

# The Wayfarer

A monthly journal for those who are interested in St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Berea, Ohio  
Phone 440.234.5241 ~ Email: churchoffice@stthomaschurch-berea.org

## From the Rector

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”  
(John 13:33-34)*

Christianity, sisters and brothers, is a faith rooted in love. First and foremost, it is about God’s love for us – the love that was so perfectly embodied in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. But it is also about *our* love for God and for each other. Because God so loved us, we are in turn called to love God and one another just as he has loved us. When I look out toward all of you when I celebrate Holy Eucharist every week, I see a community that strives to love one another just as God has loved us. I, too, as your Priest and Rector, love all of you and I know that you love me. The goodness and love of God is at work here at St. Thomas and it is wonderful to behold.

The universal or catholic church, of which St. Thomas Episcopal Church is but a tiny sliver, has been given a sacred task from the lips of Jesus himself. He charges us collectively and as individuals “to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of

the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that (he has) commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20). In other words, the church is given the task of helping God transform the world by announcing God’s love through the faithful celebration of the sacraments, through our worship, through our teaching, and through our faithful witness to God through our service to the community.

This past year, St Thomas has faithfully lived into our mission in a number of different ways. Our continued STAR (St. Thomas Adult Recreation) and Veterans’ Meet and Greet ministries have had an impact on literally hundreds of people. Indeed, the hospitality and love offered by us through these two ministries bears witness to God’s love for us. But more importantly, the work that we do creates the opportunity for life giving relationships to form. If I were to categorize both STAR and Veterans’ Meet and Greet, I would say that they are

February/March 2019 Issue

## In this Issue

From the Rector	1-3
ECW Fundraiser	3
Los Amigos Episcopales	4
Newsletter Deadline	4
Observing the Feast Days	4
Lenten Book Study	5
Blessing of the Chalk	5
House Blessing	6
Bread Baking Class	6
Devonshire Victorian Tea	7
Easter Flowers	7
Time Change	7
Agape Meal	8
Trumpet Concert	8
Amazon Smile	8
Shop with Scrip Gift Cards	8
2019 Vestry	9
Parish Annual Meeting	9
Birthdays and Anniversaries	9
Liturgical Changes this Lent	10
Lent and Easter Worship	11
Minding the Little Things	12
Concluding Prayer Devotional	13
Easter Egg Hunt	13
Mardi Gras Spaghetti Dinner	13
Foodbank Produce Distribution	14
Calendar of Events	15-17
Worship Schedule	18



Continued on Page 2

## **From the Rector** *(continued)*

ministries of healing. Many of those who attend our STAR program, live within institutional settings and the concerts and luncheons we provide helps give them an opportunity to be out in the community among friends. Likewise, our veterans' ministry provides a space for veterans to share their experiences of military service and find healing through community and relationship.

We have also lived into our mission through a renewed commitment to Christian education, including a weekly children's Sunday school program as well as several weekly opportunities for adult formation such as Monday night Prayer Group, Wednesday night Bible Study, and Rector's Forum on Sunday morning. Likewise, we have adult education series on the *Lord's Prayer*, the *Nicene Creed*, and study of Archbishop Rowan Williams' book *Being Christian*. Following St. Benedict's example, we have sought to make St Thomas a "school of the Lord's service" and, I believe, that we are making great strides toward that goal. I hope that 2019 brings about a continuance and growth to these and our many other ministries.

St. Thomas is also a growing parish. This past year we have added seven new members through Confirmation and have baptized two new Christians. We have several others who have transferred their membership to St. Thomas or are just beginning to attend services and are considering being received into the Episcopal Church through Confirmation. Likewise, the overall average weekend attendance has grown to 92 from 91 in 2017 and 86 in 2016. The main location of this growth has been at our 10:30 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist with our Saturday evening service remaining unchanged since 2017 and our 8:00 AM Sunday service declining in attendance. This overall growth, I believe, is attributed to the continued spiritual growth of St. Thomas. If we commit ourselves to sharing Christ's love through everything we do, I believe that our community will continue to grow as a result. If we are faithful to the mission with which Jesus has entrusted us, then he

will continue to bless our work. However, if we fail to follow that mission, and choose to focus inwardly on the continuance of St. Thomas as purely an institution, then I believe the institution will fail. A church that is not making and forming disciples is a dying church. And St. Thomas by no means is a dying church thanks to the faithful leadership of this parish.

