

# The Holy Eucharist

April 3, 2022

10:00 am

## The Fifth Sunday in Lent



## Welcome to St. Thomas!

If you are a guest or visitor, we hope that you will feel warmly greeted and enthusiastically welcomed. If you need any kind of assistance, including a hearing-assistance device, please ask the Greeter at the door.

We provide coloring materials at the back of the church as well as stuffed animals. We also have copies of *The Sunday Paper* and *The Sunday Paper Junior* to help children and their adults understand the day's scripture.

Restrooms are located through the back door of the church and in the parish hall.

We encourage you to join us in the liturgy as participation will make your visit much more enjoyable.

Please help us to provide you with more information by filling out one of the cards at the back of the church. You can give the card to a Greeter, the clergy, or drop it in the offering plate; we can send you a Welcome Packet in the mail and contact you by email.

If you have a need or would like to speak with the clergy, please speak to either the Greeter or the clergy. Our clergy are always happy to meet with you to talk about St. Thomas and your own spiritual journey. Whether this is your first Sunday or you have been a member for years, you may contact the Parish Office at 508-824-9595 or at [StThomasEpiscopalChurch@comcast.net](mailto:StThomasEpiscopalChurch@comcast.net).

All baptized Christians, including children, are welcome to receive Communion. If you wish a blessing for yourself or your child, just cross your arms at the rail.


***We are glad you are here and hope you will feel warmly welcomed!***

# The Word of the Lord


Processional Hymn *Sung by all.*

The old rugged cross


LEVAS #38



1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,  
2. Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,  
3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,  
4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,




1. The em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;  
2. Has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;  
3. A won - drous beau - ty I see;  
4. Its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;




1. And I love that old cross where the dear - est and best  
2. For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove,  
3. For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,  
4. Then He'll call me some day to my home far a - way,



1. For a world of lost sin - ners was slain.  
2. To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.  
3. To par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.  
4. Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.



So I'll cher - ish the cross, the old rug - ged cross,



Till my tro - phies at last I lay down;

I will cling to the cross, the old rug - ged cross,  
 And ex - change it some day for a crown.

## Opening Acclamation

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

## The Collect for Purity *The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things,

or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

*Leader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 126**   *Said responsively.*

<sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
**then were we like those who dream.**

<sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
**and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

<sup>3</sup> Then they said among the nations, \*  
**“The Lord has done great things for them.”**

<sup>4</sup> The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
**and we are glad indeed.**

<sup>5</sup> Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
**like the watercourses of the Negev.**

<sup>6</sup> Those who sowed with tears \*  
**will reap with songs of joy.**

<sup>7</sup> Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
**will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

### **The Second Reading**

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that

comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader*     **The Word of the Lord.**

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation


*We sing verses 1-2 before the Gospel, verses 3-4 after.*

When I survey the wondrous cross

The Hymnal 1982 #474



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an



Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## Holy Gospel

John 12:1-8

*All stand and turn to face the Gospel.*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Rev. Joseph Mumita

**Nicene Creed** *Said by all, standing.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**



**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

## **The Confession of Sin**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Leader & People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant concludes with an absolution.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**Peace** *All stand.*

*Deacon* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Morning Announcements**

# **The Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant says*

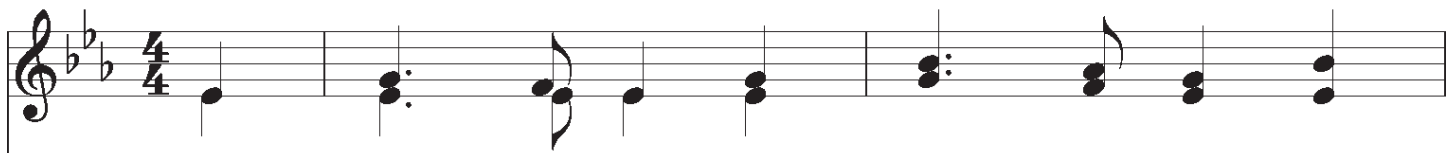
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians*



