

SERVICES

SUNDAY

8:00 am	Eucharist with hymns
9:00 am	Fellowship
9:15 am	Education for Adults, Youth, and Children's Service Team
10:15 am	Education for Children
10:30 am	Choral Eucharist
11:45 am	Fellowship

MONDAY AND SATURDAY

9:00 am	Centering Prayer, Chapel
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MUSIC REHEARSALS

CHORISTERS

Tuesdays, 4:30–5:30 pm

SCHOLA CANTORUM

Tuesdays, 5:45–7:00 pm

ST. THOMAS CHOIR

Thursdays, 7:15 pm

Sundays, 9:30 am

CALENDAR

APRIL 1

Easter Sunday, Services at 8:00 am and
10:30 am, *Church*
12:15 pm, Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL 2 — APRIL 6

3:00 pm, Study Hall, *Hayes Youth Center*

APRIL 3, 10, 17, & 24

10:45 am, Bible Study Class, *Del Bene
Family Library*

APRIL 10, 24

10:00 am, Knitting Guild, *Vesta Loyd Parlor*

APRIL 15

6:00 pm, High School Youth Group, *Hayes
Youth Center*

APRIL 18-

9:00 am, Sandwich Makers, *Kitchen*

APRIL 22

5:00 pm, Middle School Youth Group,
Hayes Youth Center

APRIL 28

8:30 am, Godly Play Regional Training, *Del
Bene Family Library*

APRIL 29

1:00 pm, All Youth, "Destination
Unknown!"

THE COLLECT

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FROM THE RECTOR

Building for the Future

By The Rev. Lex Breckinridge

"The Church is the only society that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members."

- William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, c.1944

This observation from William Temple, certainly the greatest Archbishop of Canterbury of the modern age, has been much on my mind during the All Things Bright and Beautiful Capital Stewardship and Endowment Campaign this past year. Why are we doing what we are doing? Certainly, repair, refreshment, and forward-looking maintenance of this beautiful church home is responsible stewardship. We have been given a precious gift by preceding generations and it is up to us to care for it as lovingly as we know how. We also have another calling, though, one that is related to the responsible stewardship of our church home, and one that calls us to envision, imagine, and act.

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus' last word to his friends is that they should go out into the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Making new disciples, welcoming new friends of Jesus into our circle of Christian friendship, is our high and holy calling. Disciple-making looks different in every age. When I was growing up in the fifties and sixties, Church-going seemed as natural as breathing. The question wasn't, "Do you go to church?" instead, the question was, "Where do you go to church?" No longer. Researchers tell us that in this Millennial generation (ages 21-35), religious affiliation has fallen off precipitously. This is the case not only in the mainline churches like ours, but also in the Roman Catholic Church (were it not for newly arrived immigrants, affiliation with Roman Catholicism would be falling off as well), and even in the evangelical, mega-church world. Research also indicates that many who are unaffiliated with a religious institution nevertheless long for a connection to the transcendent and long for open community where they feel welcomed and valued and where they are provided opportunities for service in the world. They are waiting to be invited. They are waiting to be welcomed. And they live just up the street.

We are at an important juncture here at St Thomas. We have been the beneficiaries of the good work of those who preceded us over the last sixty years. They have left a legacy of faith and service and beauty for which we are all grateful. What legacy will we pass on to succeeding generations? How will our worshipping home continue to be inviting and welcoming for the next sixty years? How will we enhance the beauty and integrity of this sacred space so that it remains grounded in the traditions of the Church while also signaling a warm invitation to those who are not yet here? How will we welcome our neighbors who live just up the street?

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FROM THE RECTOR

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The story of the People of God as told to us in Scripture is the story of a people on the move. It is the story of people who are called away from comfort and into the unknown and who respond to that call from God with courage and faith. We have work to do. Let's do that work with the courage and faith of a people on the move. Let's do that work with an eye to the future and with hearts and minds open to how we best respond to the Lord Jesus' call to welcome the nations.

Faithfully,



WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY

Remember ...

When we see a rainbow in the sky, we recall God's covenant with Noah. When we share in the bread and wine of the Eucharist, we do so in remembrance of Jesus. When we celebrate the Easter Vigil, we are reminded of the stories of our ancestors in faith.

