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A Message from our Interim

Rev. John Beach



**We Shall Not
Live by Bread
Alone**

**An Outline of
the Faith ~
Commonly called
the Catechism**

Question: *What are we by nature?*

Answer: *We are part of God's creation, made in the image of God.*

Question: *What does it mean to be created in the image of God?*

Answer: *It means that we are free to make choices: to love, to create, to reason, and to live in harmony with creation and with God.*

Book of Common Prayer page 84

In Lent we are invited to follow Jesus' example and enter into a time of reflection. It was in the wilderness that Jesus reminded us of the words from Deuteronomy 8:3 "Man shall not live by bread alone" These words were spoken by God to Moses in the desert and later remembered by Jesus in another desert and serve as a reminder that our *raison d'être* is something greater than mere survival. Both Moses and Jesus were living in a time and among a people for whom the struggle to survive was a daily preoccupation. Consequently, this statement is not only good news, but *unbelievably* good news. And yet terrified people did believe.

Though most of us live our lives in relative security and comfort, we are nevertheless an anxious people. It is not bread we struggle for, but we do worry about economic and social security. I believe that we can reasonably infer from this proclamation of Moses and Jesus that we do not live for real estate alone, retirement savings alone, or job security alone. In fact, we all know that there are countless persons who have led fruitful lives with none of these things. I fear, however, that we often forget this.

During Lent, we are invited to consider the question "For what, then, shall I live?" One helpful place to which we can turn for assistance in answering this question is the catechism found in back of the prayer book. In particular, I invite you to consider the invitation implicit in the proclamation "*We are free to make choices: to love, to create, to reason, and to live in harmony with creation and with God.*"

During Lent we are invited to consider what obstacles prevent us from accepting this glorious invitation. It is also a time in which we consider our dangerous tendency to convince ourselves that we do live by bread alone.

May you all have a Holy Lent.

John

Meet Your Interim Priest

Rev. John Beach



Rev. John Beach with his wife, Denise. Please give them a warm St. Thomas welcome when you see them.

Dear Friends,
It is with joy that I come among you as your interim priest. Though we have only been here a few days, my wife, Denise, and I are grateful for the welcome you have given us.

zerland, Canada and Florida. Though the journey which has brought me back to the state where I have spent my childhood has been a circuitous one, I have always felt myself to be a New Englander.

It is good to be on the mainland after being out at sea as the rector of St. Paul's, Nantucket. Prior to this, we have ministered in churches in Swit-

We are looking forward to meeting all of you in the months to come.

Peace, John+



Rev. Beach has asked if you know of anyone who would like to be Baptized at our Holy Saturday service (7:00 PM on March 31st), please contact him or the church office, (508) 824-9595.

Lobster Roll Day Date Set

The Vestry

Our 31st annual Lobster Roll Day fundraiser is fast approaching. A date has been set - **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** .

Thursday, May 31 (lobster prep night) **Friday, June 1** ~ the big day

Watch for more information ~ **MUCH HELP IS NEEDED** picking, packing, delivering and **SELLING**. We prepare over 2,000 rolls - a huge undertaking.

**Lobster Roll Day
June 1st**



Help is needed Thursday evening preparing and early Friday morning stuffing rolls, packaging orders and delivering.

Pictures from Lobster Roll Day



Notes from the Organ Console

Dr. Steven Young



REHEARSALS: Wednesdays, 7:30 PM (chapel) ~ Sundays, 9:00 AM (church)
New members are always welcome to join us.

MARCH ANTHEMS:

March 4	My Spirit Longs for Thee	Simon Lole
March 11	God so Loved the World	John Stainer
March 18	Purge me, O Lord, from all my sin	Thomas Tallis
March 25	Ride on, Jesus	Jens Klimek
March 29	Alas! And did my Saviour Bleed	Robert Lehman
March 30	Were you there?	Crawford Thoburn
March 31	Chanticleer's Carol	Vernon Hoyle
April 1 EASTER	Hallelujah	G. F. Handel

From Your Sr. Warden

Len Walker

When I think of 2017 at St. Thomas, the one word that comes to mind is: Transition.

From the changing roles and participation of some of our vestry members and staff, to the taking on of new and challenging leadership roles by some of our parishioners, St. Thomas experienced a lot of change in 2017. Then add to that the departure of Fr. Rich, and it could have been a recipe for disfunction and discord. But that wasn't the result, quite the opposite.

Many of you have asked what you can do to help; or what can you do more of to help. We had new leads for our major fundraisers, and great participation from all of you, willing to lend a hand where it was needed. From Lobster Roll Day to the Fall Fair, everyone chipped in and did what they could, with amazing results.

