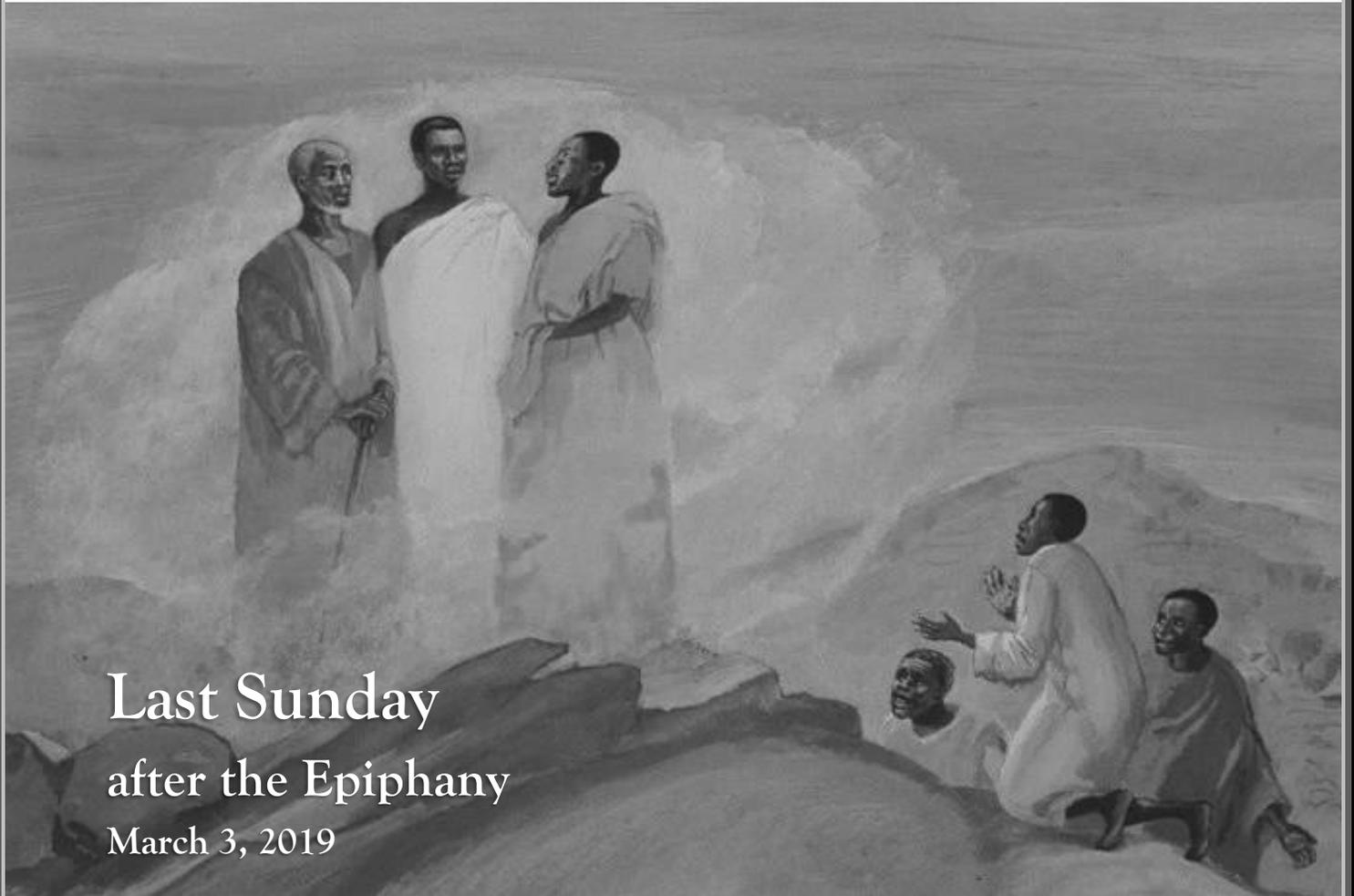


ST. THOMAS' PARISH

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Last Sunday
after the Epiphany
March 3, 2019

Welcome

Everyone's voice is needed to tell the Good News of God's love in Christ. Sing and pray with us as you are comfortable. You are welcome to fully participate in every part of this service, including Holy Eucharist (aka Lord's Supper or Communion). We believe it is God's table and it is God who extends the invitation to all who seek a deeper knowledge of Christ. Welcome and we're glad you're here today.