And when we include our beloved parish home in our planned giving, we remember St. Thomas. If you are preparing to write or update your will, remember St. Thomas. Consider the legacy you wish to leave in remembrance of this community which has so educated, enriched, and embraced you. Remember St. Thomas. Remember....



Children up to age 11 are invited to participate in our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday at 12:15 pm. We'll meet on the St. Thomas School playground. Be sure to bring your Easter baskets!



YOUTH CHOIRS

St. Thomas Youth Choir rehearsals are on-going!

Chorister rehearsals for the 2017-2018 season are as follows:

- *Choristers (beginning/intermediate singers)*: Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 pm
- *Schola Cantorum (advanced singers)*: Tuesdays from 5:45 to 7:00 pm

Both groups sing during the 10:30 am service on the second Sunday of each month, with a rehearsal from 10:00 am to noon the preceding Saturday.

We are always excited to welcome new singers! If your child is interested in singing with a youth choir at St. Thomas, please email Tim Blok, tim@stthomasmedina.org for more information.

All Things Bright & Beautiful

Capital Improvements & Endowment Campaign



Design Review Meeting v1
Sunday, April 8th 11:45

On Sunday, April 8th immediately following the 10:30 service, parishioners are invited to gather in the Great Hall for the first of a series of meetings to preview design ideas for the upcoming repair and improvement work on the church.

This meeting will focus on preliminary ideas for the Narthex expansion, reconfiguration of the Choir and Chancel areas and the repair/replacement of the pews.

Every member is encouraged to participate in this important preview meeting. You're voice is important. So grab a cup of coffee and come be part of this important time together!



WE BELONG TO EACH OTHER

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

— A Prayer for the Parish,
Book of Common Prayer, page 817

I have been standing up during the Announcement segment of our Sunday services and inviting each of us to look around and see who is missing and, when possible, to “be the church” to our fellow parishioners. I’ve tried to explain that this outreach should be done in a way that is mostly comfortable for the one initiating the contact. (I do realize this is an Episcopal congregation in the PNW, so asking folks to reach out to each other is already pushing many of us outside our comfort zone.) However, be encouraged that caring for one another tends to bless all involved! It can be done simply, using whatever means of communication is easiest. If you notice that a friend or acquaintance from church has been missing, or you feel a sense of gratitude or care for someone

(in my experience, this is often a nudge from the Spirit,) I encourage you to send an email, place a phone call, schedule a visit, send a text, or put a card in the mail.

Over the next few weeks and months I will be offering information and suggestions about additional ways we can “be the church” both to each other and in the world. One simple but foundational way to care for each other is to hold each other in prayer.

- Each week on the back of the Wrapper that surrounds our Order of Worship are the names of individuals in need of prayer. Take it home with you each Sunday and put it somewhere you will see it often. Pausing in our busy lives for the minute or two it takes to read each name and simply hold them up to God will transform the way we connect with one another.
- St. Thomas has a prayer network that operates via email. Anyone is welcome (and encouraged) to join the list by sending a request to join to prayer@stthomasmedina.org or by contacting a member of the church staff and asking to be added. Reading the prayer requests that come to the list will broaden your

heart for your fellow Christians.

- Prayers are powerful when offered for others, but also when we allow ourselves to receive! Please let your church pray for you. If you are facing a challenge or want to share a thanksgiving, send a prayer request to prayer@stthomasmedina.org so that members of St. Thomas church can offer prayers on your behalf. To be included in the prayers of the people during worship each week, contact the Rev. Steve Best at steve@stthomasmedina.org with the name/s of the individuals in need of comfort and healing or with the name of a recently deceased family member or friend.

What a warm, welcoming and loving community we have here at St. Thomas – it truly is a special place! Thank you for all you do to care for one another. I look forward to continuing to grow in faith alongside each one of you as we seek and serve Christ together.

— Sunni Bannon
Interim Associate for Pastoral Care
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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



CATHEDRAL DAY

Confirmations, Receptions, & Reaffirmations

Saturday, April 28 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Cathedral Day 2018 will be held Saturday, April 28th with the Eucharist and liturgy for confirmations, receptions, and reaffirmation beginning at 11:00am at St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle. We invite all in the diocese who have been prepared for these sacraments to come and participate.

