



ST. THOMAS' PARISH

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Announcements for Sunday August 30, 2020

A Note from Our Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

This week it was my joy to share the backpacks full of school supplies we collected for nine teenagers who will attend Bell High School starting Monday. These teenagers also have children, and so I can only imagine how much they will be juggling as we head into



virtual classes. I hope having the school supplies they need will give them a good start! Listening to the needs of our community and responding is one way we are the Church in the world.

This Sunday, we will have a back to school blessing for all students and educators. You are invited to bring backpacks, books, devices, or anything else that means school to you for our blessing. We've been praying regularly for this community throughout the summer at our evening worship services, knowing that there are some very hard decisions made daily to try to provide the best and safest environment for students. I hope you will join us to pray for students and educators, and also be prayed for if you are a student or educator.

Following the service, we will have coffee hour, and then at 11:15 we are invited to join Bishop Mariann Budde at the Washington National Cathedral for worship. You can do this on their Facebook page or via YouTube. (Links below.) She has prepared a worship service including sermon for the entire diocese.

God bless you,

Lisa+

Here is our Zoom online schedule for this coming week.

Sunday, August 30:

10:30 am Back to School Blessing (Zoom or Facebook streaming)
10:45 am Coffee Hour on Zoom
11:15 am Diocesan Worship with Bishop Budde at the
Washington National Cathedral – join on Facebook or YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/user/wncathedral>

Monday, August 31:

6:30-7:00 pm Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

Tuesday, September 1:

6:30-7:00 pm Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

Wednesday, September 2:

6:30-7:00 pm Evening Worship with Taize Chant

Thursday, September 3:

5:45-6:30 pm Spanish Conversation Time with Al
6:30-7:00 pm Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

Friday, September 4:

6:30-7:00 pm Evening Worship (with Evening Prayer or Compline.)

Sunday, September 6:

10:30 am Worship (on Zoom or go to our Facebook page)
11:15 am Coffee Hour on Zoom

Zoom Code for all of our Worship, Social (Coffee Hour, etc.), Study, and Open Office Hours.

Meeting ID: 947 6442 4718

Password: 151718th

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94764424718?pwd=WFhJM0M5N2VxT2dVbVpaelljaVQ2UT09>

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Responding to Grief and Joy (and everything in between!) in our Community:

In this time when we cannot check in with one another face to face each week, you may wish to respond to the grief or joy in our community by sending a greeting card or making a phone call. If you do not have the individual's contact information, please check Realm or send your greeting card to that person % our church. We will make sure to share with them.

Healing:

- **Jerry Donohoe:** Here is a link to his Caring Bridge page for updates on his health: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/jerrydonahoe>
St. Thomas' will be bringing meals to Jerry and Dan every three days. Heather Hurlburt is coordinating this effort. To participate, please email Heather directly at hhurlburt@hotmail.com



Money and You Workshop

Join the DC Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians, St. Luke's, Calvary, St. George's, St. Stephen's and the Incarnation, and St. Thomas Episcopal Churches for a financial literacy workshop. Even if reparations were offered today, it would take the average Black family 238 years and the average Latinex family 78 years to garner the wealth the average White family has today. Job losses, pandemics, economic turndowns will continue to occur; will you be ready?

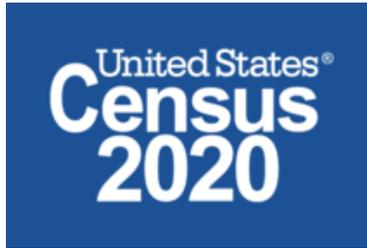
Join Shirley Jones and Solomon Bamiduro of Primerica as they guide us through the intricacies of saving during difficult times. Shirley Jones is an investment manager and a registered member of FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority), the primary regulator of all mutual fund, variable annuities, and 529 plan businesses. Solomon Bamiduro is a National Sales Director and a registered representative with PFS Investments, Inc, and also a registered member of FINRA.