Our leadership team continues to work diligently, doing whatever it takes to tend to the business end of things here, but also trying to improve our standing, wherever we can. I am so thankful for Mike Stagliola, Lisa Benedetti & Jim Medeiros for their commitment and support. Our new Vestry members were installed at last Sunday's annual meeting: Cheryl Medeiros, Anna Loura, Christina Latour & Bob Wilbur; along with our new Junior Warden, Renee Vitale. We also took the opportunity to say thank you to the outgoing members: Alan Dennen, Terry Ascii, Amy Kazlauskas and Jim Medeiros.

Other appointments were as follows:

Deanery – Jacqui Schell, Jim White
City Mission - Paul Boudreau, Andrew Francis
Diocesan Convention – Alix McNamee

As many of you know, the day-to-day operations at St.

Thomas would not be possible without the commitment of Lynn and Paul to keep things running smoothly at all times. Please join me in thanking them for their thoughtful hard work throughout the year.

During this year of transition, we've also had the good fortune of sharing in the ministry of Rev. Patti Handloss. Her continuing message of Gratitude still resonates with me as I go about my daily living. I hope you have enjoyed hearing her sermons as much as I have. I hope we can find a way to keep her and Cathy in our hearts and spirit, showing gratitude for their contributions to St. Thomas.

Please reach out and introduce yourself to our new Interim Priest, Rev. John Beach. Rev. John and his wife Denise have moved to Taunton, and began office hours effective last week.

There is sure to be more change in 2018. Our search committee has already begun it's work in finding our next permanent priest, with Christina Latour heading up that effort. Many have worked hard at making our Facebook page more relevant and robust, reaching out to our Taunton community to both educate them about our church, and invite others to come and see. I invite all of you to continue this good work, or to come and be a part of the miracle that is St. Thomas Church.

While I'm sure we will experience more challenges this year, I am fortified by the words of Joshua 1:9:

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Peace- Len Walker, Sr. Warden

We need

YOU!
Teachers
Assistants

*No experience necessary
We will completely train*

Many hands make light
work!

For more
information,
contact
Ethel Fraga in
the church
office
(508) 824-9595

**CO-CHAIRS
NEEDED**

Join us at Church School

Renee Vitale / Annemarie Amoedo

Leaders: Renee Vitale and Annemarie Amoedo

Assistants: Steve Lombardi & Jacqui Schell

Location: Chapel

Start Time: 10:00 AM

Dismissal from church following Recessional

End Time: 10:45 AM (at Peace) Children will be escorted to church



Church School Topics for March include:

March 4	The Faces of Easter III	(Jesus' Baptism & Blessings by God)
	The Faces of Easter IV	(Jesus' Desert & Discovery Experience)
March 11	The Faces of Easter V	(Jesus as Healer & Parable Maker)
March 18	The Faces of Easter VI	(Jesus Offers the Bread and Wine)
	The Faces of Easter VII	(The One who was Easter and Still is)
March 25	No Church School - Family/Youth Sunday	

Joy of Living Senior Lunches

Ethel Fraga

People 55 and older are invited to meet for Joy of Living Luncheons at 12 Noon on Thursdays in St. Thomas Parish Hall. Lunch is sponsored by St. Thomas Senior Ministry to develop community among senior citizens. The lunch is free of charge and

all are welcome to attend. Voluntary Offerings will be accepted for our Soup Kitchen Ministry.

Lunch is served at 12 noon followed from 12:30 to 1 by an occasional program, fellowship or group conversation.

They might not need me; but they might
I'll let my head be just in sight;
A smile as small as mine might be
Precisely their necessity.

Emily Dickinson

Fair Date Set for 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDARS October 27 and 28, 2018

The Fair Committee has met and set a date for the 2018 Fall Fair BUT...

WE NEED A CHAIR / CO-CHAIR

Many booth Chairs are in place, but they need someone to organize and prepare. This is a very important fundraiser for St. Thomas, so please consider "stepping up" or "taking the plunge" ... you will be glad you did!!!!

I have meeting notes and information from previous fairs along with names of those who have already volunteered to give to the next chairs.

Beverly Kimball

A Message from Rev. Pattie Handloss



E-MAIL REQUEST If you have not been receiving the news and announcements we send electronically, please send your email 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.



Dear Friends,
 Thank you for a delightful send-off!
 We have been blessed to be together. I love my photo signed by all of you and the Altar Guild's fantastic gifts for some gardening adventures. The Sunday School present presented by their excellent teacher was delightful and Bolade's video brought sweet tears to my eyes.

