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A Message from our Interim

Rev. John Beach



Dear Friends,

David - A conflicted
and complex man

Shortly before his death in 1991, the American writer, Robert B. Downs, completed an overview of works of transforming literature with the title "Books that have changed the world." It came as no surprise (at least to me) that the first work he cites is the Bible. Unfortunately, we often assume that the text will be archaic, moralistic, obvious, and boring - so that it was what we get out of it. However, if we read the Bible with an open mind, there is no telling what it will tell us.

During these summer months, we have been considering passages about David (who eventually became king) in the book of 2 Samuel. In early July we read the description of his encounter with the Giant Philistine, Goliath. In his book *David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfit the Art of Battling Gants*, Malcolm Gladwell writes persuasively that it is not his courage, faithfulness, or charisma which won the day for David; rather, his victory was rooted in the fact that he looked

at the world very differently than either Goliath or Saul. The author invites us to also look at the world from a very different perspective.

Over the course in August we have been reading what a flawed person this great king really was. His adulterous scheme to seduce Bathsheba and his erratic parenting of his children created the tragedies which have defined his life and legacy.

These passages of scripture challenge the simplistic narrative we impose upon the world. In these days when our 24-hour news cycle is trying to divide the world into heroes and villains, it is refreshing to see that God has redemptive purposes for all of his children. Most of the time we see our own motives as being good and just, and the motives of those who oppose us as being sinister and short sighted. The book of 2 Samuel, with its intrigue and surprise twists, asks us to consider the possibility that perhaps our motives are not as noble as we would like to believe. Perhaps, as well, those who oppose us are not as awful as they seem.

Peace, John+

~ GRAPEVINE DEADLINE ~ October Deadline ~ September 20
Send articles to Beverly Kimball

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Home Plate Fundraiser

Paul Boudreau

Help us keep
YOU informed...

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.

If you would like to receive your Grapevine electronically, please e-mail

bevdanek@outlook.com

TICKET



Supports
**Episcopal Church of
St Thomas**

Bring this ticket to
Home Plate Bay St. Grill on

Tuesday,
September 18, 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

Home Plate ~ Bay Street Grille

September 18, 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!**

**PAUL BOUDREAU IS LOOKING FOR DONATION OF SCRATCH
TICKETS FOR A LARGE RAFFLE TO BE HELD AT THIS EVENT.**

The June fundraiser realized a profit of \$181.49.

Ethel Fraga celebrates 80th Birthday

Taunton Gazette



A canoe ride, a canoe cake and lunch with family and friends - a birthday celebration arranged by Ethel's nieces and nephews to celebrate with a kind lady, an Aunt who means so much to the family. (Pictured with her sister, Helen)



Homecoming Sunday

September 9th

11:15
Cookout



Photos courtesy of
Mike Stagliola



Notes from the Organ Console

Dr. Steven Young

CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME September 5th ~ 7:30 PM in the chapel

Rehearsals are held Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM in the Chapel
Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM at the organ

PLEASE JOIN US IN "MAKING MUSIC"

...When you sing, you pray twice...

The choir will sing during the Homecoming Service on September 9th.

Homecoming Sunday

Our annual Homecoming Sunday will be held on Sunday, September 9th when the choir returns and church school begins.

Following our 10 AM Eucharist, a cook-out will be held on the church grounds. Everyone is asked to bring a "dish to share" and plan to join us.

Learn about the many ministries and opportunities for service
Register your child for Church School
Enjoy a cookout
Enjoy fellowship with your church family

Successful Yard Sale Thank You

Pattie Stagliola

Thank you to everyone for your help in cleaning, sorting, pricing, selling and clean-up of the yard sale. It certainly takes a village! I appreciate everyone's hard work and support on making this another successful year. Profits reached the **\$3000** mark and considering the weather wasn't the best, I am quite pleased with the results.

St. Thomas is so fortunate to have so many wonderful people who step up to the plate when help is needed.

I do want to give everyone a heads up that I will be unable to chair the yard sale next year due to my daughter's wedding. I would be happy to help anyone with the planning and pricing of goods. Please feel free to contact me at pas27@comcast.net or (508) 946-4708.



