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2020: Gayle Raposa,  
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2021: Cheryl Medeiros  
Renee Vitale

2022: Donna Francis,  
Sandi Mongiovi

## Message from Your Rector

“The Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life” will be featured at the diocesan Resource Day on Saturday, Sept. 28, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Every congregation is invited to gather a group and get ready for this inspiring program devoted to learning how the Way of Love practices can be used, individually and in congregations, for formation, evangelism and discipleship. Participants will also enjoy opportunities for peer-to-peer conversation, sharing and networking, and for building relationships through the ministries of the diocese and its congregations. Everyone is welcome. Please contact the St. Thomas Office for more information.

Events nationwide this year are marking 400 years since enslaved Africans were first landed in North America. Locally, the Massachusetts Council of Churches is coordinating “May We Forever Stand,” an ecumenical worship service at which people of faith will gather to honor ancestors, commemorate 400 years of black resiliency and pray for an end to systemic racial injustice. All are welcome. The service takes place on Friday, Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m., at the Greater Framingham Community Church (44 Franklin Street) in Framingham. An afternoon preaching class, “Preaching Black Resiliency,” with the Rev. Dr. Leslie Callahan of St. Paul’s Baptist Church in Philadelphia, will be offered earlier that day, at noon, at People’s Baptist Church (134 Camden Street) in Boston.

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) invites everyone to the opening night of the exhibition “ABRAHAM: Out of One, Many” on Sunday, Oct. 27 at 4 p.m. Three Middle Eastern contemporary visual artists from the faith traditions of Islam, Christianity and Judaism have each created five paintings that interpret Abraham’s life and faith journey for us today, serving as a guide toward creating cultures of peace, harmony, justice and healing—all as descendants of a shared heritage. The cathedral church will host docent-led tours and other events related to the topic of Abraham and his descendants throughout the exhibition, which will be open through Dec. 6. To learn more about this exhibit visit: [www.oncaravan.org/abraham](http://www.oncaravan.org/abraham). FOR INFORMATION: Cathedral Church of St. Paul (617-482-5800, ext. 221 or [kvetiac@diomass.org](mailto:kvetiac@diomass.org)).

The Rev. John Beach

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## Senior Lunches resume

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](mailto: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](mailto:bevdanek@outlook.com)

## Joy of Living Senior Lunches

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. There is **no** cost for the lunch, all are welcome to attend. Voluntary Offerings accepted for ODB ministry.

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

**Parking available behind Cohannet School...**

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

## Support our Home Plate Fundraiser

# TICKET



**Supports  
Episcopal Church of  
St Thomas**

Bring this ticket to  
Home Plate Bay St. Grill on  
**Tuesday,**  
**September 17, 2019**

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 17, 2019

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!**



Lou Raposa leads the children singing "This Little Light of Mine" during Homecoming Sunday.

*Photos courtesy of Renee Vitale*



**Clothing Drive**  
\$397.25 profit



*Photos courtesy of Paul Boudreau*

## Search Committee Calls New Rector Christina Latour

The Search Committee voted on a candidate to present to the Vestry for consideration on Tuesday, 9/10. It is with great pleasure that we announce the Diocese has approved the Vestry's decision to call Rev. Paul Tarrant to serve as our next 3/4-time Priest-in-Charge (PIC) at the Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, Taunton.

Some parishioners may remember Fr. Paul from his previous term as Rector in 1990-1996. Since that time, Fr. Paul moved back to the United Kingdom and has been serving in his clergy role independently. Meanwhile, our congregation has changed significantly. As such, he has agreed to return to St. Thomas as a Priest-in-Charge — enabling him to serve a three-year term at the Parish to determine whether we are still a good match. After that discernment, the Parish can elect to invite Fr. Paul to be our tenured Rector. Likewise, Fr. Paul has a choice as to whether he wants to continue to serve us.

As Fr. Paul will be relocating from the United Kingdom, there are many formalities that must be addressed, so a start date has not yet been determined. We look forward to welcoming him back to St. Thomas as soon as possible.

## Annual yard sale and clothing drive held



On one of the hottest days of the summer, Paul Boudreau and his committee held our annual yard sale. He reports that there was a better turn-out than expected due to the heat. Profit to date is **\$1,150.**

Following the Yard Sale, a clothing drive was held. Over 90 bags of items were taken to Savers along with items from the yard sale and a profit was realized. Thanks to all who supported these events.