At the end of 2018, I was made full-time Rector of St. Thomas. This expanded role was made possible through a generous grant from the Diocese of Ohio as our bishop, the Right Reverend Mark Hollingsworth sees tremendous potential for St. Thomas' future and my continued partnership with you all as Rector. This is an incredible blessing for our parish and my ministry among you, however, this grant does not come without certain expectations. It is the bishop and diocese's hope that St. Thomas will continue to grow and that through improved stewardship, St. Thomas will be able to afford a full-time Rector as well as continue as a financially sustainable institution. This means that each and every one of us are called to help support St. Thomas not only with our time and talent, but financially with our treasures as well. Regardless of whatever amount you are able to pledge, my hope is that every single member of St. Thomas make a pledge. We are not asking that anyone contribute beyond their means but we are asking that everyone pledge some portion of the earthly treasure entrusted to you by God. It is part of being a faithful disciple. Both our present and our future depend upon our continued generosity as a community. (If you have not pledged for 2019, please see me and I will get you a pledge card.)

Another hope of the Diocese, our bishop, and myself is that we as a parish participate more broadly in the life of our Diocese and the broader church. As Episcopalians, the basic unit of our polity is the diocese and our bishop is our chief pastor. In a recent communication with the clergy of this diocese, our bishop said, "The church is always

Continued on Page 3

## From the Rector (continued)

able to live more faithfully together than separate or isolated." I couldn't agree with that sentiment more. We are not alone as St. Thomas, rather, we are part of a community of 102 parishes across the northern half of Ohio. As we move into 2019, it is my hope that we will send representatives of St. Thomas to more diocesan events than simply Diocesan Convention. Events such as the *Winter Convocation*, which is held yearly are wonderful opportunities to deepen our faith and to get to know Episcopalians from across the state. I would encourage you to consider attending such events. We also have tremendous diocesan events for youth such as Happening and our summer camp at Bellwether Farms. St. Thomas is a vibrant parish in the midst of a vibrant diocese of the Episcopal Church and we are indeed very much blessed.

As we move into 2019, my hope is that we will continue to grow in love and in our ability to share the love of Christ with the world around us. That is our mission and the mission that Jesus himself gave to us. As disciples of the crucified and risen Christ, let's keep growing together.

Faithfully,  
Fr. Dave Radzik



Handmade cards created by St. Thomas folks and sold at the UMC Mission and Meal Event

## ECW Fundraiser by Etta Scheu



On November 17 the St. Thomas ECW participated in the Mission and Meal Event at the Berea UMC.

Many thanks to all those who made this event such a success; from those that came in on weekday mornings to make such creative craft items, those that baked delicious goodies, those who helped take the craft and bakery items to the UMC and set-up the tables and to those who stayed at the tables during the craft fair and helped clean up. All that you did to help was greatly appreciated.

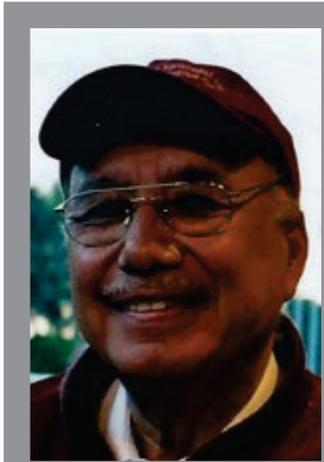


## Los Amigos Episcopales by Ruth Ihde



It is with extreme sadness that we announce the passing of Padre José Ramiro Chávez, a great leader in the Episcopal Diocese of El Salvador. To those of us who have travelled to El Salvador he was the priest who met us at the airport, the English-speaking guide during our stay, and much more.

He had been vice-president of the Banco Salvadorená. When he retired, he became an Anglican priest, and with his experience in business, he was a great asset to the Diocese, serving as Treasurer for a number of years. He was very involved with the schools, and whenever he visited a school the children all surrounded him, and called out to him. He will be deeply missed. He is pictured here informally, as those of us who travelled to El Salvador remember him.



### April/ May 2019 Wayfarer by Ginny Kubiak

Articles for the April/May issue of the Wayfarer are due by **March 20, 2019**. Please forward articles to the church e-mail address at: [churchoffice@stthomaschurch-berea.org](mailto:churchoffice@stthomaschurch-berea.org).

Photos are always welcome!!! Please submit your photos of St. Thomas events to the above e-mail address for publication.

Thank you in advance for promptly sending your articles and observing the submission due date.

## Observing the Feast Days

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us – Hebrews 12:1*



We will observe the major feast days found in the Book of Common Prayer with at least a simple said Holy Eucharist at 6:00 PM on the day of the feast, unless the Feast day falls on Saturday. *When a Feast day falls on a Saturday, we will use the readings for that Feast day during the 5:30 pm Contemporary Eucharist.* I hope you will join in marking these Holy days with us as they are a wonderful opportunity to grow together in holiness.