Prelude

“It is Well With My Soul”

Bliss/Adkins

Hymn 129

“Christ upon the mountain peak

✦ Please stand, as able

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People: And blessed be God’s reign, now and forever. Amen.

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.

Hymn of Praise

“The Third Song of Isaiah”

✦ Sing 3 times

Refrain

The musical score for the Refrain is written in 12/8 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems of staves. The first system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "A - rise, shine, for your light has come, God's". The second system continues the piano accompaniment. The third system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "glo - ry is up - on you.". The fourth system continues the piano accompaniment. The score uses various musical notations including eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests, with a final double bar line at the end.

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O GOD, WHO BEFORE THE PASSION of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

✠ *Please be seated.*

Reading Exodus 34:29-35

M OSES CAME DOWN FROM MOUNT SINAI. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

S INCE, THEN, WE HAVE SUCH A HOPE, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

“Alleluia”

Land of Rest

✠ *The Gospel is processed into the midst of the congregation.*



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel Luke 9:28-36

Gospeler: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

ABOUT EIGHT DAYS AFTER PETER had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ of God, Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Alex Dyer

✠ *Please observe a moment of silence following the sermon.*

Nicene Creed

✠ 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Enriching our Worship

The Nicene Creed is likely the most universally accepted and recognized statements of the Christian faith and was adopted in 325 CE. It has been modified for more inclusive language.

The Prayers of the People

✠ *All remain standing as able*

Intercessor:

It is a strange time of year, O God. We linger between the seasons of Epiphany and Lent. We are between the joy of your appearing and the horror of your undoing at the hands of those who would not or could not embrace your way of life. Perhaps we – like Peter, James, and John – wait for your appearing in dazzling light and unmistakable clarity: We are in need of a glimpse of Jesus who is the way through the mix and mess of this life.

Silence

Our planet is fragile and so is the life that claims it as home. We wonder how long we can simply take what we want with little regard for what it costs your creation. We wonder if the planet is crying out for relief in the floods that are really tears; the earthquakes that try and shake our consciousness; the gales that blow sighs, too deep for words. Renew and restore a vision of care for your creation.

Silence

As we prepare for Lent, a season of fasting. Remind us to take what we need and no more. Encourage us in a counter-cultural faithfulness that is not about consumerism or excess. Spur us with new insight and deeper understanding that we may live mindfully each day, conscious of the impact of what we do and fail to do.

Silence

We pray for the people of the world whose names we will never know, whose faces flash across the television or computer screen in anonymity born of numbers; those who bear the weight of earth's pain: We pray for those who have lost their jobs, run into financial difficulties, lost homes, are crossing borders to seek a better life, people who cannot pay for food, education, medication, and basic necessities; the lonely; those grieving; those who suffer from mental illness; those bullied and maltreated for whatever reason.

Silence

We are in need of a glimpse of Jesus who is the truth – the truth that love is stronger than hate; peace is possible; and life can emerge even in the midst of devastation. We pray for that truth to be known: we pray especially for our world leaders, our Congress, our Supreme Court, and our President. We are in need of a glimpse of Jesus who is the life; inviting us to follow in his footsteps as he trod the way of love and justice, inviting us to follow him in prayer as he lived out his faith and made you known.

Silence

We give thanks for the good news that unfolds in the world as people dream your dreams, follow your nudging, and seek you in the faces they meet each day. Perhaps, O God, it is the only Transfiguration we really need. For all those who are quiet witness to your love and way of life, we give thanks, O God.

Silence

Draw us to the rhythm of Lent as it unfolds in our midst; a sacred invitation to explore the corners of our soul. Open us to your light that we might see ourselves clearly, with all our fears and faults and faith, with all our desires and dreams and duties. Help us to see our journey as a place of your appearing – that like Peter, James, and John we may come down from the mountain and set one foot in front of the other in your name and for your sake.

