
Property Rentals—Andrew Francis
Scholarship Committee—Kirk Cleathero
Senior Ministry—Avis Leary
Spiritual Development—Ethel Fraga
Visitations—Avis Leary, Alan Dennen, Maureen Eldredge
Taunton Nursing Home ~ Sonia Hodge
Assisted Living Facility ~ Sonia Hodge
Waldron-Gibson House (School Street) —
Wine & Cheese Reception Coordinator—