Join us at Church School

Renee Vitale / Annemarie Amoedo

Leaders: Renee Vitale and Annemarie Amoedo
Assistants: Steve Lombardi & Jacqui Schell
Start Time: 10:00 AM
End Time: 10:45 AM (at Peace) Children will be escorted to church

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

Registration forms will be available at that time.

Our church school program runs Sundays from 10 AM - 10:45 AM from September through May. Programs offered include:

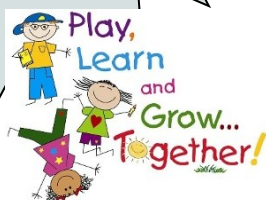
Nursery (ages 1 - 4) ~ Located in the chapel
 School-age ~ Located in the Parish Hall 2nd floor classrooms

We would like to have three additional teachers and three additional assistants for the school-age program. Anyone who may be interested in learning more about this program or helping in this capacity please contact Renee Vitale at renee.m.vitale@gmail.com or via telephone at (781) 264-1725.

All volunteers will be subject to a CORI check and completion of Safe Church Training.

CHURCH
SCHOOL
BEGINS

Sunday
September 9th



Safe Church Training

Saturday, August 25 - 9 AM to 3 PM



While we all recognize the importance of participating in Safe Church Training, particularly for those preparing to work with children, we all know it is substantially less than exciting, time consuming, and emotionally taxing.

Well, let's improve that and work on it together! Steve and Renee are happy to host safe church training for those who need it and/or would like to take the training in hopes of participating in a missions trip, church school, vestry, or many other occasions.

We'll provide beverages, snacks, and WiFi at our home (12 Brook Street, Taunton, MA 02780) on Saturday, August 25th from 9 - 3. To participate, please contact Lynn Clifford so she can issue you a username and password. On the day of training, please bring your own device and arrive between 8:30 - 9:00 so we can log on to the training.

Linda Belenger Retires from Altar Guild

It is with a great deal of sadness that we learn that Linda Belenger has decided to retire her duties as an Altar Guild member. Linda has served as a faithful member since 1963 as well as its Assistant Directress under the direction of Betty Angel for more than 30 years. Linda is a stickler to detail in all aspects of her job and always prepared the Altar with much love and care. Her wealth of knowledge and experience has been of great support to us all. Thank you, Linda, for all you do and have done for St. Thomas - we love you!

For more information, contact
Avis Leary at
avisleary@comcast.net or
(508) 823-4390

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

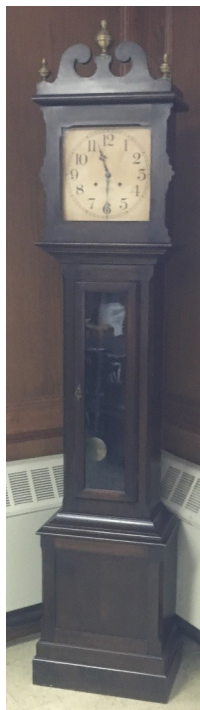
and all are welcome to attend. Voluntary Offerings will be accepted for ODB ministry.

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

LUNCHES RESUME ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

After 16 years as our Office Administrator, Lynn finally gets new furniture. *Lynn Clifford* shown working hard behind her new desk.

Picture courtesy of Dane Kimball



Our Clock Sings Again

Marge Largey

This grandfather clock, that finds its home in the Parish House in our Coram Lounge, was donated to Saint Thomas Church around 1988 by Ellen Robinson Grass, (Mrs. Albert). In her youth, Ellen was an active member of the church and remained financially and spiritually active while living in Quincy, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Grass was exceptionally generous. In addition to the family clock, she gave her family home at 73 School Street in Taunton to Saint Thomas. Her requirement was that this house should be used for low income families. Her wishes have been respected to the present.

The clock was silent for many years until 2017 when Sandi Mongiovi made it her mission to have it "sing again." She found a clockmaker who was able to do just that. Saint Thomas is indebted to Sandi for her diligence and generosity.

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For more information on Mrs. Grass and her donation of the Waldron-Gibson House (School Street Property), refer to "A Walk Through St. Thomas Church - Its History and Symbolism," page 36.