1544 lbs soft @ .25  
575 lbs hard @ .02  
11 pieces of OLI @ .05  
**Resulting in profit of \$397.25**



## Feast of St. Michael and All Angels ~

Rev. John Beach



### THANK YOU ~

Cheryl Medeiros and Sandi Mon-  
giovi for the white  
rocks and plants  
next to our parish  
hall entrance.  
The mason re-  
placed the step.



From a novel, "On the Road with the Archangel:" based on the book of Tobit.

*I am Raphael, one of the seven archangels who pass in and out of the presence of the Holy One, blessed be he. I bring him the prayers of all who pray and those who don't even know that they're praying.*

*Some prayers I hold out as far from me as my arm will reach, the way a woman holds a dead mouse by the tail when she removes it from the kitchen. Some, like flowers, are almost too beautiful to touch, and others so aflame that I'd be afraid of their setting me on fire if I weren't already more like fire than I am like anything else. There are prayers of such power that you might almost say they carry me rather than the other way round—the way a bird with out-stretched wings is carried higher and higher on the back of the wind. There are prayers so apologetic and shamefaced and halfhearted that they all but melt away in my grasp like sad little flakes of snow. Some prayers are very boring.*

Frederick Buechner

*War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.*

Revelation 12:7

One of the feasts which has fallen out of favor in the United States in recent years is the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Angels have a strange appeal in our current age and make their ways into television and novels frequently.

The word "Angel" is derived from the Latin angelus meaning "messenger". The angels referred to in scripture are examples of the way in which God reveals something of God's self to (often unknown) persons. Some of these messengers are assigned names (Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael) but more often, they are unnamed (such as the angel who came to Sarah in the Book of Genesis or to Mary in the Gospels). In invoking reference to angels, we bear witness to an experience common to every major religion of having a unique encounter with the Holy.

St. Michael is a particular angel referred to in the Revelation of St. John. John has a dream of a cosmic battle fought between heavenly messengers and forces of destruction (symbolized in a dragon) which threatens to annihilate those persons trying to seek justice. It is a vision which informs the writings of early English literature describing the great battle between St. George and the Dragon.

There have been many through history who have used this myth to instill fear in the hearts of persons who wonder if they are a participant in this battle. Who is fighting, and who will be the victor? John refers to the great cosmic battle between justice and power in which we are constantly engaged. We view this battle wondering "will the forces of truth and righteousness win? Is it even worth entering the battle?"

The great joy and strength we receive in this bizarre vision of John is a glimpse of God's victory over evil. Archbishop Desmond Tutu had a glimpse of this victory in the midst of the struggle to end apartheid in South Africa. He was inspired to make the simple and powerful proclamation.

*Goodness is stronger than evil.*

*Love is stronger than hate.*

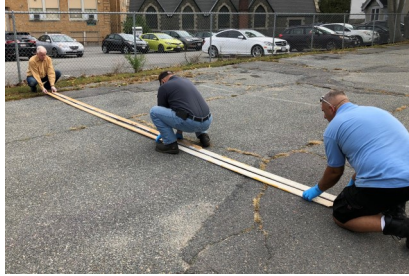
*Light is stronger than darkness.*

*Life is stronger than death.*

*Victory is ours through Him who loved us.*

## Building and Grounds Committee Report

- We are presently seeking bids for our Gas Conversion. Vestry will determine the approved bid and bidder and work is going to be completed this fall.
- Our fall clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, November 30 from 8:00 - 12:00 Bring a rake and a friend -- even if you can only come for an hour -- the more the merrier!
- This past week we hired a mason to fix the step to the parish house. Bob Feltmate will next work to install a handrail.
- The bulbs in the main church were all changed to bright LED bulbs which has brightened up the church and has allowed us to save some energy. The chapel will be completed next during the month of September.



**THANK YOU ~** to the crew who helped paint the lines in the parking lot. Paul Boudreau, Bob Feltmate, Renee Vitale, Bob McNamee, Alix McNamee, Dane Kimball

## Neighbor Helping Neighbor ~ Press Release



The Episcopal Church of St. Thomas located at 111 High Street in Taunton, MA would like to extend its deepest gratitude to our neighbor, Columbia Gas. As our vestry works to conserve energy and be good stewards of the many blessings we possess, we began planning to convert our heating system from oil to gas. When Columbia Gas was contacted to schedule

the conversion, they brought the gas lines from the street to our church building (pictured above) at no cost to the church or its parishioners. Many companies claim to be involved in their communities, to invest in the future, and to enhance the lives of their consumers, but Columbia Gas really does. We are so grateful that Columbia Gas is our neighbor and we look forward to working with this responsible and community-friendly company for many years to come.