Following the service, all are invited to have lunch from our food trucks, participate in games and activities for all ages, and take a tour of the Cathedral and Diocesan House. The Cathedral Shop will also be open for the day. Stay tuned for the food truck lineup and more details on the day's activities.

The Cathedral Day Planning Team is also asking that those attending Cathedral Day RSVP so they can be sure there is plenty of food and supplies for activities. **RSVP** on Eventbrite via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-cathedral-day-at-st-marks-tickets-43718284566>.

The agenda for the day is as follows:

- 10:00am - Candidates and Sponsors meet in the Nave for a short rehearsal.
- 10:30am - Vesting & Assemble outside the Nave.
- 11:00am - The service begins.
- 12:30pm - Food Trucks & Cathedral Day activities until 3:00 pm.



GODLY PLAY TRAINING

CALLING ALL NEW AND CONTINUING

GODLY PLAY VOLUNTEERS!

When: **Saturday, April 28, 2018**

Time: 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

Where: St. Thomas, Del Bene Library

Would you like additional training beyond the introductory session? Would a refresher bring more energy, joy, and purpose to your time in Godly Play? If so, register for Part 2 of the Commuter Core Training series! Andy Rosane and Cindy Spencer provide a wonderful hands-on day full of how-to's and networking with other Godly Play staff and volunteers. It is definitely worth your time! Light morning refreshments and lunch will be provided. Registration deadline is **Monday, April 23, 2018**. Contact Lisalynn at lisalynn@stthomasmedina.org.

POETRY MONTH @ ST. THOMAS

These are poems written by or submitted by St. Thomas parishioners. Enjoy!



LENTEN LILIES

ASH WEDNESDAY MORNING
WHILE WALKING PAST MY GARDEN
SOME THIN GREEN BLADES CAUGHT MY EYE.
THEY WERE UNUSUAL FOR TWO REASONS:
THEY WERE A LOOSE BUNCH OF 6 OR 8
AND THE BUNNIES HAD IGNORED THEM.
ON MY DAILY TRIPS FOR THE MAIL I NOTICED
CHANGES HAPPENING —THE TOPS OF THE BLADES
WERE SWELLING GRADUALLY AND TURNING
A LIGHT BROWN COLOR.
THEN ONE OR TWO SHOWED A TINGE OF YELLOW
AND WITHIN 3 DAYS WE HAD BRILLIANT DAFFODILS!
THE LENTEN LILIES LIVE UP TO THEIR NAME!
PRAISE GOD!

IN 1592 THE POET HERRICK WROTE:

Pale faire Daffadils, we weep to see You
haste away so soone

HOW TRUE!

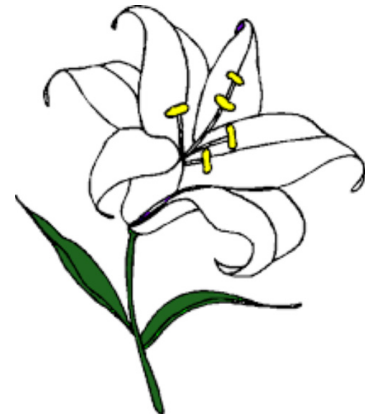
—By Jack Caldwell



There is a candle in your heart,
ready to be kindled.
There is a void in your soul,
ready to be filled.
You feel it, don't you?
You feel the separation
from the Beloved.
Invite Him to fill you up,
embrace the fire.

Remind those who tell you otherwise that
Love
comes to you of its own accord.
and the yearning for it
cannot be learned in any school.

—Rumi



I Have Decided

I have decided to find myself a home
in the mountains, somewhere high up
where one learns to live peacefully in
the cold and the silence. It's said that
in such a place certain revelations may
be discovered. That what the spirit
reaches for may be eventually felt, if not
exactly understood. Slowly, no doubt. I'm
not talking about a vacation.

Of course, at the same time I mean to
stay exactly where I am.

Are you following me?