This workshop is free; however, registration is required.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/money-and-you-tickets-118360558617?aff=ebdssbeac>

Reminder to fill out your census and register to vote:

Two actions you can take for justice are: filling out your census and registering to vote. Already done? Remind people you know to do the same.



www.2020census.gov

Check that you are registered to vote and/or register!

<https://vote.gov/>

VOTE FAITHFULLY

"We are blessed as a nation to vote. As citizens of this country, this is a right, an obligation, and a duty. Go vote. Vote your conscience. Your conscience informed by what it means to love your neighbor, to participate in the process of seeking the common good, to participate in the process of making this a better world. However you vote, go and vote. And do that as followers of Jesus."

-Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

REGISTER MOBILIZE COMMUNICATE ADVOCATE

#VoteFaithfully

The graphic features a blue background with the text "VOTE FAITHFULLY" in large white letters at the top. Below it is a quote in italics by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. In the center is a shield with a red cross on a white background, with a blue field in the top-left corner containing white stars. Below the shield are four yellow curved arrows pointing to the words "REGISTER", "MOBILIZE", "COMMUNICATE", and "ADVOCATE" in white capital letters. At the bottom right is the hashtag "#VoteFaithfully" in white.

You cannot vote unless you are registered! Don't procrastinate — get registered today!

✓ Visit <https://vote.gov/> to get registered NOW.

✓ Even if you believe you are registered, double-check your voter registration status to make sure.

✓ You don't have to register alone! Find friends and fellow parishioners who are not yet registered and sign up together. You can even make it a virtual event if you are able to register online or request registration form by mail.

✓ Talk to youth and young adults about the importance of registering and help get them registered. Many states allow young people to register as long as they will turn 18 on or before the next election.

Need for Diapers Size 6

St. Thomas' Member Al shares that there is current need for diapers in size 6. Thank you for contributing to school supplies for seven of the parents Al serves who are in high school.

Al's contact information to contribute / coordinate delivery is: (202)604-3084 or allanosdc@gmail.com

See below for the original note from Al, explaining his ministry in the community.

From St. Thomas' Member Al, who serves as a social worker in Columbia Heights.

"Hope that this note finds you well. I want to share with you a little bit about my work. Over the past six years my organization -The United Planning Organization (UPO)- has been providing Bell Teen Parents and CDC technical assistance to 32 low income families whose parents are immigrants from Central America. Some of them are teen parents (15 years old) Due to the pandemic, most parents are out of work. The children who attend the Center are between two weeks and three and a half years. Today these children stay at home with their families most of the day. Parents are in urgent need of items such as formula. (Similac Advance) Although they have their WIC checks, these funds are not enough to cover their needs. I work as a Family Engagement Specialist for UPO / Bell Teen Parents and CDC. One of my functions is to connect Parents with social services and provide them Advocacy and Child Development trainings among others. Unfortunately, in these times of crisis the Center as well as many agencies are closed. These families are in urgent need. These parents are specifically seeking donations for formula."

Al lives near St. Thomas' Parish on Beekman Place, NW. Call or email him for address or drop off 202-604-3084 or allanosdc@gmail.com



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Celebrating Our August Birthdays

Jason Forman (August 1)
Joseph Coleman (August 9)
Linda Hollingsworth (August 10)
Bobby Bosfield (August 13)
Alex Mann (August 16)
Clay Dursthoff (August 17)
Matthew Fallon (August 24)
Oz Holman (August 30)

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, please let us know at
administrator@stthomasdc.org.*

Parish Prayer List

Sharon Bisco	Jerry Donahoe	Donna Norman
Anne Marie Bohler	Ashley Forman	Elizabeth Powers-Brown
Matthew Briggs	Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Mary Ellen Reed
Benjamin Bynum	Mark Herzog	Jim Snedegar
Annette Carver	Kristin Jones	Harvey Snyder
Peggyann Cohen	Mike Knapp	Renee
Mary de Boer	Dave Kucharski	

For the repose of the soul of:

Violet Mesarick	Annie Untied Mirra	Juanita Irene Stewart Pinion
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You may submit a name for the list by sending an e-mail to: administrator@stthomasdc.org



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