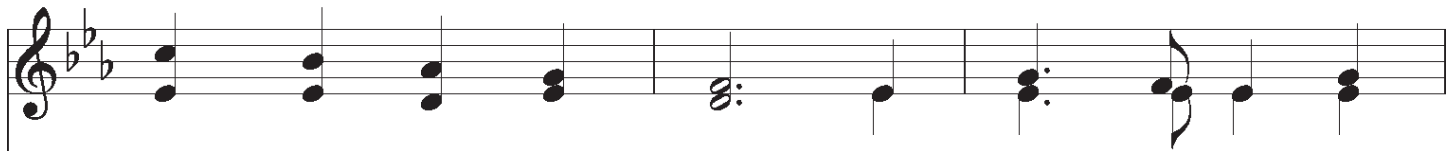
# Offertory Hymn *Sung by all.*

At the cross

LEVAS #30



1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and  
2. Was it for crimes that I have done, He  
3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and  
4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while  
5. But drops of tears can ne'er re - pay the



1. did my Sov' - reign die? Would He de - vote that  
2. groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y!  
3. shut its glo - ries in; when God, the might - y  
4. His dear cross ap - pears; dis - solve my heart in  
5. debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



1. sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
2. Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!  
3. mak - er, died for His own crea - ture's sin.  
4. thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes to tears.  
5. self a - way; 'tis all that I can do.



At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, and the



bur - den of my heart rolled a - way; it was there by faith I re -



ceived my sight, and now I am hap - py all the day.

**Doxology** *Sung by all, standing.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

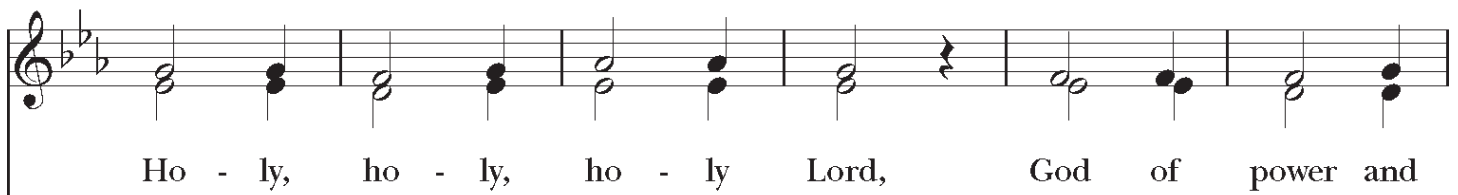
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus**

The Hymnal 1982 #S-130



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people kneel. The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread** *A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to the altar to receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the Altar Rail. The bread is received in the open palm, right hand over left. The wine, if desired, may be taken as an individual cup. If you do not wish to receive Communion, but would like a blessing, come forward to the Altar Rail and cross your arms over your chest.*

## Communion Hymns

### You Alone

*Refrain:* You alone are holy. You alone are Lord.

You alone are worthy to be honored and adored.

Mercy, You have given. Kindness, You have shown. Love is You alone.

Who of us is sinless in this place? Who of us deserves Your saving grace?

Who of us is good at all without Your blessed love that falls

Upon our hearts to heal our brokenness? *Refrain*

What is there to do but thank You then for the gift that we might call You friend

Greater love has not been known than that for which You gave Your only Son

That You might see us pure and blessed. *Refrain*

### God Will Make a Way

Oh, God will make a way where there seems to be no way.

He works in ways we cannot see; He will make a way for me.

He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side

With love and strength for each new day

He will make a way, He will make a way

By a roadway in the wilderness, He'll lead me and rivers in the desert will I see

Heaven and Earth will fade but His word will still remain

And He will do something new today

### Postcommunion Prayer *After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us  
as living members**

**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you**

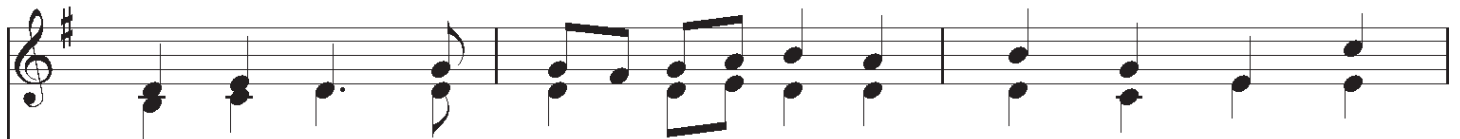
**with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing** *The Celebrant says the blessing. The people respond Amen.*