Most of all -- I LOVED BEING WITH ALL OF YOU. I felt called to serve at St. Thomas. I felt God was in the midst of us guiding and guarding our precious lives.

Be well. Take time to be kind. Take time to laugh. Take time to love. Take time to pray, and all will be well.

Thank you for being just who God made you to be and letting me share in part of your journey.

Blessings and love+

Pattie



Photos courtesy of Bolade Kingsworth

Our Daily Bread Needs Volunteers

Our soup kitchen serves about 130 meals daily.

Volunteers are needed from either 8 AM - 11 AM or 9 AM—1 PM

Have you thought about what you might give up for Lent? How about a few hours a week of your time. You can volunteer at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen either one day a week or multiple days.

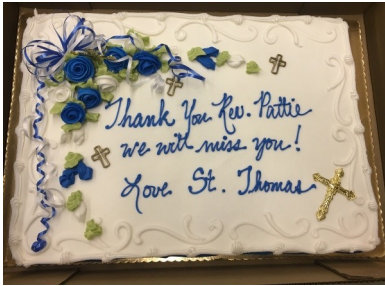
Also needed is a driver's assistant on Tuesdays from 8 AM to 12 Noon to help pick up donations from Trader Joe's. For this, you must be able to lift 30 lbs.

Please contact Maribeth Ferreira at (508) 824-1788 for more information.

Our Annual Meeting

Saying good-bye to Rev. Pattie... you made an impact on our lives during your short stay here as our "Bridge Priest." We will miss you. God Bless You!!!!

Photos courtesy of Dane Kimball



Our annual reports were presented, the Treasurer's report discussed and approved following our delicious pot luck luncheon. Our newly-elected officers are: **Jr. Warden**, Renee Vitale (*far left*); **Clerk**, Lisa Benedetti (*left center*); **Treasurer**, Mike Stagliola (*left*).

Bottom row (*far left*) **Vestry**, (*left to right*) Anna Loura, Cheryl Medeiros, Christina Latour, Bob Wilbur; **Convention Delegate**, Alix McNamee; **Deanery Representatives**, Jacqui Schell, Jeffrey White; **City Mission Representatives**, Paul Boudreau, Andrew Francis.



St. Thomas Scholarship Committee

Kirk Cleathero

The St Thomas Scholarship committee is responsible for administration of the Tom Crum scholarship and oversight on the other scholarships provided to the Taunton Community during the year. Included in these are the Douglas Lemaire and Buzz Perrin Memorial Funds.

The Reverend Tom Crum served as Rector of the Episcopal Church of St. Thomas 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 \$1000.00 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. During the past year the committee was able to award scholarships to nine deserving members of the church to help defray the cost of higher education. The recipients have been awarded based on their contributions to the mission of the church through their volunteerism and participation in church functions. They have all been active members of Sunday school, youth groups, acolyte programs and volunteering at the church fair, cleanups and lobster roll day.

The following individuals were awarded \$500 scholarships:

Bailey Avila (Wentworth Institute of Technology); Alex Francis (Wentworth Institute of Technology); Benjamin Francis (Colorado State University);

Shannon Largey (University of Massachusetts- Amherst); Kaylee Murray (University of New Hampshire); Elizabeth Boudreau (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences); Christopher Francis (University of San Francisco); Camden Cleathero (University of Maine); Parker Cleathero (Roger Williams University)



In 2017 there were no new applicants

For those members of the church who will be attending college in the fall, you can apply for the Crum scholarship. **Applications, available through the church office, are due March 31.** The Scholarship committee will be meeting in the spring to consider all candidates based on active participation and contribution to the church, it's mission and the community. For those who would like to contribute to the fund, donations can be made to St Thomas Taunton, Reverend Tom Crum Scholarship.

Members of the committee: Kirk Cleathero (Chair), Open (Clergy), Kim Avila, Virginia Ames, Linda Belanger, Ethel Fraga, Open (Vestry)



Retreat Committee

Lisa Benedetti
Paul Boudreau
Gayle Raposa
Maureen Eldredge
Christina Latour

Save the Date for the Next Retreat

Lisa Benedetti

June 29, 2018 to July 1, 2018
Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury, MA
<http://miramarretreat.org>

Everyone is cordially invited to our 3rd annual Parish Retreat. It will again be held at the beautiful Miramar Retreat Center. This year's theme is "Love," and our guest speaker will once again be Tom Burke.

The cost to attend is \$300 for a single room or \$210/person for a double room. All meals are included

For more information, please contact Paul Boudreau at (774) 218-0068 or speak to one of the retreat committee members after services.