### 2019 Feast Day Schedule

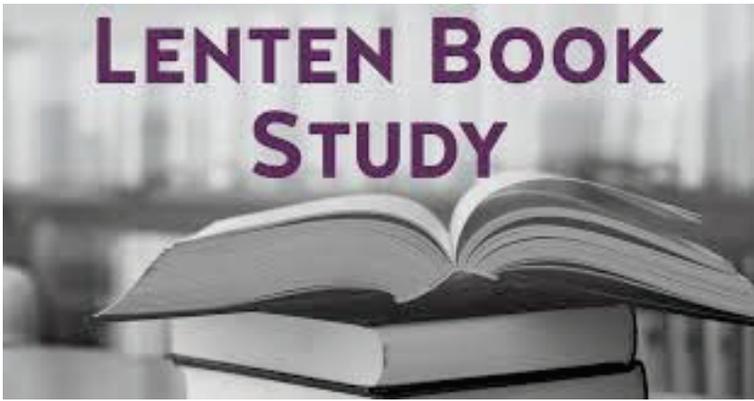
- ✦ Saturday, February 2 - The Presentation (5:30 pm Contemporary Eucharist)
- ✦ Monday, March 25 - The Annunciation
- ✦ Friday, May 31 - The Visitation
- ✦ Saturday, June 29 - St. Peter and St. Paul (5:30 pm Contemporary Eucharist)
- ✦ Tuesday, August 6 - The Transfiguration
- ✦ Thursday, August 15 - St. Mary the Virgin
- ✦ Saturday, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross (5:30 pm Contemporary Eucharist)
- ✦ Monday, September 30 - St. Michael and All Angels



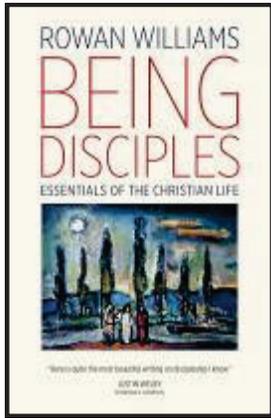
## Liturgical Ministers for Holy Week and Easter Services

Readers, Chalice Bearers and Ushers are all needed for the Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and 7 am Easter Day services. Readers and Cross bearers are also needed for the Stations of the Cross.

Please look at the sign-up sheets on the office window to see where you can help.



## Being Disciples Book Study By Fr. Dave



On Wednesday evenings during Lent, Fr. Radzik will be leading a study of Archbishop Rowan Williams' book, 'Being Disciples'.

This lovely little book (87 pages) is a meditation on what it means to be a Christian disciple and is a follow-up to his 'Being Christian' which we studied this

past Advent.

We will conclude each evening with a candlelit service of Compline.

Books are available through Amazon.com ISBN-10: 0802874320 or through the church office for \$10.00. Please see Fr. Radzik if you have difficulty acquiring a copy. We want everyone to have the ability to participate!

A sign-up sheet is posted on the office window. We hope you will join us on this Lenten journey!

***The discussions will occur on the following Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm***

***March 13, March 20, March 27,  
April 3, and April 10***



## Blessing of the Chalk 20 + C + M + B + 19

On Epiphany Sunday, January 6, Fr. Dave celebrated the Epiphany Blessing of the Chalk. "Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does, we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedictat*, "May Christ bless the house."

Bags containing chalk, the prayers and the history were distributed to parish members, who were then asked to share their photo on our Facebook page. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos, below are a few we received.



Dave & Sonia Miller



Fr. Dave & Lorrin



Rey & Val Magpoc



The Zambounis Family

## House Blessing

In December, Fr. Dave visited the home of new parish members John & Kathy Heaney to bless their new home. Below are a few pictures from this happy event.

If you are interested in having a home blessing, please contact Fr. Dave for more information.



## Bread Baking Class

Many thanks to all who participated in our youth bread baking class! It was a great opportunity to get our St. Thomas youth involved in an activity they can do at home with their parents and feel they are more a part of our worship service.

If you would like to be a part of the St. Thomas break baking guild. Please speak with Peggy Zambounis or contact the church office.

An especially big thank you to Nancy Braford for teaching the class, even with her right hand in a cast!



## 2019 Devonshire Tea By Rosalie Ferline

Mark your calendar for the next Devonshire Victorian Tea on **Saturday, February 23, 2019**. Yes, the tea time will be here before we know it!

We are having only one seating again at 12:00 pm. This means more tables to be set & served. While this is a fundraiser for the ECW, it is an all-church effort: We invite help from all men, women and children.

It is only through your efforts and generosity in helping with the tea and other ECW fundraising efforts, that the ECW has had the means to disburse funds to so many wonderful and worthy organizations, not just in the Ohio-area, but around the world. You have assisted schools in El Salvador, replenished the food pantry for needy folks in Kentucky, supplied filled duffle bags for the impoverished and homeless in the Cleveland area and many other ministries. Let's keep the generosity in motion!