—By Mary Oliver

Conversation with a Housecat

Her eyes intently fixed
on the affairs of a nesting pair
of Stellar jays outside the screen,
she switched her ears and turned
to face us when she heard my husband
say, “It must be time to feed the cat.”

She seems to know the daily schedule
by the clock—especially when time
for our reminder that it’s time to eat.
She’s an expert in non-verbal chat;
eye contact is an invitation
to a lap or get a treat.
Sometimes we think she reads
our minds. especially when
we’re going to see the vet.

It’s hard to put aside the notion that
our cat has learned our language,
and she never fails to answer us
with meows and meows when
we converse in her vocabulary—
we even try to match or modulate
the pitch and timbre—almost
like responsive chant.

Oh, happy cat, we say.
What benefits we gave you when
we rescued you from
cold and hunger, rats and fleas
and predators. You have a life
of luxury, where you
must just amuse or only please.

A fair exchange, do you not think—
we scratch your head and give
you two nutritious cans of food a day.
In every room you have a bed,
and your litter box is usually clean.
“What did you give up?” I ask.

“My true self,” she said.

—*Mary Pneuman*

THE PRANKS A YOUNG BOY COULD PLAY...

The pranks a young boy could play in a rural
Quaker settlement were limited by fine
lines between orneriness and sin. Uncle
Paul, during high school summer break, was helping
hay. His fondest thing was to fake people. Mine
was to laugh when he was successful. Riding
the hay wagon, he would point to the sky when
we went through the village. The gas pump man, Claude,
ran out into the middle of the road, then
looked up until we were out of his sight. Awed
by our cleverness, we laughed until we cried.
Mom said when we pointed at nothing we lied.

—*Brooks Tish*, Poetry in Public Places,
Boise State University

*The hennet is a syllabic poem consisting of twelve eleven-syllable
lines rhyming a/b/a/c/b/c/d/e/d/e/f/f.*



Notebook Haiku

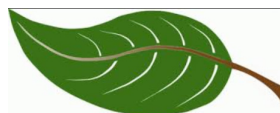
Foggy beach morning
long freedom walk, restless sea
the lone eagle screams

—*Dr. Wayne Larrabee*

Transformation

After the dark clouds
our hearts suddenly open
your magic light shines

—*Dr. Wayne Larrabee*



Outside our Window

This morning
the moon was orange
tinged with northern fire
almost full, not yet
perfectly balanced
but beautiful
like our lives.

—*Dr. Wayne Larrabee*

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

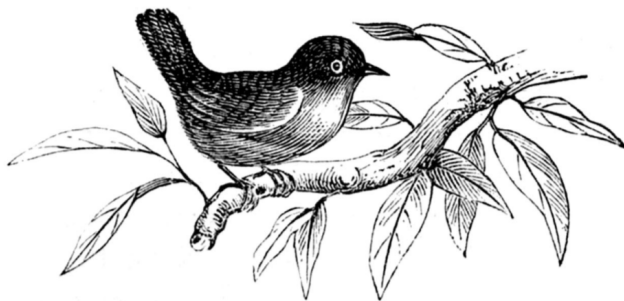
For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

—Psalm 22: 22-30



For the blood that has been spilled on the cross.
We drink thine from the cup
for thy flesh we consume to atone with god.
The tribute of ones self, to give
ones self for all.
Thy flesh consumed amongst the blood of the world.

— *Al Suarez*



Right of Eminent Domain

Lithe and perfectly proportioned,
except for her slightly swollen belly,
a black-tailed doe, with her neck
in a graceful arc, had extended
her limbs en pointe to reach
for tender apple buds above.

We locked eyes—
poised on the moment.
With head held high, ears slightly aft,
she viewed me unapologetically.

Before you planted these, I was content
with native willow and vine maple,
she said to me as she leaped

with a grand jeté to
her next course.

—*Mary Pneuman*

The Book said we were mortal;
It didn't say we had to be morbid.

The Book said the beloved died,
But also that she comes again,
That he's reborn as words.

The Book said: everything perishes.
The Book said: that's why we sing.

—*Gregory Orr from "River Inside a River"*

The Crows

sit
dark in trees.

Scoping the bleak winter rose garden,
one drops down, beaks around
spearing and pecking seed hulls like

a
wind-up toy.