Pastoral Care Team

Rev. John Beach

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

- Robert Lacasse
- Jean Nicholson
- Kaitlyn Funk
- Ray Wordell
- Bill Dowd
- Beverly Farrow

Please contact the church office with any pastoral emergencies. Be sure to inform Lynn 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, Rev. Beach is available, upon request, to visit and take communion to those who are sick/shut-in or hospitalized.

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REGRET

I have wept in the night
 For the shortness of sight
 That to somebody's need
 made me blind;
 But I never have yet
 Felt a tinge of regret
 For being a little too kind.

~ ~ ~

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
- Christopher French
- Rick Dray
- Alex Bolton
- Scott Larson
- Brendan Clifford
- Justin Medeiros
- Dominic Vitale
- Kris Costa
- Jordan Leech

Pray for the Dearly Departed

May Light Perpetual Shine Upon Her

Loraine Hackett
Called home 1/27/2018
 A long and faithful parishioner
Beloved Mother of Stephen Hackett and his wife Tarli

Join us in Prayer for a New Rector

Ethel Fraga

Please join us in saying this prayer daily during our search for a new rector.

Lord, help us to be a caring congregation and
 to find a new rector who will be caring, capable
 and devoted to Gospel values.
 Lord, you are wise, powerful, merciful, loving and a healer.
 We turn our will and our lives and all of our needs over to you.

Ethel Fraga

Healing Prayer Ministry

Ethel Fraga

Healing Prayers will be offered the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at the 10 o'clock service, Serviceman's Altar, during Communion.

Members of the congregation may come to pray for spiritual or emotional, physical healing for self or loved ones, for grace needed on the journey, and to give thanks for blessings received. See Ethel Fraga or Donna Francis.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

March 4

Crucifer Julia Boudreau
 Candles Kloie Butler / Laila Butler
 Gospel Vienna Martin
 Back Cross Stephen Rose

March 11

Crucifer Douglas Francis
 Candles Karissa Murray / Kassidy Murray
 Gospel Calvinne Dwuye
 Back Cross Elijah Figueroa

March 18

Crucifer Julia Boudreau
 Candles Kloie Butler / Laila Butler
 Gospel Vienna Martin
 Back Cross Logan Frank

March 25

Crucifer Elijah Figueroa
 Candles Condoleezza Dwuye / Stephen Rose
 Gospel Calvinne Dwuye
 Back Cross Douglas Francis
 Youth Readers Condoleezza Dwuye / Calvinne Dwuye

Please contact Lisa Benedetti with your availability during Holy Week and, as always, if you cannot make your scheduled date, please contact someone to fill in for you.

Thank you for your continued service.

GREETER SCHEDULE

March 4

Terry Ascì

March 11

Jacqui Schell
 Maureen Eldredge

March 18

Terry Ascì
 Audrey Pollard

March 25

Renee Vitale
 Steve Lombardi

March 28 ~ Tenebrae

March 29 ~ Maundy Thursday

Lisa Maciejowski

March 30 ~ Good Friday

Jacqui Schell - noon
 Maureen Eldredge - noon
 Terry Ascì - 7:00 PM

March 31 ~ Holy Saturday

April 1 ~ EASTER

Terry Ascì

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(4th Tuesdays)

March 27
 April 24
 May 22
 June 26

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

COFFEE HOUR

March 4

Birthday & Anniversary

March 11

March 18

March 25

Tad & Marie Largey

April 1

EASTER
 Birthday & Anniversary

April 8

Esther Wilbur

April 15

Alix McNamee

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Tenebrae ~ March 28, 2018 ~ 7:00 PM

*A service of lessons, light & dark, and silence
 No Eucharist - No Sermon*

Maundy Thursday ~ March 29, 2018 ~ 7:00 PM

*Stripping of the Altar and Reservation of the Sacrament
 The beginning of the Triduum*

All Night Vigil ~ 8:00 PM - 12 Noon Good Friday

Sign-up sheet in the back of the church

Good Friday ~ March 30, 2018

12 Noon Ecumenical (followed by clam chowder and hot cross buns)
7:00 PM Episcopal

The Great Vigil ~ March 31, 2018 ~ 7:00 PM

*Lighting of the Paschal Candle
 Special Sermon written by St. John Chrysostom*

Easter Sunday ~ April 1, 2018

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
10:00 AM Festal Eucharist



Please consider signing up to be a Greeter/Usher during our worship services.

Greeters welcome parishioners and guests at the door, hand out pamphlets, take the sacraments forward during communion and release the congregation for communion.