Please consider volunteering in some way. Talk to Rosalie Ferline or Dolly Doyle for more information on where you can most help.



## Easter Flowers

We are now taking orders for the Easter flowers that will enhance our church during the Easter season. It is a perfect time to remember parents and family members or to honor special people in your life with your donation.

Forms are on the literature table in the entrance hall. The cost is \$25 and payment is due with order. **The deadline for placing your order is April 14.** Please contact the church office if you have any questions.



## Time Change

Daylight-Savings Time begins at 2:00 am on **Sunday, March 10, 2019**. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour.

It's also time to check your fire extinguishers, and replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Stay safe!



## Agape Meal

By Anita Cooper

Our Agape Meal will take place on ***Maundy Thursday, April 18, at 6:30 pm.*** Thank you to Anita Cooper for heading up the meal. Please contact her if you would like to help with the meal.

If you plan on attending, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the office window, when it is posted.

Donation envelopes will also be available on the office window to help defray the cost of the meal. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or left on the Parish Administrator's desk.



## Free Trumpet Concert

Theresa May's Annual Trumpet Recital will take place at ***2:00 pm on Saturday, March 2nd*** here at St. Thomas. The recital will be comprised of students from Academy Music, Shaker Heights Schools, Olmsted Falls Middle School and Olmsted Falls High School. All students are accompanied by Megan Denman on piano. The hour-long recital will begin promptly at 2pm with a small reception to follow. Admission is free!



## Amazon Smile

St. Thomas has signed up for the Amazon Smile program. When shopping on Amazon, log onto ***smile.amazon.com*** and chose St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Berea as the charity you would like to support (or type in our custom charity link below). We earn .05% on all eligible purchases. ***You can also purchase Amazon gift cards through our Shop with Scrip program, load them onto your Amazon account, and help St. Thomas earn in 2 different ways!*** <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-0921959>



## Shop with Scrip Gift Cards

Were you aware that St. Thomas has a gift card program? Did you know that the church earns a percentage from each gift card you purchase?

Our program only works with your support! With over 300 popular retailers to choose from including shopping, dining, travel and on-line purchases, there is something for everyone!

Cards are available after most worship services or call the office at 440-234-5241 to place an order or to stop by and choose from cards we have on-hand. A full retailer list is also available, just call or e-mail the church office for a copy.

You can also purchase, reload and manage your gift cards by setting up a personal account on the Shop with Scrip website at ***www.shopwithscrip.com.***



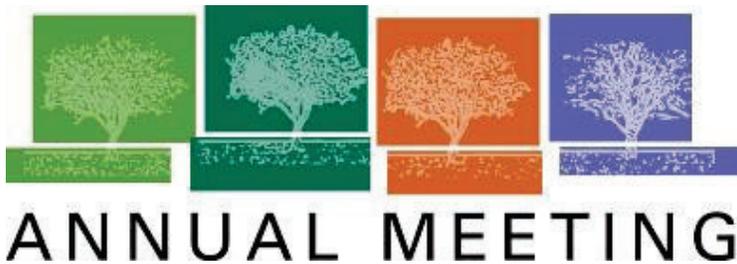
## 2019 Vestry

Position	Name	Term
Senior Warden	Peggy Zambounis	12/31/2019
Junior Warden	Bill Kerbusch	12/31/2021
Treasurer	Bruce McLaughlin	
Clerk	Sue Griffith	12/31/2020
Members: 	Jane Boomer	12/31/2021
	Patricia Carmichael	12/31/2021
	Anita Cooper	12/31/2019
	David Frazier	12/31/2020
	Tim Gilles	12/31/2020
	Scott Hartman	12/31/2019



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy birthday and happy anniversary to the following St. Thomas members.



### Parish Annual Meeting

Thank you to all the parish members who attended the Annual Meeting on January 27.

The meeting was very informative, with many relevant topics discussed.

We want to thank our out-going Vestry members, Michelle Lawson-Brown, Barb Pertz and Etta Scheu for their time and dedication. We also want to welcome our new Vestry members, Jane Boomer, Tricia Carmichael and Bill Kerbusch.

Additional copies of the Annual Meeting report are available in the church office. Please contact our Parish Administrator, Ginny, if you would like a copy.