Paul Boudreau the church Sexton, wanted to add, "Thanks to Columbia Gas for making this such a quick and expedited process." Robert Feltmate, Junior Warden added, "This conversion will save the church a lot of money and they have been such a pleasure to work with."

**THANK YOU  
COLUMBIA  
GAS**





### Pastoral Care Team

Rev. John Beach

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

Malcolm Baker  
Agnes Miner  
Beth Munroe  
Steve Bishop  
Missy Prouty  
Kristen Szadis  
Joe Andrade  
Helena Ferreria

*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.*

## 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  
Justin Medeiros  
Dominic Vitale  
Jordan Leech

## Pray for Our Dearly Departed

May Light Perpetual Shine Upon Her

**Lisa (Compton) Bellocchio**

Called Home

August 30, 2019

*...wife of Matthew Bellocchio,*

*Lisa was an active member of St. Thomas, long-time  
choir member and occasional substitute organist.*

Lisa's funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 28th at 11 AM at St. Thomas with a reception following in the parish hall. The following is a link to her obituary:

<https://www.farmerfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Lisa-Elizabeth-Ayers-Compton-Bellocchio?obId=7040668#/obituaryInfo>

## Healing Prayer Ministry

Healing Prayers will be offered the 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month at the 10 o'clock service during Communion.

Members of the congregation may come to pray for spiritual, emotional or 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.

Each departed friend is a magnet that attracts us  
to the next world.

*Jean Paul Richter*



### Greeters/Ushers Needed

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, contact Dane Kimball at bevdanek@outlook.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.

### WANTED ...all youth...

Youth in grades 3 through high school are encouraged to serve as an Acolyte. If you are interested and for more information, see Lisa Benedetti. Training available.

## Eucharistic Minister/Layreaders

### September 1

8:00 AM Avis Leary  
10:00 AM Marge Largey, Lector  
Renee Vitale, Prayers, Chalice

### September 8

8:00 AM (Homecoming Sunday)  
10:00 AM Janet White  
Linda Belenger, Lector/Chalice  
Alix McNamee, Prayers/Chalice

### September 15

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

### September 22

8:00 AM Janet White  
10:00 AM Beverly Kimball, Lector/Chalice  
Mark Doherty, Prayers/Chalice

### September 29

8:00 AM (Youth Sunday)  
10:00 AM Avis Leary  
Jacqui Schell, Prayers/Chalice

## Acolyte Schedule

### September 8

(Homecoming)  
Crucifer Condoleezza Dwuy  
Torchbearers Calvinne Dwuy / Jordan Findley

### September 15

Crucifer Stephen Rose  
Torchbearers Brianna Keister, Mason Badger

### September 22

Crucifer Vienna Martin  
Torchbearers Laila Butler, Kloie Butler

### September 29

Crucifer Condoleezza Dwuy  
Torchbearers Calvinne Dwuy, Jordan Findley

### October 6

Crucifer Elijah Figueroa  
Torchbearers Karissa Murray, Cassidy Murray

### October 13

Crucifer Stephen Rose  
Torchbearers Brianna Keister

### October 20

Crucifer Vienna Martin  
Torchbearers Laila Butler, Kloie Butler

### October 27

(Fall Fair)  
Crucifer Elijah Figueroa  
Torchbearers Karissa Murray, Cassidy Murray



### COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

**September 15**  
Renee Vitale  
Steve Lombardi

**September 22**  
Joan Andrade  
Carol Crepeau

**September 29**  
OPEN

**October 6**  
Birthday & Anniversary

**October 13**  
Alix McNamee

**October 20**  
Michele Rose  
Toni Bryant

**October 27**  
FAIR

**November 3**  
Birthday & Anniversary

**November 10**  
OPEN

**November 17**  
Calvin Dwuy  
Josephine Dwuy

**November 24**  
OPEN



### WANTED

#### Teachers & Assistants

Teachers work on a rotating basis.

Lesson plans are provided.