A Weekend in Duxbury

Maureed Eldredge



It was the Friday of a long week as a Social Worker in Public Housing and I could not wait until my day was over. As I drove down “95,” and my cell phone started to ring, it was apparent that the “day” was following me home. As I drove, I kept thinking, that in a few hours I would be going to where, “everyone knew my name,” my own, “Cheers,” – St. Thomas’s Annual Parish Retreat in the most bucolic and idyllic refuge – The Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury. Upon arrival, my assigned room was at the top of the stairs. Opening the door, I found a view of the ocean, the grounds, and a sloped roof, which made for the most interesting sleeping arrangement. Since then, I have been begging Paul Boudreau, the Retreat Organizer, for the same room next year!

To pull away, withdraw, experience new things, have time for yourself, investing in your own health, healing, and spiritual development, is what a retreat offers. Friday night, after dinner, we gathered in one of the conference rooms for introductions and the personal meaning of objects brought from home that now lay on a table. Inanimate objects pack emotions and to hear the “punch” that these brought to the surface of their owners only served as a conduit for friendship building. When the segment finished, I watched as people introduced themselves to those that presented asking questions and wanting to know more of their stories.

The theme of this Retreat was Forgiveness decided upon by the Committee during the year. Returning this year, Tom Burke, Ph.D. in Systematic Theology out of Boston College was to be our guide through this topic. Tom began by asking the group, “What is Forgiveness?” The group answered back with words such as healing, acceptance, freedom and release of anger/guilt. When asked what Forgiveness was not, words such as, blame, revenge, anger, resentment, retaliation filled the meeting space. Using Genesis Chapter 3, Ephesians 6:12, and Romans 3:23, he initiated an on-going conversation regarding forgiveness in biblical style. Speaking about reconciliation, he offered that setting boundaries, resisting evil, opting for self-acceptance and accepting others is always the basis of forgiveness which is a process that needs on-going attention.

Saturday afternoon Reverend Patricia Handloss spoke about “forgiveness” and God’s participation within the subject. Often, she spoke about the “Wow” factor of setting aside grudges, anger, and resent and freeing oneself from these destructive feelings. It was during her presentation that a few of the retreatants, gave personal accounts of forgiving relatives and friends that were less than kind to them. Their courage to publicly speak to this assembled group, speaks volumes about their “trust” in their fellow parishioners.

A labyrinth is a symbolic entity where walking amongst the turns, as it is somewhat like a spiral, one embarks on their own private contemplation losing track of time and direction. Since I had fallen and was nursing a sprained knee-cap, I sat on a bench. As I watched the others travel in different directions without banging into one another, I found, that I was also drawn into my own thoughts as their actions were truly mesmerizing. One person spoke of how angry they were with a friend before they began and now after circling the labyrinth, the tension dissipated. The night ended with a trip to a local ice cream stand where additional friendship bonding would take place.

Sunday, the group was graced with a presentation that was well thought out, delivered and researched. Presented by Paul Boudreau and Rene Vitale, they covered topics such as Biblical references regarding forgiveness, forgiving oneself, and the difference between reconciliation and forgiveness. It was truly inspiring, informative and insightful.

The time had come to say goodbye to yet, another year and travel back into our lives. We left Miramar with the memories of building new acquaintances, replenishing our spirit, and exploring new avenues of knowledge. There are those amongst us who would say taking a weekend to accomplish these life and soul saving tasks is a selfish way to spend time. My reply would be a resounding “Try it – You’ll like it!”

Attending and pictured above: Lisa & Paul Boudreau, Renee Vitale & Steve Lombardi, Gayle and Lou Raposa, Bolade Kingsworth, Cathy Gately and Rev. Pattie Handloss, Jim White & Jacqui Schell, Sandi Sacco, Christina Latour. **Not pictured:** Maureen Eldredge, Maribeth Ferrar, Rev. John Beach and Frank Costa.

CHAIR
Renee Vitale

**New this
year...**
*Trunk or Treat
Sunday, 1 - 3*



Parishioners decorate cars, can dress up, hand out candy to children "trunk or treating" from car to car. For those in charge of a booth, a volunteer will stand by your car and hand out your candy.

This will be held in our additional lot behind Walgreens...

Fall into Fall-Fest Coming Soon

Renee Vitale



MARK YOUR CALENDARS October 27 and 28, 2018

Renee Vitale has agreed to Chair this years' St. Thomas Church Fair along with co-chairs Jacqui Schell and Maureen Eldredge. With the Fair happening the week before Halloween, there will be a Halloween theme.