Celebrant:

O God, you revealed your glory and presence in your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ. In receiving our prayers, reveal the glory and presence of your Spirit alive in the world today, free us from all doubts, and empower us to act as a transfigured people. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you. **People: And also with you.**

Announcements & Welcome

Invitation and Offertory Sentence

✠ *The offering is collected to support the work of sharing God's love with the world and living out God's mission. The bread and wine are brought forward to the altar as the Celebrant prepares the altar.*

Offertory Hymn

“O Nata Lux”

Tallis

*O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi,
Dignare clemens supplicum laudes precesque sumere.
Qui carne quondam contegi
dignatus es pro perditis
Nos membra confer effici Tui beati corporis.*

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, mercifully deign to accept the praises and prayers of your suppliants. O you who once deigned to be hidden in flesh on behalf of the lost, grant us to be made members of your blessed body.

The Great Thanksgiving

At St. Thomas' Parish, we invite all those who seek God and a deeper life in Christ to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. To receive communion, take the consecrated bread in the palm of your hand. Eat the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you. If you do not wish to receive the consecrated bread or wine but would like a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms with your hands on your shoulders and a priest will provide a blessing.

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 our thanks and praise.

IT IS RIGHT, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly,

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

pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us ❖ also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem

✠ *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and after a moment of silence, all sing.*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

✠ *Communion is distributed at a station at the foot of the steps to the altar.
All enter via the center aisle (alternating sides for each person) and return via the side aisles.*

Hymn 711

"Seek ye first"

Prayer after Communion

✠ *Said by all, standing.*

ETERNAL GOD,
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

Go now and live your faith boldly
as an open statement of God's truth.
Keep nothing hidden,
and refuse anything deceitful or manipulative.
By God's mercy, engage in the ministry
to which you have been called,
and let the light of God's word shine brightly in you.

And may the blessing of the glorious undivided Trinity
keep you safe, unveil your minds,
and transform you from glory to glory. **Amen.**

Hymn 618

"Ye watcher and ye holy ones"

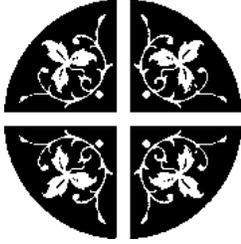
Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ! **People: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

"When The Saints Go Marching In"

Ory/Adkins]



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Announcements for March 3, 2019

REST: Shrove Tuesday at St. Margaret's



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Shrove Tuesday, (AKA Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday) is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter – was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were “shriven” (absolved from their sins). Today we feast on pancakes, gumbo, and lots of other great food. We will be getting together with St. Margaret's Episcopal Church (1830 Connecticut NW).

This year **Shrove Tuesday is March 5 at 6:30 pm**. We will need people to help cook pancakes and waffles during the event, folks to help setup (beginning at 4:30) and friends to bring fruit, bacon, sausage, and/or vegetarian sausage. Sign up [here](#). Any questions? **Ask Jessie** (jessie.brewster@gmail.com).



MARCH 6

8:30 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm

**All Services at
ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
(1830 Connecticut Ave NW)**

BLESS: Consecration of our new church building

Save the date: **May 30 @ 7:00 pm**. Bishop Mariann Budde, Bishop of Washington and Bishop Gene Robinson, Bishop in Residence will consecrate our new building. This will not be our first service but it will be a special service in the history of this church. **1517 18th Street NW, Washington, DC 2 0036**

BLESS: Community Music Celebration

Save the date: **June 2, 2019**. Come and join as musicians from different churches (St Margaret's, St. Luke's, St. Stephen & the Incarnation, and Universalist National) who assisted St Thomas Parish' "On Our Journey" during the past two years join together to help us celebrate our moving into our new church. Other musicians within our community will be part of the celebration as well. Please come and help make a joyful noise unto the Lord!! **1517 18th Street NW, Washington, DC 2 0036**

BLESS: Chair-ity Drive Continues!!