February Birthdays	
Gloria Thomas	2/2
Alyce McTernan	2/5
Carl Scheu IV	2/8
Barbara Halliday	2/10
Alyse Hancock-Phillips	2/11
Katrina Scheu	2/17
Marcy Molmen	2/19
Claire Blanca	2/29

March Birthdays	
Anthony Kukura	3/2
Karen Walter	3/3
Laura Gaba	3/6
Joe Ferline	3/6
Frank Abbott	3/10
Thomas Scheu	3/11
Shane Wilson	3/11
Florence Mayer	3/13
Mark Furlong	03/15
Gerald Gowern	3/18
Michelle Lawson-Brown	3/22
George Baxter	3/23
Edward McTernan	3/23
William Violette	3/24
Kendra Vincent	3/27
Rosalie Ferline	3/31

Don't see your name? Please contact the church office so we can add your birthday and/or anniversary.

# Liturgical Changes this Lent

By Fr. Dave

The 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church held last summer as well as our bishop has asked parishes to experiment with supplemental liturgical resources such as *Enriching Our Worship* and the expansive language versions of the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* Eucharistic canons and to report back on our experience of using them. Previously, a parish priest was authorized to use these liturgies with the expressed written permission of his/her bishop. Bishop Hollingsworth, as of January 1, 2019 has given his general permission for parishes across our diocese to use these liturgies with the hope that we will experiment with them. These prayers, which are intended to be used in conjunction with *the Book of Common Prayer*, attempt to provide a more expansive image of God, drawing on more feminine imagery from scripture than does our current liturgy. Note this example from *Enriching Our Worship* Eucharistic Prayer I which we will utilize during the upcoming season of Lent:

*Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.*

Likewise, note this blessing which is included as part of *Enriching Our Worship*:

*Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. Amen.*

As you can see, these prayers are firmly rooted within our tradition but attempt to include a more diverse and inclusive vision our faith. While I would consider myself a conservative on matters of worship and liturgy, I think our utilizing these liturgies as our bishop and national church are suggesting, is a valuable experience for our parish and is an opportunity for us to discuss what faithful and meaningful worship looks like. This Lent, note that we will be using a Prayer of Confession, the Contemporary Nicene Creed, Eucharistic Prayer I, and Post-Communion Prayer from *Enriching Our Worship* at both our 5:30 PM Saturday night and our 10:30 AM Eucharist. Our 8:00 AM service will continue to utilize Rite I. We welcome feedback about these changes and plan on compiling a document to share our experience of using these texts with the Diocese.

Another change, beginning with Lent is that all of our services will begin with a brief **“Formation Moment”** in which I, or another liturgical minister, will briefly discuss some aspect of our service. My goal in this, is to help us better engage in praying the liturgy. When we truly pray the liturgy together, we begin to pray with mind of Christ, and are more open to being formed by our worship. St. Prosper of Aquitaine wrote in the 8<sup>th</sup> century, “Lex orandi, lex credendi. (The law of praying is the law of believing). That is, the better we understand what we’re praying, the better we understand what we believe as Christians.

Finally, we are providing an opportunity for individuals or families to write a prayer that will be used in worship at the conclusion of the **Prayers of the People**. Details about this will be provided elsewhere in this issue of the *Wayfarer* as well as via-email and in upcoming bulletins. A prayer book compiling each of these prayers, as well as Sunday readings, will be provided at the beginning of Lent to aid you in your devotions. Please consider contributing to this project. I believe it is a wonderful opportunity for us to creatively engage in liturgy.

# LENT AND EASTER AT ST. THOMAS

50 East Bagley Rd, Berea OH 44017 † 440-234-5241



## Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Rite I Eucharist at 12:00 pm

Rite II Eucharist at 7:00 pm



## Study and Prayer

### Monday Evening Prayer Group

7 pm each Monday at  
St. Thomas

### Lenten Book Study

Being Disciples by Rowan Williams\*  
Wednesday evenings 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10  
Followed by Compline Service

\*Copies of book available for  
\$10, see Fr. Dave

### Rector's Forum

Sunday Mornings 9:10 am - 9:50 am  
Meet in Harkess Hall

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study

8 pm each Wednesday at the home of a parish  
member (*Call the office for more details*)

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 12:00 pm  
March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5  
April 12, at 7:00 pm

### Cross Walk

12:00 pm, April 14  
Meet at Ohio Guidestone Chapel  
202 East Bagley Rd  
(Chapel opens at 12 pm, service begins at 1 pm)

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

By appointment

## Holy Week and Easter

### Maundy Thursday, April 18

6:30 pm Agape Meal  
7:30 pm Service

### Good Friday, April 19

7:30 pm Service

### Holy Saturday, April 20\*

9 am Service



### Easter Sunday, April 21

7:00 am Sunrise Service

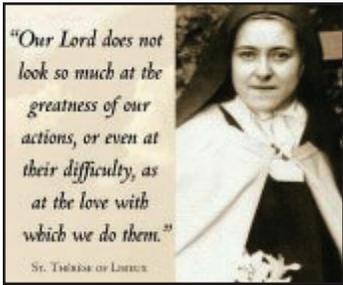
10:30 am Rite II Service  
(Annual Easter egg hunt  
Following 10:30 am service)

\*The service proper to **Holy Saturday** is a simple said Liturgy of the Word, without music or Holy Communion that commemorates Christ's descent among the dead between Good Friday and Easter. It reminds us that through Jesus, God entered into the fullness of human life including the experience of death. Holy Saturday is a quiet preparation for the celebration of Easter and gives us space between the solemnity of Good Friday and the joy of Easter to contemplate the meaning of Christ's death, burial, and descent among the dead.