Her companions swoop to join the feast,
astonished by bounty's
giving of their daily bread

like
sweet manna.

Communing as in an ancient ritual,
they gather grains of gold,
hopping and leaping in

robes
glistening

like the glossy black polished rock, a
gift left as oblation,
homage to Lady Providence.

When
one dies, like

ebon-clad priests, they gather over
their stiff, still fallen one —
intimations of farther flight.

—*Shirley E. Deffenbaugh*

All that is gold does not glitter,
Not all those who wander are lost;
The old that is strong does not wither,
Deep roots are not reached by the frost.

From the ashes, a fire shall be woken,
A light from the shadows shall spring;
Renewed shall be blade that was broken,
The crownless again shall be king.

—*J. R. R. Tolkien*

Going for Water

The well was dry beside the door,
And so we went with pail and can
Across the fields behind the house
To seek the brook if still it ran;

Not loth to have excuse to go,
Because the autumn eve was fair
(Though chill), because the fields were ours,
And by the brook our woods were there.

We ran as if to meet the moon
That slowly dawned behind the trees,
The barren boughs without the leaves,
Without the birds, without the breeze.

But once within the wood, we paused
Like gnomes that hid us from the moon,
Ready to run to hiding new
With laughter when she found us soon.

Each laid on other a staying hand
To listen ere we dared to look,
And in the hush we joined to make
We heard, we knew we heard the brook.

A note as from a single place,
A slender tinkling fall that made
Now drops that floated on the pool
Like pearls, and now a silver blade.

—*Robert Frost, from A Boy's Will*



I stepped from Plank to Plank
A slow and cautious way
The Stars about my Head I felt
About my Feed the Sea -

I knew not but the next
Would be my final inch -
This gave me that precarious Gait
Some call Experience -

—*Emily Dickinson*

A Greeting at the Door of a Tiny House

On St. Patrick's Day

Oh leprechaun oh leprechaun,
As you probably already can see,
While you jump around lots and lots,
your body filled with glee.
A nice vacation made with love,
It's all only just for you,
A place of freedom, so go ahead
Do what ever you please to do.
Its just quite cruel that most prefer,
To build for you a trap,
But I understand that you would rather,
Go and take a nap!
Oh leprechaun oh leprechaun,
And everyone of your kind,
Please remember, I respect you,
With all the love I store in my mind.
You work so hard all day and night,
Please always remember,
I am never a fright.

Love, Your Human Friend,

—Clara, age 9



Yesterday I
was clever,
so I wanted
to change
the world.

Today I am
wise, so I
am changing
myself.

—Rumi



THREE POEMS

MEANING

God is love.
Existential suffering.
God is love.

WINTER HAIKU

The tree is silver
and the birds drink from its boughs,
both moving in grace.

PRECIOUS

The world is so very beautiful.
Please --
take of it wisely, and touch it with love.

— Dwight Russell, March 2018

Around Seattle

I've seen Jesus a couple times
recently. In Seattle. Unexpected.

We sat at a window table, white cloths,
white napkins, lighted candles. A good
bottle of red wine. Flowers. Dusk.
Anniversary at a busy corner bistro.

Movement outside caught my eye.
A man trudged along the uphill
sidewalk, bent into the rain.
Dark curly hair, well-worn beige
safari jacket, frayed knapsack.
He glanced into our safe haven
of warmth and food.

I wanted to follow him,
invite him to share our feast.
I didn't. He disappeared.

I sat in my car at a major cross street.
Red light. A pedestrian limped across
to ascend the incline. Long graying
pony tail. Dressed like a hiker, camo pork-pie hat.
Tattered duffle bag, plastic sacks stuffed with clothes.
No glance my way. Just lumbering under his burdens.
I looked to see if he had good walking shoes.
He did.

I couldn't follow. I wasn't in the right turn lane.

—*Shirley E. Deffenbaugh*



Love's as Warm as Tears

Love's as warm as tears,
Love is tears:
Pressure within the brain,
Tension at the throat,
Deluge, weeks of rain,
Haystacks afloat,
Featureless seas between
Hedges, where once was green.