Our new worship space will provide respite and sanctuary from the storm of life outside our doors. We are thrilled to have found beautiful wooden chairs that match the character of our sanctuary, our spirit of hospitality and provide comfort and functionality. The chairs are modest in price and are as durable as they are beautiful - just \$299 for each chair. A \$149 deposit is needed to hold a chair for you.



We are calling on everyone in our parish, the community around us, and friends – past and present to purchase one chair for each member of your family and consider buying one or two for a future member. The chairs also make a great gift or memory of someone special to you. For more information on purchasing a chair contact: **John Johnson** (johnbjohnsoniv@gmail.com) or **Stephen Schembs** (srschembs@gmail.com).

Samaritan Ministry Next Step Breakfast

Date: **Thursday, March 14**
Where: National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW
Time: 7:30-9:00 AM
Sit-Down Breakfast: Continental

Make a gift of your time, talent and treasure to our shared mission.

Register: <http://bit.ly/SMGWNSB2019> or development@samaritanministry.org

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THE WAY OF LOVE

Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

EARN: St. Thomas' Parish Small Group Formation

Early in his ministry, Jesus of Nazareth was surrounded by crowds. He turned and asked, "What do you seek?" (John 1:38).

This Lenten season, St. Thomas' Parish will begin Small Group Formation.

We will be focusing upon The Way of Love, a dynamic program developed by our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry which "outlines a Rule for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement."

As members of urban parish community, we too are often surrounded by crowds. Yet as much as the world has changed over two millennia, the fundamental human hopes and yearnings that draw us to faith may not be so different.

Small Group Formation allows us to go deeper with fellow St Thomas' parishioners, sharing and refining our practices upon a Jesus-centered life, so that we may bear witness to the love of Jesus within our Dupont Circle community and the greater world.

St. Thomas' Parish Small Group Formation will begin the **week after Ash Wednesday** with the goals of:

1. Making friends
2. Making disciples
3. Making the world a better place

We hope everyone will choose to join a group. Please email **Jessie Eddy** (jessie.brewster@gmail.com) or **Catherine Manhardt** (catherine.manhardt@gmail.com). If you are interested in doing a small group nearer your workplace instead of your home, please include that information in your email!

Serving today

Greeters:	Dan Costello Steve Schembs	Chalice:	Lynn Moluf
Ushers:	George Wiggington Jennie Allison	Intercessor:	TBA
Coffee Hour:	Jessie Eddy Catherine Manhardt	Offertory Guild:	Eric Scharf
Vergers:	Jeremy Ayers	Vestry Host:	Reggie Greer
Lector:	John Stanton	Vestry Teller:	Jessie Eddy

Celebrating Our March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jason Crighton (March 10), Douglas Evans (March 15), Nate Vaagen (March 15), Lynn Moluf (March 20)
and Reggie Greer (March 21)

Anniversaries:

Jason Forman and Bretty Snyder (March 5)

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, please let **Paula** know info@stthomasdc.org

Free Parking for church service

A reminder that parking is available behind the Scottish Rite Temple (1733 16th St NW) across from the Universalist Church. Enter in via the alley across from Riggs Pl. NW.

Prayer List

Will Coley, Kym Lucas, Peggy Ann Cohen, Kristin Jones, Jen Knapp and family, Fran, Jim Murphy, Dave Kucharski, Stephanie, Danielle Montiel, Liz Rhiddlehoover, Steve Parsons, Paula Amadeo, Debby Chandler Collier, Vibha Sazawal, Barbara Shaw, Marcos Valles Escalanta (detained by ICE); Javier, Katie and baby Marquez; and Andrew Rutledge (seminary student sponsored by St. Thomas').

You may submit a name for the list by sending an e-mail to: prayers@office.stthomasdc.org. Names will be placed on the list for a period of three weeks. If you are submitting a name and there is a reason you would like it to remain on the list for a longer time, please let us know in your e-mail.



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Vestry Leadership

Jessie Eddy, Senior Warden
Stephen Schembs, Junior Warden
Trey Rhiddlehoover, Treasurer
Jean Holman, Clerk

Jennie Allison, Reggie Greer, Bettina Hager,
Bob Moluf, Jason Crighton, Gregory Zitterkob, Jane Saari

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