# Minding the Little Things

By Fr. Dave

Christianity, brothers and sisters, is an Incarnational faith. We believe that God, who is transcendent, truly became human in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. In other words, the Creator of all things, took on the nature of that which he created. By Jesus' becoming human, God draws all things to himself, and makes the world, and all that is in it, holy. And because of that fact, we are called to care for the things of the world, even the seemingly small things, with attention, love, devotion.



St. Therese of Lisieux, who is among my favorite figures from recent Christian history, called this way of looking at the world "the little way." As a young novice in a Carmelite community in

France, Therese learnt that she honored and gave praise to God through her diligence in the little, and unavoidable tasks of life such as cleaning, cooking, and taking care of the physical building of her community's church and living spaces. St. Therese learnt that attentiveness and diligence in these areas were a practical part of living a holy life. Minding the little things are important because those little things are part of the world that God created, loves, and redeemed. God, you see, cares about the "details" and so ought we.

There are many people here at St. Thomas who understand that attention to the "details" is an important aspect of a faithful Christian life, however, I feel that this is an area which all of, including myself, can see growth. This past Annual Meeting, there was much talk about our recent problem with mice in the kitchen. While, understandably, much time was discussed about how to rid our campus of these rodents, I think the main issue is directly related to our care of the building with which God has entrusted us. We need to be more mindful of how we keep the kitchen, including properly cleaning dishes and storing food. When I assisted in cleaning the kitchen last month,

prior to our Medieval Feast, cookies and candy leftover from Halloween (and perhaps earlier) were left to rot on the shelves and cupboards. These, naturally, were an attractive target for mice and other pests. Likewise, long expired food was left to gather mold in the refrigerator. As we move forward, food that is not properly stored in Tupperware containers or that is clearly expired will be thrown away as soon as it is noticed by church staff. I ask all of us, however, to be preemptive and not leave food out on the counters or cupboards if they are not properly stored. All of us need to work together in caring for our beautiful kitchen facilities.

Likewise, we have had an ongoing problem with various doors being left unlocked after parish events. Such an oversight happens very easily. I, myself, have accidentally left a door unlocked. However, we need to be more mindful of locking down our facility at the conclusion of parish events. Those of you who are privileged with having keys to the church are also responsible for making sure the doors are locked. If you are unsure that they are locked, check. Likewise, if you find yourself as the last person at an event and you do not have keys, call someone you know does.

This past Annual Meeting, I was disappointed to find out that no one, save one family, had volunteered to set-up or clean-up for this event. Luckily, several faithful parishioners stepped up at the last minute to help with the set-up and clean-up. However, this is not acceptable. These are extraordinarily important aspects to any event. And, while no means glamorous, this type of work can also be a lot of fun if done with the right attitude. I hope in the future that more folks will step up and help in doing this sort of work. The life of our parish church depends upon it.

God loves us and he loves this parish church, and he calls us love to love it too. When we offer our attention, our diligence, and our work to God, he will bless us and opens up a path to holiness to us. Our work, sisters and brothers, is important as prayer we might offer and in a real way, is a kind of prayer itself. My prayer is that all of us, whoever we might be, recommit ourselves to caring for a parish church.

## Concluding Prayer and Lenten Devotional Book

As part of our Lenten experience, we are asking members of the parish to consider writing the prayer or "collect" that is read at the closing of the Prayers of the People.

It does not need to be long, a maximum of 50 words. A booklet will be created from the prayers submitted, along with the Sunday readings, to be used as a Lenten devotional for the parish.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the office window. A tutorial video by Episcopal priest the Rev. Matthew Moretz, collect can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FC2xJWkznLo#action=share>

The video breaks down the different parts of the collect, to help you in creating one yourself. Fr. Dave is also available for guidance!

Here are Fr. Matthew's Rules for a Collect, along with sample collect from the Book of Common Prayer, which Fr. Matthew references in his tutorial video:

1. Invocation, an address that names God
2. A description of God's action
3. A petition related to #2
4. Giving glory to God or asking in God's name

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We hope you will consider participating in this Lenten journey!