*For more information or to volunteer, contact  
Renee Vitale  
renee.m.vitale@gmail.com*

## Church School News

Renee Vitale

**Director** Renee Vitale  
**Teachers** Annemarie Amoedo, Denise Beneteau, Gayle Raposa, Renee Vitale,  
**Assistants:** Condoleezza Dwuye, Brianna Keister  
**Start Time:** 10:00 AM  
**End Time:** 10:45 AM (at Peace) Children will be escorted to church

### Church School Proram

**September 8** Circle of the Church Year ~R. Vitale, G. Raposa, B. Keister  
**September 15** The Holy Family ~D. Beneteau, A. Amoedo, C. Dwuye  
**September 22** Creation ~R. Vitale, G. Raposa, B. Keister  
**September 29** *Youth/Family Sunday*

**October 6** Flood & Ark ~D. Beneteau, A. Amoedo, C. Dwuye  
**October 13** The Great Family ~R. Vitale, G. Raposa, B. Keister  
**October 20** The Exodus ~D. Beneteau, A. Amoedo, C. Dwuye  
*Decorate booths for the Fall Fair*  
**October 27** *Youth/Family Sunday*

**November 3** The Ten Best Ways ~R. Vitale, G. Raposa, B. Keister  
**November 10** Ark, Tent & Temple ~D. Beneteau, A. Amoedo, C. Dwuye  
**November 17** Gratitude ~R. Vitale, G. Raposa, B. Keister  
**November 24** *Youth/Family Sunday*

## St. Thomas from the eyes of a drone.



While in the church parking lot one day, Rev. Beach encountered a man flying a drone and asked if he could take pictures of the church. Here are the results.



**We need  
you!**

## FALL FESTIVAL

October 26 & 27  
9 AM—3 PM

### Trunk or Treat



Sunday (12—2)

Decorate your trunk.  
Dress in costume.  
Hand out candy.

Children will trick or  
treat at your 'trunk' in  
St. Thomas 2nd  
parking lot  
(behind Walgreens)

(Let Renee Vitale  
know if you will bring  
your car)

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### Dinner

Sunday (4:30 PM)

### **TICKETS ON SALE NOW..**

Contact church office  
(508) 824-9595 or see  
Paul Boudreau

~ ~ ~

Join us for food and  
fellowship after the  
Fair.

## Upcoming Events ~ Mark Your Calendars

|             |            |  |
|-------------|------------|--|
| October 20  | 11:30      | Set up booths for Church Fair—Parish Hall    |
| October 26  | 9 AM—3 PM  | Church Fair (Renee Vitale) - Parish Hall     |
| October 27  | 9 AM—3 PM  | Church Fair - Parish Hall                    |
| October 27  | 4:30 PM    | Church Fair Dinner                           |
| November 30 | 8 AM-12 PM | Fall Clean-up ~ Bring a rake, bring a friend |

## Fall Festival Coming Soon ~ October 26th & 27th ~ 9—3

**This is a major fundraiser,  
please offer your support**

Renee Vitale, Chair  
renee.m.vitale@gmail.com

### ◆ Our Fall Festival will offer many wonderful items for sale

|                |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Bakery/Pies    | Knits, Stitches, Crafts       |
| Basket Raffle  | Raffle ~ Lottery Tree         |
| Bid Board      | Raffle ~ Money Wreath         |
| Farm Stand     | Roll-ups ~ Adult & Children's |
| Jewelry & Jazz | White Elephant Room           |

### ◆ The Cafeteria offers a variety of luncheon and snack items including sandwiches, chowders, and much more

Plan to enjoy lunch in our cafeteria on Saturday and Sunday

### ◆ A variety of specialized artisans will be on hand

Kim Avila ~ Alpaca products  
Chocolates by Jean ~ Chocolates & Popcorn  
D&J Associates ~ Jewelry, Greeting Cards, Bird Houses, Wallhangings  
Lorna Medeiros ~ Handmade clothing items  
Messages by Max ~ Handcrafted greeting cards  
Willowsong ~ Copper jewelry, wool felted amulet bags, spirit vessels

### Looking for help

Cafeteria needs kitchen help  
Bakery booth needs CHAIR  
Bid Board needs items for bid

All parishioner and church ministries  
are challenged to prepare a "themed"  
basket. E-mail  
renee.m.vitale@gmail.com to claim  
your theme.

**NEEDED**, someone to sell Money  
Wreath raffle tickets during October  
(contact Beverly Kimball ~  
bevdanek@outlook.com or (508) 697-6667)

### Looking for donations

Theme baskets to raffle  
Bags of candy to stack trunks  
All booths need donations



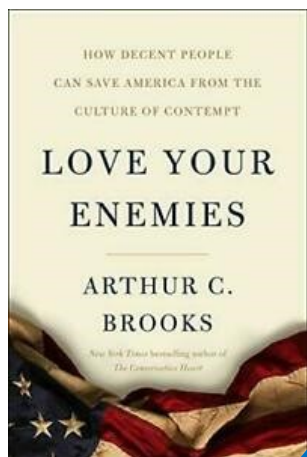
## Homecoming Sunday

*Photos courtesy of Dane Kimball*



Thanks to everyone who helped make our annual Homecoming Sunday cook-out a success—good weather, good food, good fellowship.