Love's as fierce as fire,
Love is fire:
All sorts—infernal heat
Clinkered with greed and pride,
Lyric desire, sharp-sweet,
Laughing, even when denied,
And that empyreal flame
Whence all loves came.

Love's as fresh as spring,
Love is spring:
Bird-song hung in the air,
Cool smells in a wood,
Whispering 'Dare! Dare!'
To sap, to blood,
Telling 'Ease, safety, rest,
Are good; not best.'

Love's as hard as nails,
Love is nails:
Blunt, thick, hammered through
The medial nerves of One
Who, having made us, knew
The thing He had done,
Seeing (with all that is)
Our cross, and His.

—*C. S. Lewis*

I'm Nobody! Who are you?
Are you - Nobody - too?
Then there's a pair of us!
Dont tell! they'd advertise - you know!

How dreary - to be - Somebody!
How public - like a Frog -
To tell one's name - the livelong June -
To an admiring Bog!

—Emily Dickinson

PERSONNEL PROFILE

Enjoy this first installment in a series of interviews featuring the staff and clergy of St. Thomas. Our hope is to illuminate the work we do, especially when it happens behind the scenes, and deepen our connection with all of you.

CAREY SHEFFIELD, *Director of Community Connections*

Q: When did you start working at St. Thomas?

A: I started working part-time at St. Thomas in October of 2015 and full-time in October of 2016.

Q: What's your professional background?

A: My professional background is in non-profit development (fundraising), stewardship (volunteer & donor recognition), and engagement (events and regional programming).

Q: How did you come to St. Thomas?

A: I grew up on the Monterey Peninsula and suppose I'm what you'd call a "cradle Episcopalian." I was baptized at St. Dunstan's in Carmel Valley, confirmed at St. Mary's by-the-Sea in Pacific Grove, and was soprano section leader at All Saint's in Carmel. My husband, two boys and I started attending St. Thomas shortly after we moved to Washington from California in 2012. We attended a few services at St. Thomas before we moved to the area, and experienced such hospitality during those visits, that we knew this would be our church home.

Q: What do you love about St. Thomas?

A: I love the music program at St. Thomas and experience being a member of the choir as an incredibly rewarding spiritual practice. I'm thrilled that the choir will sing in Gloucester Cathedral in 2019 and can't wait to honor our Anglican roots in that an ancient, sacred space.

Q: Why was your position created?

A: St. Thomas' vision, outlined in the strategic plan which was launched in 2015, has four main goals: Deepen Our Faith; Build Community; Give, Care & Serve Generously; and Practice the Hospitality of God. Community is at the core of each of those goals, and the Vestry identified the need for a dedicated staff person to attend to this emerging need at St. Thomas. The role was a match with my professional skills and the timing of the position worked well for our family as our youngest son had just started preschool.



Sheffield - Schwager Family
(L-R) Zachary, Carey, Eric, & Luke

Q: So, what do you actually do?

A: Ha! Working for a small organization, I'd say that we all do a little bit of everything! Officially, I'm tasked with the cultivation, engagement, stewardship and support of: Community Life volunteers; St. Thomas' neighbors and collaborators; donors and supporters of St. Thomas and its Mission and Vision; and St. Thomas' church-wide enrichment events. I also manage a large part of our external communications projects including the St. Thomas website, social media, print media, design work, civic & government relations and outreach to local charities.

Q: What do you love about your work?

A: I love my colleagues (we really do have the best people here!), and I love that I get to lend my talents to making a difference in our community and doing my own part to help heal the world with love.

Q: What is most challenging about your work?

A: Becoming an employee at my place of worship was definitely an adjustment. Mixing my professional, spiritual and social lives together, quite honestly, took a leap of faith. I wondered: Would I still love coming to church on Sundays? Will working with MY priests change how I experience their presence in my spiritual life? Will my friends treat me differently now that I have a key to the building?

I've learned that: 1) Priests are people, too! 2) My colleagues are earnest in their efforts to do good and are among the most capable, supportive and fun folks with which I've had the privilege to work. 3) Having a key to the building has unlocked a spiritual path to understanding that God is within me - not exclusively AT St. Thomas - and that we can all carry a sanctuary of peace, love and understanding within ourselves.