**Recessional Hymn** *Sung by all.*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

The Hymnal 1982 #690



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,



bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

**Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please come to Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall.*



## Participants

The Rev. Joseph Mumita, *Celebrant and Preacher* • The Rev. Virgilio Fortuna, *Deacon*  
Ed Seaholm, *Music Director* • Louis Raposa, *Guitarist*

## Prayers

**In the Parish Cycle of Prayer**, each week we pray for five households so we reach out in prayer to all our members on a regular basis. This week we pray for the Gitehi; Gordon; Hackett; Howard; and Hunt families. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

**Prayers for the Homebound and Ill:** Martha Pickett, Annemarie Matulis, Edna Michaels, Chuck Vanderhoof, Paul Yagman, Esther Wilbur, Mark M., Cindy Quinn, Jim Medeiros, Carole Silvia, Virginia Ames, Joe Andrade, Frank Capron, Janice Crepeau, Ken LeGrice, Judy Lincoln, Jay Medeiros, Julie Moore, Wayne Perkins, Louie Raposa, Carol Russell, Sherry, Sandy Trauterman, Jacqui White.

**Prayers for those who serve in the Armed Forces and Overseas:** Megan Drewniak, Adam Dyke, William Marsh IV, Donald Souza, Noel Souza, Ryan Vohnoutka, Christopher French, Scott Larson, and Jay Devenger.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** this week we pray for the Parishes of the Charles River Deanery: Grace Church, Newton; St. John's Church, Newtonville; St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls; Parish of St. Paul, Newton Highlands; and Prison Ministries.

**Memorial flowers** are given in memory of Henry Martyn Medary by Friends; A. Edmund & Myrtle Newton by Family & Friends; Rev. & Mrs. Malcolm Taylor by Friends; Marion, Alexander & Philip Hartil; Lester & Josephine Makepeace by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Makepeace; Kenneth Richardson, Henry Youngberg & Bertha Youngberg Richardson; Russell & Doris Borden by Dave & Judy Cleathero; Ann Baker Litchfield by Family; and May McCarty.

## Announcements

### Worship

**Acolyte Training Today!** After the worship service, all parish children age 8 and older (and their caregivers) are invited to a training/ information session led by Fr. Joseph and Julia Boudreau.

**8:00 am Service:** We will resume the 8:00 am worship service after Easter Sunday.

**Choir:** All who love to sing are invited to join the choir by the piano in the Chapel at 9:00 Sunday mornings.

### Easter

**Easter Memorials:** Remember a loved one with an Easter Memorial. **Forms are due today** to be listed in the Easter bulletin.

**UPDATED Holy Week and Easter Services:** Palm Sunday (April 10) at 10:00 am; Maundy Thursday (April 14) at 7:00 pm; Good Friday (April 15) at 7:00 pm; Easter Sunday (April 17) at 10:00 am.

### **Ukraine Crisis Response Fund**

All congregations in the Diocese of Massachusetts are encouraged to conduct ingatherings for the Ukraine Crisis Response Fund of Episcopal Relief & Development. St. Thomas will have our ingathering next week.

### **Fundraisers**

**Star Drive-In:** This coming Friday, April 8 from 11:00 am–9:00 pm, Star Drive-In will donate 10% of your order to St. Thomas if you present a color flyer available in the back of the church.

**Savers Collection:** From now through April 27, we're collecting clothing, household goods, and books to bring to Savers. Savers pays us based on the amount we collect; our goal is 195 large bags so we receive \$700.

### **Parish Retreat**

Please join the Parish Retreat on May 20-22 at Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury. Our theme is The Way of Love. Cost is \$235 per person for a double room or \$330 for a single room, and all meals are included. See Paul Boudreau to register or for more information. Register by May 1.

### **Barbara C. Harris Camp and Center**

Summer Camps are back this year! Weekend Family Camps and week-long Youth Camps will be offered at the Barbara C. Harris Camp in New Hampshire. See Friday's Happenings email for details. Let Fr. Joseph or Kristina in the office know if you're interested.

### **Communications**

It takes only a minute to scan the headlines of Friday's Happenings email. This is the main way we're able to share information, so if you don't receive it, please see, call (508-824-9595), or email (stthomasepiscopalchurch@comcast.net) Kristina.

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