



Saturday, Jan. 1: Holy Communion, 5:30pm Nave

Sunday, Jan 2: Holy Communion, 8:45 & 11am Nave; Children's Church will be offered by Ms. Barbara during both services.

Monday, Jan 3: Church Office will be closed.

Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH

& K; AA Fellowship, 6:30pm LL; Prayer Shawl Sm Grp, 7:30-9pm PH 1

Tuesday, Jan 4: Sword Guild practice, 7pm PH 2

Wednesday, Jan 5: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH1/Kitchen/Sacristy; Staff Mtg, 1:30-2:30 Lobby; Praise Band practice, 6:45pm Nave; Adult Choir reh, 7:30pm Nave; AA Fellowship, 7:30 LL

Thursday, Jan 6: Old Testament Bible Study, 9:45am online; Explorers Sm Grp, 7pm PH 2; Al-Anon Family Grp, 7pm LL

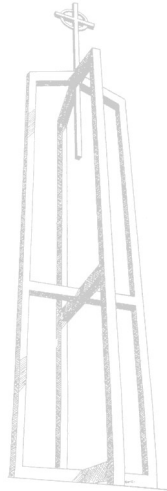
Friday, Jan 7: Thom's Helpers, 10:30am-1:30pm PH 1/K; Pinewood Derby Troop #3191 Check-In, PH 3, 4-8pm; SCA, 7-8pm PH 1; AA Fellowship, 8pm LL

Saturday, Jan. 8: Holy Communion 5:30pm

Sunday, Jan. 9: Holy Communion 8:45 and 11:00am. Christian Educ class times and locations on front page.

Church office hours: Mon.— Thurs. 9am to 5pm; Fri. 9am to Noon

To view the church calendar go to our website, <https://stthomasop.org/calendar/>. All mtgs and events must be cleared with Meribeth in the church office. mrisebig@stthomasop.org or 913-451-0512.



Response to Prayer Requests

- In our Prayers of the People during services we read aloud names of those to be prayed for. We invite you to add to this list by contacting the church office 913-451-0512 or stthomas@stthomasop.org. Give us your name and the name of the person(s) you request prayers for, and we will include it during services. They will be included for three weeks unless notified otherwise.
- For an immediate prayer response you may make a request through one of our messengers for the St. Thomas Prayer Chain. Deb McArthur (themcarthur4@gmail.com or 913-620-2426); or Diane Monteen (dmonteen@hotmail.com or 913-268-7788). If leaving the information on their phones, please include your phone number in case they have any questions in order to complete the Prayer Chain call.

TOWER TALK

2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 1 & 2, 2022



Worship Services

January 1 & 2: Sat, 5:30pm; Sun, 8:45am, 11:00am—Holy Communion

**Children's Church WILL be offered with Ms. Barbara this Sunday during the 8:45 and 11am services.

Masks required for all indoor services.

All services will be live-streamed and available to watch afterward on both YouTube and Facebook.

www.youtube.com/c/stthomasop

www.facebook.com/stthomasop

Christian Education

January 2, 2022: All classes will take a Christmas Break. Wishing all of our children, youth and families a blessed, happy and healthy Christmas Season!

January 9, 10:00am: Adult Forum will meet in Parish Hall 2 and Children & Youth Sunday School and "The Giving Project" will meet in the Education Wing. They will hold their annual 3 King Party in the Assembly Room!

FROM THE ST. THOMAS STAFF

Words are inadequate to convey our gratitude for your generous gift given to us this Christmas. Your generosity is an expression of the many thoughtful ways in which you care for us. We are grateful to be working with a congregation that is supportive of the staff and wish to express our thanks for your ongoing support throughout the year. God Bless!



It's time for Vestry/Delegate Nominations!

The Vestry, along with the Rector of the parish, share in the work of vision and oversight of the congregation. Next year will require steady leadership and will be a time of future planning and strategic considerations. By canon the Vestry is to care for the building and the fiduciary matters of the congregation. At St. Thomas, the Vestry takes on the "big" picture items and works to move the congregation toward its mission and vision.

The Vestry is made up of 12 elected members. To qualify for the Vestry a person must be 18 years of age, a communicant in good standing, regular in attendance and a contributor of record for the last 12 months. Vestry members serve for 3 years. The Vestry meets on the 4th Monday of each month and in addition, the Vestry helps lock and unlock the church on the weekends. The Vestry holds a retreat each year, usually in February, to set goals and reflect on the work of the parish. Each Vestry member serves as a liaison to the ministries of the congregation and helps from time to time with special projects.

This year NJ Umeh, Laura Bond, Abby Adam, and Steve Connelly will conclude their terms in January. If you would like to have your name put forward for nomination or would like to nominate someone else, please be in contact with any of these people who comprise the nominating committee of the Vestry.

In addition, two of our Diocesan Delegates have stepped back from that ministry. We will elect two people to serve as representatives to the Diocese and Convocation meetings. The convocations meet four times a year and there is one diocesan meeting in Topeka in the fall. This is a great way to be part of the larger church. The delegates have a chance to hear diocesan reports, vote on the diocesan budget and other matters, and seek to link St. Thomas to the wider Episcopal Church.

If you are interested in being nominated or nominating someone, please reach out to any of the following. Elections will take place at our annual meeting in January.

Fr. Gar (gdemo@stthomasop.org)
Laura Bond (royalj@aol.com)
Abby Pullin (aeadam92@gmail.com)
Steve Connelly (stevencps12@gmail.com)
NJ Umeh (enjydke@yahoo.co.uk)

**The annual meeting will be held on
Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 7:00pm**

Children & Youth

Congratulations to Children & Youth

We know your kiddos are up to GREAT THINGS! We want to hear and celebrate with them! Email any special news about your child or youth to Barbara—bmccall@stthomasop.org or Kelly—kdemo@stthomasop.org so that we may add it to our newsletters!

Stewardship at St. Thomas

We are so thankful for everyone who has pledged their support to the 2022 Stewardship Campaign. If you haven't, we hope you'll consider filling out a pledge card. They are located in the lobby or in chair shelves in the Nave. Just place it in the offering plate, hand it to an usher or mail it to us. You can also fill out an online pledge [HERE](https://stthomasop.breezechms.com/form/pledge2021). <https://stthomasop.breezechms.com/form/pledge2021>.

WEDNESDAY, January 26, 7pm



Attention: Leaders, Coordinators, Directors, and Chairs of all St. Thomas Ministries: The deadline for getting your annual report in to me is **Monday, Jan. 17**. You are encouraged to write an account of activities and interesting information about your ministry or ministries in 2021.

Meribeth Risebig, mrisebig@stthomasop.org or 913-451-0512, X102

This Weekend, Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and...

- * In memory of our son, Jeff Lake —
from Joe Bob and Nyakio Lake*
- * In celebration of Kevin's heavenly 29th
birthday. We love you and miss you—
Tim, Debbie, & Matt Lang*