Lots of planning to do in a short period of time - all hands needed!
The following is a list of booths, contacts and donations that are needed:

BOOTH

Adult Roll-ups
Bid Board
Bakery/Pies
Basket Booth
Cafeteria
Children's Activities
Children's Roll-ups
Chinese Auction
Farm Stand
Jewelry & Jazz
Knits, Stitches, Etc.

Lottery Tree Raffle
Money Wreath Raffle
Trunk or Treat
White Elephant

CHAIR

Paul Boudreau
Cheryl Medeiros, Sandi Mongiovi
Anna Loura, Dane Kimball, Terry Asci

Aaron LeBeau, Pattie Stagliola
Tanja LeBeau
Sarah Walker, Jacqui Schell
Ginnie Teed, Avis Leary
Alix McNamee, Lisa Maciejowski
Kim Avila, Liz Ransley
Connie Capron, Ginnie Ames,
Annemarie Amoedo, Carol Hunt
Wayne & June Perkins
Dane & Beverly Kimball
Maureen Eldredge, Steve Lombardi
Wayne & June Perkins

NEEDS



*Baked goods, pies, candy
Basket to purchase for gifts
Wait Staff

Children's toys, gifts (all prices)
Baskets and items to raffle
Fruits for jam making
Costume jewelry & jazz items
Knit items, sewn items and
Crafts
Scratch tickets of all prices

Cars, candy, volunteers
Gently used, clean items
Drop-off October 7 - 20*

Confirmation at St. Thomas with Bishop Harris

Photos courtesy of Beverly Kimball



Diocesan Confirmation was held at St. Thomas in June. Thirty-seven were confirmed, received or re-affirmed vows in front of Bishop Barbara Gayle Harris. Those from St. Thomas being confirmed were Mason Badger, Logan Frank, Mason Frank, Christina Latour, James White and Jacqui Schell. Being received into the Episcopal Church was Donna Francis.



Pastoral Care Team

Rev. John Beach

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

Jean Nicholson
Kaitlyn Funk
Malcolm Baker
Corey Maybay
Allen Perry
Jean Kimball
Marge Medas
Jay Medeiros

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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God is ever present...

Lynn had just left work and ODB was closed during the storm that took down the tree in our parking lot.

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
Alex Bolton
Scott Larson
Brendan Clifford
Justin Medeiros
Dominic Vitale
Jordan Leech

Pray for the Newly Baptized

Mason Michael Cordero
Son of Brandy Dufour & Bertino Cordero
Baptized May 20, 2018

Alisya Marcia Cordero
Daughter of Bertino Cordero
Baptized May 20, 2018

Bless those Joined in Holy Matrimony

Edward Stephen Boehner & Janis Lea Crepeau
Joined in Marriage August 4, 2018
Daughter of Carol Crapeau

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.

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.

Dwuye Family recognized

Taunton Gazette



Friedman School students help bring electricity to sister school in Liberia raising more than \$6,000 this year.

During the check presentation in June, Condoleezza Dwuye (pictured) presented a check from her family to *Mission to Liberia Chair, Mike Cambra*.

Ministry Opportunities at St. Thomas

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers - An opportunity to minister to the people of St. Thomas is by taking a turn as a Lector and/or Eucharistic Minister. It is such a privilege to read God's Word. Rev. John will be happy to train anyone interested in helping in this capacity. Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers are needed for both the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services. If interested in more information, contact Lynn Clifford via e-mail lynnclifford1@comcast.net or call (508) 824-9595.

Coffee Hour Hosts - One important way parishioners and newcomers feel welcome at St. Thomas is by partaking in the food and fellowship offered during our coffee hours. It is also a way for all to get to know others in our church family. Please help to continue this important and wonderful tradition by volunteering to take a week or two during the year. Contact Lynn Clifford via e-mail at lynnclifford1@comcast.net or call (508) 824-9595. She will put you on the schedule for September, 2018 through June, 2019.

Greeters - Another important way parishioners and newcomers feel so welcome at St. Thomas is through the smile and happy welcome they receive upon entering the church. While an easy thing to do, it is so very important. Greeters are the first contact people have with St. Thomas and first impressions are lasting. For those of you who cannot minister in other ways, please consider serving as a Greeter - not time-consuming, no heavy lifting required and critically important for the growth of our parish community. If you wish to participate as a greeter, please contact Renee Vitale via e-mail, renee.m.vitale@gmail.com or via phone at (781) 264-1725.

