



From the Rector

March/April/May 2020 Issue



And pray to God to have mercy upon us  
 And pray that I may forget  
 These matters that with myself I too much discuss  
 Too much explain  
 Because I do not hope to turn again  
 Let these words answer  
 For what is done, not to be done again  
 May the judgement not be too heavy upon us

Because these wings are no longer wings to fly  
 But merely vans to beat the air  
 The air which is now thoroughly small and dry  
 Smaller and dryer than the will  
 Teach us to care and not to care Teach us to sit still.

(Ash-Wednesday, T.S. Eliot)

Lent, or Quadragesima, is the forty days ahead of the celebration of Easter and is first and foremost a time of preparation. In the earliest years of the Church, it was a time when candidates preparing for Holy Baptism entered the last stage of their formation ahead of the Easter Vigil which including fasting and intensified prayer and devotion. Now, of course, we closely associate Lent as a time that we “give things up” in order to honor God and, perhaps, unite our personal sacrifice was Jesus’ own sacrifice. While fasting and “giving things up” is doubtless a commendable practice when seen as part of our preparation for Easter, I want suggest that we think of Lent as an opportunity for renewing our relationship with God and reclaiming our identity as baptized Christians.

As Christians, we believe Baptism marks our turning away from sin and death and toward Chris. In Baptism, we turn away from “Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness” (*the Book of Common Prayer*, p. 302) and all those things that have damaged our relationship with God. Baptism, you see, means repentance as much as it means rebirth. When we remember of baptism, we reclaim our identity as people who have turned away from sin and toward God. Lent is an opportunity for us to more fully live into that identity. In Lent, as in Baptism, we “do not hope to turn again” back to those things which separate us from God but to grow in faith and love.

This Lent, we at St. Thomas will be journeying alongside the brothers of the Society of John Evangelist (SSJE) with their study “Signs of Life: Why Church Matters” as we seek to renew our relationship with God as well as with each other as a parish church. During the last few seasons of Lent, we have read a devotional book and have met during the week for discussion and prayer, however, this year we are doing something different. This study, which is designed to be used individually and in the context of community, will be available online for the entire parish to use on daily basis at home at one’s own pace. This study incorporates short readings and a brief video for each week during Lent as well as calendar of suggested Lenten practices and devotions. A devotional booklet as well as the printed calendar will available in the Narthex before and after services. In order to sign up for the online content, including the video presentations, please go to <https://www.signsoflife.org/>. Likewise, there will be two opportunities every week to participate in in-person reflection the video and readings. Every Monday during Lent, we will gather between 12:10 PM and 1:10 PM to pray Noonday Prayer, view that week’s video, and join in conversation. Likewise, in lieu of a sermon at our Saturday evening service, we will view the video and engage in a brief conversation about theme of the week. I hope you will join us as we deepen our relationship with God and one another this Lent.

In Christ,  
 Dave +

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# Los Amigos Episcopales

by Ruth Ihde

Please join us for the February meeting at St. Matthew's Church, Brecksville on February 21 at 6:00pm. We are now concerned with Salvadorans illegally entering the county and having problems once they get here. Our speaker at the February meeting will be the Rev. Aaron Gerlach of Trinity Church, Tiffin, who has led workshops on immigration.

Los Amigos has received many wonderful gifts lately, and we have been able to purchase the following items especially for the school of La Divina Providencia in El Salvador:

- 10 Computers
- 10 Computer desks
- 10 Voltage regulators
- 1 Printer



Our March meeting date is Friday, March 13 at St. Matthew's.



## May/June/July 2020 Wayfarer

by Michelle Killin-Keith

Articles for the next issue of the Wayfarer are due by **May 17 2020**. 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 12:00PM 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.

## 2020 Feast Day Schedule

- ✠ Monday, February 24 -St. Matthias, the Apostle
- ✠ Thursday, March 19 - St. Joseph
- ✠ Wednesday, March 25 - The Annunciation
- ✠ Saturday, April 25 - St. Mark
- ✠ Thursday, May 21- The Ascension (Sung Mass at 7PM)
- ✠ Monday June 1 - The Visitation of the BVM
- ✠ Thursday June 11 - St. Barnabas
- ✠ Wednesday, June 24- Nativity of John the Baptist
- ✠ Monday, June 29 - Sts. Peter and Paul



## 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.



### Lotts Creek Mission Trip

Last year on our annual mission trip to Lotts Creek, Kentucky we had a fantastic time! We got to clean the community school such as cleaning the bathrooms, classrooms, hallways, library, and so much more. We also went into the community to help clean and rebuild the residents' homes. We are so excited to announce that this year the mission trip date is June 19-26, 2020. We are all getting ready for this thrilling trip! If anyone is interested or has any questions please contact Bart Hancock at

rbarthancock@sbcglobal.net or Alyse Hancock-Phillips at alysehancockphillips@gmail.com Thank you for all your support in the past, present, and future!