## Easter Egg Hunt



Our annual Easter egg hunt will once again take place after the 10:30 am service on **Easter Sunday, April 21.**

All children of the parish are invited to attend this fun event. Many thanks to Michelle Lawson-Brown for heading up our hunt again!

We have plenty of empty eggs to fill, so we are asking parish members to please consider donating a bag of candy, individually wrapped packages or pieces please, nothing loose.

A donation tub will be set out in the hallway the beginning of April. Thank you for your help!



**When: Shrove Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

**There will be two seating times only!**

**5:30 pm and 6:30 pm**

**Where: St. Thomas Episcopal Church**

**50 East Bagley Rd, Berea**

**(Parking in the rear of the church)**

**Cost: All tickets - \$10.00**

**(6 and under free, with parent)**

**(Tickets available on Sunday mornings after church, or at the door as long as space is available.)**

**Dinner includes: Spaghetti and meatballs with choice of red or white sauce, salad, drink, dessert from our overflowing table, and LIVE BROADWAY AND ITALIAN MUSIC!!!!)**

**We will be including a Silent Goodie Basket Auction with gift cards, and other great items as well, so come early and browse!**

**Proceeds from this dinner will go to Tri-C Music Club for a variety of music and charity endeavors.**



2018 PARTNER AGENCY DASHBOARD

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church**

Cuyahoga County • Mobile Pantry

**COMMUNITY IMPACT**

	Total Pounds Distributed	70,553	People Served (TOTAL)	1,672
	Produce Distributed (IN POUNDS)	66,512	Children Served	308
	Meals Provided	58,794	Adults Served	719
	Free Product Distributed (IN POUNDS)	68,793	Seniors Served	645



**BREAKDOWN BY SERVICE TYPE**

PANTRY		HOT MEAL		MOBILE PANTRY	
Pounds Distributed	NA	Pounds Distributed	NA	Pounds Distributed	70,553
Meals Provided	NA	Meals Provided	NA	Meals Provided	58,794
People Served	NA	People Served	NA	People Served	1,672

**PRODUCT INFORMATION**

Government Pounds	<b>50%</b>
Donated Pounds	<b>50%</b>
Purchased Pounds	<b>0%</b>
Nutritious Pounds	<b>94%</b>

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Average Cost Per Pound	\$ 0.00
Cost of Product	\$ 0
Delivery Fees	\$ 0
Total Cost	\$ 0

**GCFB FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Wholesale Value Total Pounds	\$ 114,660
Wholesale Value Free Product	\$ 111,703
Mobile Pantry/Produce Express Delivery Fee Value	\$ 2,822
Total Support	\$ 117,482

FOR AGENCY USE ONLY. ALL DATA REFLECT OCTOBER 1, 2017 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2018.

Our Mission: Working together to ensure that everyone in our communities has the nutritious food they need every day.

# Free Fresh Produce



**Where:**

St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
(Parking Lot)  
50 East Bagley Rd, Berea  
440-234-5241

**When:** 1st Thursday of each month

**Time:** 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Rain or shine!

\*\*Note we are starting/ending a month earlier this year\*\*

**2019 Dates:**

**Thursday, May 2**

**Thursday, June 6**

**Friday, July 5 \***

Note date change due to Independence Day Holiday

**Thursday, August 1**

**Thursday, September 5**

**Thursday, October 3**

# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 4th Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:10 a Rector's Forum 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7 p Closed AA 7 p Prayer Group</p>				1	2
<p>10 5th Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:10 a Rector's Forum 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour 12:00 p DOK Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7 p Vestry Meeting 7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12:15 p STAR Concert &amp; Luncheon 8 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p AI-Anon</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p AI-Anon</p>	8	9
<p>17 6th Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:10 a Rector's Forum 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour 2:00 p Nursing Home Service</p>	<p>18 President's Day (Office Closed)</p> <p>7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7 p Socrates Café</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1 p Outreach Committee Meeting 8 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p AI-Anon</p> 	15	16
<p>24 7th Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:10 a Rector's Forum 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6 pm Berea Community Meal at St. Paul Lutheran 8:00 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p AI-Anon</p>	22	23
<p>3 4th Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:10 a Rector's Forum 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7 p Closed AA 7 p Prayer Group</p>				1	2
<p>10 5th Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:10 a Rector's Forum 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour 12:00 p DOK Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7 p Vestry Meeting 7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12:15 p STAR Concert &amp; Luncheon 8 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p AI-Anon</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p AI-Anon</p>	8	9
<p>17 6th Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:10 a Rector's Forum 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour 2:00 p Nursing Home Service</p>	<p>18 President's Day (Office Closed)</p> <p>7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7 p Socrates Café</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1 p Outreach Committee Meeting 8 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p AI-Anon</p>	15	16
<p>24 7th Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:10 a Rector's Forum 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6 pm Berea Community Meal at St. Paul Lutheran 8:00 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p AI-Anon</p>	22	23