Discussion  
group coming in  
October...

Watch for more  
information.

### **Our Mission Statement:**

The Episcopal Church of St. Thomas strives to live by the message of Christ.

We are a sacramental and prayerful church and thoughtful in the consideration of all ideas. We strive to provide a supportive, active and welcoming community in service to the City of Taunton, surrounding communities and one another.

## Discussion Group Coming in October ~ Rev. John Beach

### Love Your Enemies: How Decent People Can Save America from the Culture of Contempt

*by Arthur C. Brooks*

Divisive politicians. Screaming heads on television. Angry campus activists. Twitter trolls. Today in America, there is an “outrage industrial complex” that prospers by setting American against American, creating a “culture of contempt”—the habit of seeing people who disagree with us not as merely incorrect, but as worthless and defective. Maybe, like more than nine out of ten Americans, you dislike it. But hey, either you play along, or you’ll be left behind, right?

Wrong.

In *Love Your Enemies*, the New York Times bestselling author and social scientist Arthur C. Brooks shows that abuse and outrage are not the right formula for lasting success. Brooks blends cutting-edge behavioral research, ancient wisdom, and a decade of experience leading one of America’s top policy think tanks in a work that offers a better way to lead based on bridging divides and mending relationships.

Brooks’ prescriptions are unconventional. To bring America together, we shouldn’t try to agree more. There is no need for mushy moderation, because disagreement is the secret to excellence. Civility and tolerance shouldn’t be our goals, because they are hopelessly low standards, and our feelings toward our foes are irrelevant; what matters is how we choose to act.

*Love Your Enemies* offers a clear strategy for victory for a new generation of leaders. It is a rallying cry for people hoping for a new era of American progress. Most of all, it is a roadmap to arrive at the happiness that comes when we choose to love one another, despite our differences.

We shall be having a book discussion on this important work beginning in October. Information will be sent out in the next few weeks.

## On-Going Events ~ Save the Dates

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Saturdays (1st)       | 6:00 PM - Senior Ministry—Coram Lounge                                     |
| Sundays (1st)         | 11:30 AM - Executive Committee   |
| Sundays (1st & 3rd)   | 11:30 AM - Healing Prayer ~ Serviceman’s Altar ~ Ethel Fraga/Donna Francis |
| Sundays (2nd)         | 10:00 AM - Newcomers’ Meeting - Coram Lounge                               |
| Sundays (2nd)         | 11:30 AM - Christian Formation Meeting                                     |
| 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  |
| Wednesdays (4th)      | 8:00 AM - Brown Bag Program - Parish Hall                                  |
| Thursdays (weekly)    | 12:00 N - Senior Luncheon—Parish Hall ~ will resume in September           |



## 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  
Altar Guild—Sandi Mongiovi  
Archives—Marge Largey  
Brown Bag Program—Lynn Clifford  
Building & Grounds—Paul Boudreau,  
Bob Feltmate (Jr. Warden)  
Centering Prayer—Ethel Fraga  
Christian Education—Renee Vitale  
Coffee Hour - Lynn Clifford  
Communication Committee -  
Counters—Sarah Walker  
Fair— Renee Vitale  
Finance Committee—  
    Budget -  
    Insurance -  
    Investment -  
    Stewardship -  
Flower Committee—Cheryl Medeiros  
Fundraising Committee—Paul Boudreau / Vestry  
Grapevine—Beverly Kimball

## Consider joining one or more of these committees

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—  
Our Daily Bread—Maribeth Ferreira  
Our Daily Bread Lisison - Sandi Mongiovi  
Pastoral Care Team/Visitations— Avis Leary, Alan Dennen  
Planning & Strategy -  
Property Rentals—Paul Boudreau, Andrew Francis  
Scholarship Committee—Kirk Cleathero  
Senior Ministry—Avis Leary  
Spiritual Development—Ethel Fraga  
Ushers/Greeters— Dane Kimball  
Waldron-Gibson House (School Street) —  
Wine & Cheese Reception Coordinator—  
Yard Sale -