Q: What is next for you at St. Thomas?

A: I'm excited about a big initiative we'll be launching in the fall. The project, **Wednesdays@St. Thomas**, is all about community and living into our strategic plan. Our vision is to have a multi-generational offering of programs and table fellowship, filled with activities that deepen our faith, invite and welcome our neighbors to be in community with our congregation, and support our efforts to know and care for each other. My hope is to make it really easy to enrich ourselves (physically, emotionally, spiritually, intellectually) AND be in relationship with each other.



Youth@ ST. THOMAS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Parents, mark your calendars with the following dates:

- **July 14—21:** Youth Backpacking Trip: Open to rising 10th graders through recently graduated seniors
- **July 22—27:** Portland Mission Trip: Open to **ALL youth** (rising 7th grade through recently graduated seniors). **\$100 deposit due ASAP**

Contact Ashley for further details. A full summer calendar will be distributed via email.

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

04/02—04/06 (3-5:30 PM): Study Hall
Youth Room Open, Snacks Provided

04/15 (6-8 PM): High School Youth Group

04/22 (5-7 PM): Middle School Youth Group

04/29 (1-4 PM): All Youth "Destination Unknown!"

04/30—05/04 (3-5:30 PM): Study Hall
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YOUTH @ ST. THOMAS 2018 Summer Calendar

JUNE

- 22-23 School's Out—Lock IN/End of Year Party!
- 30 Mariners Game (Nut Free!)

JULY

- 14-21 Pilgrimage (10th grade and up)
- 22-27 Portland Mission Trip (All grades)

AUGUST

- 7/30-8/3 Vacation Bible Camp (VBC Sunday: Aug. 5th)
- 19 Waterpark (Incoming 6th graders welcome!)
- 26 Fall Kick-Off Event (ALL youth and families are welcome!)

For more information or to register contact Ashley via phone or email, or stop by the youth office at St. Thomas!

Hours: M-Th 9:30-5:30 | Sundays

Church Phone: (425) 454-9541

Ashley Cell: (336) 212-7395

Upcoming Dates:

- ★ **August 19th**—Mass on the Grass at St. Thomas
- ★ **September 9th**—Homecoming Fair; 1st Sunday of Formation
- ★ Confirmation will begin in **October** and is open to youth 9th grade and up. Start date TBD



If you were unable to attend the Youth Parent Meeting in March, please stop by the youth office to receive important information regarding our current and upcoming Spring and Summer calendars, medical release forms, and more! For questions contact Ashley at ashley@stthomasmedina.org

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Deadline: For the **May** issue, please submit all articles by **April 16**. Please submit copy to office@stthomasmedina.org. All articles will be edited. Questions? Please call Natalie at 425-454-9541.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 1 - Easter Sunday

MAY 20 - Pentecost Picnic

JULY 30 - AUGUST 3 - Vacation Bible Camp

AUGUST 19 - Mass on the Grass

SEPTEMBER 9 - Homecoming Fair

OCTOBER 13 - Boathouse Ball

NOVEMBER 18 - Ingathering Feast

DECEMBER 24 - Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 25 - Christmas Day

DECEMBER 31 - New Year's Eve Concert & Reception

JANUARY 5 - Fourth Annual Twelfth Night Celebration

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

THE SOPHIA WAY

Please consider joining the team that provides lunch on the 4th Thursday of each month. Minimal time/\$ commitment but maximum impact for the ladies and for your fellow parishioners. For inquiry please call Beth Zobel at 425-503-4036 or email at ewzobel@comcast.net

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Once a month, the Neighbors in Need crew gathers in the kitchen to assemble bags filled with donated food, socks, water, and other basic necessities for those in need. For more information and a list of needed supplies, contact Claude Rogers at 425-641-1350 or clauder37@gmail.com

SANDWICH MAKERS

On **Wednesday, April 18**, all are welcome to join the St. Thomas crew and lend a hand in the kitchen. Every month we make sandwiches for the hungry men at the Compass Center in Seattle. Contact: Nancy Nelson, 425-885-1657 or nancy@jnelson.net

Pentecost Picnic

MAY 20, 12:00PM



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