# March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 Last Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:10 a Rector's Forum</p> <p>9:30 a Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:30 a Coffee Hour</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7 p Closed AA</p> <p>7 p Prayer Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:30 p or 6:30 p Tri-C Mardi Gras Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser</p>	<p>6 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>12 p Rite I Holy Eucharist with Ashes</p> <p>7 p Rite II Holy Eucharist with Ashes</p> <p>8 p AI-Anon</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12:15 p STAR Concert &amp; Luncheon</p> <p>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>8 p AI-Anon</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12 p Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist</p>
<p>10 1st Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:10 a Rector's Forum</p> <p>9:30 a Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:30 a Coffee Hour</p> <p>12:00 p DOK Meeting</p> <p><i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>7 p Vestry Meeting</p> <p>7 p Prayer Group</p> <p>7 p Closed AA</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7 p Socrates Café</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1 p Outreach Committee Meeting</p> <p>7 p Lenten Book Study</p> <p>8 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>8 p AI-Anon</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12 p Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist</p>
<p>17 2nd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:10 a Rector's Forum</p> <p>9:30 a Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:30 a Coffee Hour</p> <p>2:00 p Nursing Home Service </p>	<p>18</p> <p>7 p Prayer Group</p> <p>7 p Closed AA</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7 p Lenten Book Study</p> <p>8 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>8 p AI-Anon</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12 p Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist</p>
<p>24 3rd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:10 a Rector's Forum</p> <p>9:30 a Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist</p> <p>11:30 a Coffee Hour</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6 p Feast Day Eucharist <i>The Annunciation</i></p> <p>7 p Prayer Group</p> <p>7 p Closed AA</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7 p Socrates Café</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6 pm Berea Community Meal at St. Paul Lutheran</p> <p>7 p Lenten Book Study</p> <p>8 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:30 p Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>8 p AI-Anon</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11 a Veteran's Meet &amp; Greet Lunch</p> <p>12 p Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist</p>
<p>31 4th Sunday in Lent</p>						

# April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7 p Closed AA 7 p Prayer Group	2 7 p Church-Growth Meeting 7 p Lenten Book Study 8 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study	3 12:15 p STAR Concert & Luncheon 7 p Lenten Book Study 8 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study	4 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p AI-Anon	5 12 p Stations of the Cross 5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist	6	
7 5th Sunday in Lent 8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:10 a Rector's Forum 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour	8 7 p Vestry Meeting 7 p Closed AA 7 p Prayer Group	9 7 p Socrates Café	10 1 p Outreach Committee Meeting 7 p Lenten Book Study 8 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study	11 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p AI-Anon	12 7 p Stations of the Cross	13 5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist
14 Palm Sunday 8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:10 a Rector's Forum 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour 12:00 p DOK Meeting	15 7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA	16	17 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal	18 Maundy Thursday 6:30 p Agape Meal 7:30 p Service 8 p AI-Anon	19 Good Friday 12 p Crosswalk at Ohio Guidestone 7:30 p Service	20 Holy Saturday
21 Easter Sunday 7:00 a Rite I Sunrise Holy Eucharist 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Easter Egg Hunt	22 Easter Monday (Office Closed) 7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA	23 7 p Socrates Café	24 6pm Berea Community Meal at St. Paul Lutheran 8:00 p Wednesday Evening Bible Study	25 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p AI-Anon	26 11 a Veteran's Meet & Greet Lunch	27 5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist
28 2nd Sunday in Easter 8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:10 a Rector's Forum 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour 2:00 p Nursing Home Service	29 7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA	30				

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## Saturday Evening

**5:30 pm Contemporary Eucharist**  
(with piano and drums)

## Sunday Morning

**8:00 am Rite I Holy Eucharist**  
(with traditional Elizabethan language)

**9:10 am Rector's Forum**  
(in Harkess Hall)

**10:30 am Rite II Holy Eucharist**  
(with organ, choir and children's message)

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

50 East Bagley Road  
Berea, Ohio 44017

Tel: 440.234.5241

E-mail: [churchoffice@stthomaschurch-berea.org](mailto:churchoffice@stthomaschurch-berea.org)



**FOLLOW ST. THOMAS ON FACEBOOK!**  
At: St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Berea, OH.

## Our Staff

The Rev. David R. Radzik, Rector

David Miller, Verger

Kira Seaton, Minister of Music

Ginny Kubiak, Parish Administrator

Carl Douglas, Sexton