Submitted by Alyse Hancock-Phillips

### UPDATE

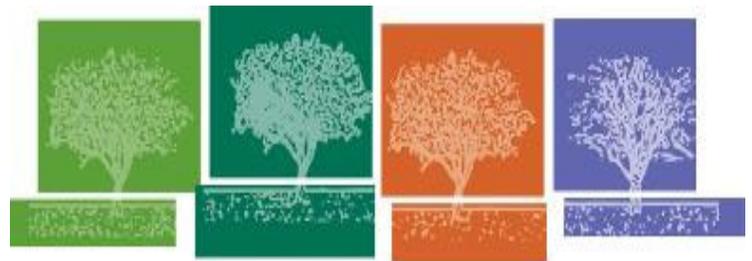
Socrates' Café will begin meeting the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1pm-2:30pm.

Additionally, The Prayer Group will be taking a break and "regrouping" with new dates and times to come.

## Blessing of the Chalk 20 † C † M † B † 20

On Epiphany Monday, 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 are still available in the Church Office.



## ANNUAL MEETING

### Parish Annual Meeting

Thank you to all the parish members who attended the Annual Meeting on January 26.

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

We want to thank our out-going Vestry member, Anita Cooper for her time and dedication. We also want to welcome our new Vestry member, Barb Pertz. Additionally thank you to Carl Scheu and Peggy Zambounis for renewing their commitment to this ministry.

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

## Free Trumpet Concert

Theresa May's Annual Trumpet Recital will take place at **2:00 pm on Saturday, March 7th** 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!



## 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 5.** Please contact the church office if you have any questions.



## Time Change

Daylight-Savings Time begins at 2:00 am on **Sunday, March 8 2020**. 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!



2020 Vestry		
Position	Name	Term
Senior Warden	Peggy Zambounis	12/31/2022
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
	Barbara Pertz	12/31/2022
	David Frazier	12/31/2020
	Tim Gilles	12/31/2020
	Carl Scheu	12/31/2022



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

<b>February Birthdays</b>	
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

<b>March Birthdays</b>	
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.

<b>April Birthdays</b>	
Mark Simon	4/4
Nate Simon	4/4
Kash Childrey	4/10
Isabella Brown	4/11
Carole Pozek	4/14
Debra Eschenauer	4/18
Tim Cooper	4/20
Lynn Vincent	4/22
Sally Ebersole	4/23
Marilyn Thomas	4/23
Patricia Hacker	4/25
William Hacker	4/26
Clint Hist	4/27
Patricia Kukura	4/28
<b>April Anniversaries</b>	
James & Claire Blanca	4/5
Ron & Marilyn Thomas	4/12
Dave & Sonia Miller	4/17
Gary & Marlene Carlsen	4/19



# LENT AND EASTER AT ST. THOMAS

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



**Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020**

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

Signs of Life: Why Church Matters

Society of John Evangelist (SSJE)

Monday's 12:10pm - 1:10pm

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6

Begins with Noon Day Prayer

### Rector's Forum

Sunday Mornings 9:10 am - 9:50 ar

Meet in Harkess Hall



### Wednesday Evening Bible Study

8 pm each Wednesday here at St. Thomas  
in Rm #2

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 12:00 pm

February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27

April 3, at 7:00 pm

### Cross Walk

12:00 pm, April 10

Meet here at St. Thomas

50 East Bagley Rd

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

A Healing Prayer and Confession available  
in the Chapel 15minutes before  
each service.

# Holy Week and Easter

## Maundy Thursday, April 9

6:00 pm Agape Meal

7:00 pm Service

## Good Friday, April 10

7:00 pm Service

## Holy Saturday, April 11

9:30 am Service (only)

No 5:30pm Vigil

## Easter Sunday, April 12

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.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter egg hunt will once again take place after the 10:30 am service on **Easter Sunday, April 12**.

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!



## Outreach

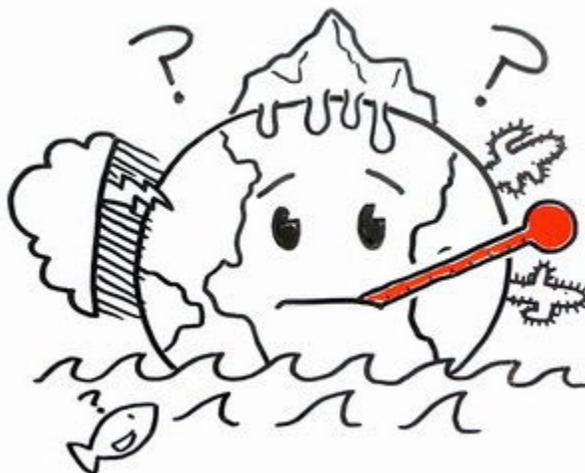
By Ruth Ihde

**Outreach Committee** –Our next committee meeting will be on Monday, March 9 at 3:00pm., and we need all the ideas we can muster. Please join us – we need **YOU**.

We are happy that the Veterans’ Meet and Greet project is growing nicely. The Friday, February 28 menu will feature breaded cod, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, cupcakes, and beverages. **If you can donate cupcakes, please sign up on the form on the office window.** There will be no specific program, except for casual conversation. If you are a veteran or the spouse of a veteran, please join us for these Meet and Greet lunches, usually on the last Friday of the month beginning at 11:00 with a hearty lunch served from 11:30 till noon. The program usually follows the lunch.