Altar Guild - Altar Guild members volunteer for one month each year to clean the altars and prepare them for the Eucharist on Sundays and special days. This is a very important ministry and a very rewarding one. Please contact our Directress, Anna Loura, if you have any questions or would like to volunteer ~ anna.loura@state.ma.us or (508) 669-6676.

Altar Flowers - A wonderful way to remember our loved ones who have passed on is to celebrate their memory and lives with flowers. If you wish to recognize a family member or members, please note it in the binder at the back of the main church and make a contribution for the flowers. Each week we spend \$48.00 for altar flowers.

Altar Flower Distribution - Once services are over for the week, members of the Altar Guild and other members of our parish community visit people who are ill or shut-in. These flowers help to brighten their day and make them feel special knowing our church community cares for them. Please consider volunteering to deliver flowers to the sick and shut-ins. Contact Anna Loura by e-mail at anna.loura@state.ma.us or (508) 669-6676.



COFFEE HOUR

September 2

Birthday & Anniversary
Maureen Eldredge

September 9

Homecoming Cookout

September 16

Renee Vitale
Steve Lombardi

September 23

Joan Andrade
Carol Crepeau

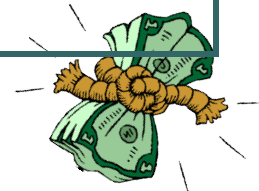
September 30

Open

FINANCE COMMITTEE (4th Tuesdays)

September 25
October 23
November 27

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





*Please consider signing
up to be a*

*Greeter/Usher during
our worship
services.*

*Greeters welcome pa-
rishioners and guests at
the door, hand out pam-
phlets, take the sacra-
ments 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, Renee
Vitale will be glad to
assist you.*

We need YOU!

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 7 PM - 8:30 PM	Classrooms Chapel
Boy Scouts	Wednesdays	6 PM - 7:30 PM	Parish Hall
Christ Community Church	Saturdays	10:30 AM - 1 PM	Parish Hall
Taunton Community Service	3rd Tuesday	7 PM	Coram Lounge

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).

Search Committee Report

Christina Latour

The Search Committee would like to thank everyone who submitted survey responses. We received 31 responses altogether; 13 electronically, 14 from the Grapevine, and 4 from services. We are meeting on Thurs, 8/2 to discuss the Parish Profile. We plan to submit our Parish Profile and Parochial report within the Aug/Sept timeframe so we can begin accepting/reviewing resumes in the fall.

"Success is not final, Failure is not fatal, it is the courage to continue that counts."

Winston Churchill

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

August 25, 2018	9 AM - 3 PM	Safe Church Training	Vitale/Lombardi's
September 5, 2018	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal Resumes	Chapel
September 6, 2018	12 noon	Senior Lunches Resume	Parish Hall
September 9, 2018	10 AM	Homecoming Sunday & Cookout	
September 9, 2018	10 AM	Church School begins	Parish Hall/Chapel
September 18, 2018	All Day	Home Plate Fundraiser	Bay St. Grille
October 27, 2018	9 AM - 3 PM	FAIR	Parish House
October 28, 2018	4:30 PM	FAIR Dinner (social begins at 4)	Bella Roma
October 28, 2018	11 AM - 3PM	FAIR	Parish House
October 28, 2018	1 PM - 3 PM	Trunk or Treat	Parking Lot
			(our additional behind Walgreens)

More Yard Sale Pictures

Courtesy of Dane Kimball



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

Acolytes—Lisa Benedetti, Elizabeth Boudreau,
Altar Guild—Anna Loura
Archives—Marge Largey
Audit Committee—
Brown Bag Program—Lynn Clifford
Building & Grounds—Renee Vitale/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— Renee Vitale
Finance Committee— Mike Stagliola, Treasurer
 Budget -
 Insurance -
 Investment -
 Stewardship - Christina Latour/Terry Asc
Flower Committee—Cheryl Medeiros
Fundraising Committee—Paul Boudreau / Vestry
Grapevine—Beverly Kimball

Consider joining one or more of these committees

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