There is a sign-up sheet at the entrance to the church. You will be trained. If you have any questions, Terry Ascii will be glad to assist you.

We need YOU!

Home Plate Fundraiser



Home Plate ~ Bay Street Grille

March 20, 2018

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!

Take this ticket with you and present with your bill.

Copy and give to your friends and relatives.

DO NOT HAND THEM OUT ON THE RESTAURANT PROPERTY!

TICKET



**Supports
Episcopal Church of
St Thomas**

Bring this ticket to
Home Plate Bay St. Grill on

**Tuesday,
March 20, 2018**

**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

On-line pledging and donating 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).

~ GRAPEVINE DEADLINE ~ April Deadline ~ March 20
Send articles to Beverly Kimball

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

Save the Dates

On-Going Events ~ Save the Dates

Saturdays (1st)	6:00 PM - Senior Ministry—Coram Lounge
Sundays (1st)	11:30 AM - Newcomer’s Meeting—Coram Lounge
Sundays (1st)	11:30 AM - Executive Committee
Sundays (1st & 3rd)	10:00 AM - Healing Prayer ~ Serviceman’s Altar ~ Ethel Fraga/Donna Francis
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 (last Sunday)	10:00 AM - Youth Sunday
Sundays (4th Sunday)	11:30 AM - Building & Grounds Committee—Coram Lounge
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
Wednesdays (4th)	8 AM - Brown Bag Program - Parish Hall
Thursdays (weekly)	12:00 N - Senior Luncheon—Parish Hall
Fridays (2nd)	10:00 AM - Knitters meet in the Coram Lounge

Upcoming Events ~ Mark Your Calendars

March 20	All Day Home Plate Fundraiser	Bay Street Grille
March 31	Scholarship Application Deadline	Church Office
June 1	Lobster Roll Day	Parish House
June 29 - July 1	Miramar Retreat	Miramar Retreat Center
October 27/28	2018 FAIR	Parish House

Facility Rentals

Silver City Teen Center	Mondays	3 PM - 7 PM	Parish Hall
	Wednesdays	3 PM - 5:30 PM	Parish Hall
	Fridays	3 PM - 7 PM	Parish Hall
	Saturdays	1 PM - 4 PM	Parish Hall
Champion Youth	Tuesdays	5 PM - 8 PM	Parish Hall
New Life Church	Tuesdays	6:30 PM	Chapel
	Saturdays	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Chapel
	Sundays	12 Noon - 2 PM	Chapel
7th Day Adventist	Thursdays	7 PM - 8:30 PM	Chapel
	Friday	7 PM - 8:30 PM	Chapel
	Saturday	9 AM - 1:30 PM	Chapel & Classrooms
		4 PM - 7:30 PM	Classrooms & Parish Hall
	Sunday	5 PM - 7 PM	Classrooms
		7 PM - 8:30 PM	Chapel
Boy Scouts	Wednesdays	6 PM - 7:30 PM	Parish Hall
Christ Community Church	Saturdays	10:30 AM - 1 PM	Parish Hall

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 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—Jr. Warden & Paul Boudreau
Capital Fund Drive -Mike Stagliola/ Wayne Perkins
Centering Prayer—Ethel Fraga
Christian Education—Renee Vitale
Coffee Hour - Lynn Clifford
Counters—Sarah Walker
Fair— Committee
Finance Committee— Mike Stagliola, Treasurer
Budget -
Insurance -
Investment -
Stewardship - Christina Latour/Terry Ascì
Flower Committee—Cheryl Medeiros
Fundraising Committee—Paul Boudreau / Vestry
Golf Tournament—Len Walker

Grapevine—Beverly Kimball
Greeters—Terry Ascì
Healing Prayer Ministry— Ethel Fraga, Donna Francis
Hospitality - Sarah Walker
Historian—
Lobster Roll Day—Paul Boudreau / Vestry
Mission Trips— Paul Boudreau, Lisa Benedetti, Andrew Francis, Kim Avila
Haiti Micah Fund—Paul Boudreau
Music Committee—Dr. Steven Young
Newcomer Welcoming—Sarah Walker, Lynn Clifford, Rector
Our Daily Bread—Rene Cantin
Pastoral Care Team— Avis Leary, Alan Dennen,
Maureen Eldredge
Property Rentals—Paul Boudreau
Scholarship Committee—Kirk Cleathero
Senior Ministry—Avis Leary
Spiritual Development—Ethel Fraga
Visitations—Avis Leary, Alan Dennen, Maureen Eldredge
Waldron-Gibson House (School Street) —
Wine & Cheese Reception Coordinator—