For our March 27 veterans’ lunch we will serve pizza (four varieties), salad, Klondike bars, and beverages. The program will be a “Community Engagement Program” by the Berea Police.

**Climate Change Project** – Members of the Outreach Committee would like to start a program to combat climate change. Do you want to be a part of a group whose goal is to address this most pressing problem of our planet? Please give your name to Ruth Ihde (440-572-9425) so that we can get this project on the road. Thank you





# Greater Cleveland Food Bank

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

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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!

## 2020 Dates:

Thursday, May 7

Thursday, June 4

Thursday, July 2

Thursday, August 6

Thursday, September 3

Thursday, October 1

# CALLED TO SERVE

## Another Lotts Creek Opportunity

(should the other date not work for you)

Summer 2020 (June 6th – June 13th) Mission Trip. Youth in grades 6 – 12 in the 2019 – 2020 school year are invited to join us in a Multi Parish Mission Trip to Lotts Creek in Hazard, Kentucky. As a response to inaccessibility of learning settings, Lotts Creek Community School (LCCS) was founded in 1933 by Alice H. Slone. LCCS began as a residential settlement school. The school's first classes were conducted in a location provided by the Masonic Junior Lodge. In 1952 a three-story classroom building was constructed. A gymnasium was added in 1967 and the present modern school building opened in 1998. The new school building was entirely funded by private donations.

Lotts Creek Community School is the last of nearly one hundred "settlement schools" built in the Appalachian Mountains in the early part of the century. These schools were created to provide much needed education where it was unavailable. These settlement schools provided education as well as social services for the region. Today, Lotts Creek is the only school still operating in this manner.

Our total cost for the trip will be \$360 to cover food, transportation, a T-shirt and our day off excursion. **All** your youth's and chaperone's paperwork must be completed and turned into **Mary Anthony, Director of Religious Education & Youth Director at St. Paul's, 317 East Liberty St., Medina, OH 44256** no later than **Monday, March 16, 2020**.

Paperwork is available at St. Thomas in the church office.



## Another great S.T.A.R. event

In both January and February S.T.A.R. events were well attended, seeing upwards of 100 folks. These events are so valued by our community. The relationships being formed between our attendees, musical talent, and the volunteer hosts are priceless. We would like to thank everyone involved in making this such a success. Also thank you to the Diocese for a grant to help fund all that we are able to provide.





# Medieval Feast 2020



Special Thank You to all those that made the night so special.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:00am Eucharist Rite I 9:10am Rector's Forum 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Eucharist Rite II	12:10pm Signs of Life Noon Day Prayer 7:00pm AA <del>7:00 Prayer Group</del>	8:00am Chamber in the Chapel	12:15pm S.T.A.R. 7:30pm Bible Study rm 2	7:30pm Choir Practice 8:00pm ALA	Noon – Stations of the Cross	2:00pm Trumpet Concert and Reception 5:30pm Contemporary Service
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:00am Eucharist Rite I 9:10am Rector's Forum 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Eucharist Rite II 12:00 DOK 2:00pm Renaissance	12:10pm Signs of Life Noon Day Prayer 7:00pm AA <del>7:00pm Prayer Group</del> 7:00pm Vestry		7:30pm Bible Study rm 2	7:30pm Choir Practice 8:00pm ALA	Noon – Stations of the Cross	5:30pm Contemporary Service
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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			12:15pm S.T.A.R. 7:30pm Bible Study rm 2	7:30pm Choir Practice 8:00pm ALA	7:30pm Stations of the Cross	9:00am Private use of space all day 5:30pm Contemporary Service
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Palm Sunday 8:00am Eucharist Rite I 9:10am Rector's Forum 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Eucharist Rite II	12:10pm Signs of Life Noon Day Prayer 7:00pm AA		7:00pm Optional Choir Practice 7:30pm Bible Study rm 2	Maundy Thursday 6:00pm Agape Meal 7:00pm Service Optional Choir Practice Following	noon – Cross Walk (will begin here at St. Thomas) 7:00pm Service	9:30am Service NO 5:30pm Vigil
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Easter Sunday 7:00am Sunrise Rite I 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Eucharist Rite II	12:10pm Signs of Life Noon Day Prayer 7:00pm AA 7:00pm Vestry		7:30pm Bible Study rm 2	7:30pm Choir Practice 8:00pm ALA		5:30pm Contemporary Service
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**April 2020**

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						5:30pm Contemporary Service
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May 2020

# 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)

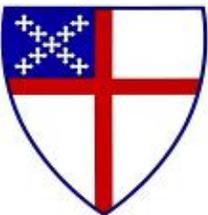
**10:30 am Rite II Holy Eucharist**

(with organ, choir and children's message)

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

50 East Bagley Road  
Berea, Ohio 44017

Tel: 440.234.5241



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### **Our Staff**

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