



# THE CANTERBURY CROSS

St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church, Morgantown, WV

May 2016

## Assistant Bishop of Our Diocese to Visit St. Thomas

On June 26, 2016, the Right Reverend Mark Van Koeving, Assistant Bishop of West Virginia, will make his first Episcopal visitation to St. Thomas à Becket, preaching and celebrating at both services. This is our chance to meet our new bishop! Additionally, the visit provides members of our parish the opportunity to be confirmed or received, or to reaffirm their Baptismal Vows. As a reminder:

*Confirmation* is for individuals who have been baptized but have not made a mature affirmation of their faith.

*Reception* is for individuals who have been baptized and who have made a mature affirmation of faith in another denomination through a rite that included the laying on of hands by a bishop (e.g., in a Roman Catholic or Lutheran church). By being received, the individual accepts the jurisdiction of the bishop of the Episcopal Church.

*Reaffirmation* is for individuals who are confirmed adults in the Episcopal Church who wish to reaffirm their Baptismal Vows and receive the laying on of hands from a bishop for blessing and strengthening by the Holy Spirit.

If you are interested in being confirmed or received, or in reaffirming your Baptismal Vows, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Preparation is required prior to the bishop's arrival; but those of you who have participated at St. Thomas in Episcopal Basics/Episcopal 101, etc., don't need to repeat the class. Depending on what is needed, Mother Julie will gather everyone for one or more instruction and preparation sessions.

And please, everyone, mark your calendars for Bishop Mark's visit!

## Join Us May 22, 2016 Our Annual Parish Picnic and Blue Jean Sunday

Bring a side dish to share. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be supplied by the Fellowship Committee, and dessert can be purchased at the Sunday School Bake Sale. After enjoying some great picnic food, stay and help spruce up the parish buildings and grounds in preparation for Bishop Mark's visitation!

## Stewardship and Supper

by Vicki Iber

In pondering how to stimulate more interest in stewardship and eliminate the stigma that it's "all about money," those of us currently on the Stewardship Committee decided that a good idea would be meeting at a restaurant with anyone interested in talking about stewardship.

We thought this would provide a more casual setting than a church meeting -- one where we can brainstorm about what stewardship is and isn't, and what we can do to be better stewards of all the resources of our parish.

If you are inclined to learn more about stewardship and want more information, or you already have great ideas to share, please plan on coming to Panera, 357 Patteson Drive, Morgantown, on Tuesday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m.

In order to ensure we have enough seats, please contact Vicki Iber at [mcivli65@gmail.com](mailto:mcivli65@gmail.com) or 304-612-0295 if you are interested. (You can also contact her if you have questions.) Supper will be provided out of the stewardship budget, and there is no obligation to join the committee.

## Sunday School Prepares for the Summer

by Amy Robbins, Director of Children's Programs

Miles of Pennies was on Sunday, May 1. Thank you to all who donated to this Sunday School activity! Donations for this go to the Church Periodical Club.

The Sunday School and Youth Church will have our Fun & Games Day during church on Sunday, May 22! The children should dress to get messy and wet. They will also offer desserts for donation at the picnic that day to help support the Scott's Run Settlement House backpack feeding program.

The Sunday School will host 4-S again this summer during church as a continuation of our Sunday School program. Children in pre-kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are welcome to attend. All other youth will attend church.

Children attending this program will not meet in the Sunday School room, but will stay with their family in the sanctuary until they are excused. Sunday School teachers will be paired with parishioners to teach the prepared lessons. Please volunteer to help out by choosing a date as noted on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Thank you for your continued time and effort to help support our children.

## Spring Flower Arranging Class



Our Spring Flower Arranging class will be on Saturday, May 7, at 1 p.m. We invite individuals and families to come and create a spring flower arrangement (*pictured above left*) to give to their mothers, friends, or just to brighten up their own home. We will also make a cute floral cupcake -- perfect for kids who are interested in taking the class (*pictured above right*). Linda Yost will be our instructor. This lesson will include working with oasis (to keep flowers in a specific design) and making bows! The cost of the class is \$20 and includes materials and flowers.

If you are interested in the class, please sign - up on the sheet provided on the table in the Narthex. This will insure that we have enough flowers and materials for everyone. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Linda at [mlkyost@gmail.com](mailto:mlkyost@gmail.com).

Patti Kisner will join us to make additional arrangements to be sold on Sunday, May 8. This is an extra opportunity to give someone a lovely gift of flowers if you are not inclined to make an arrangement. All net proceeds go to the Capital Improvement Fund of St. Thomas à Becket.

## Upcoming Special Events

The Special Events Committee would like to extend a special thank-you to all who assisted with the Around the World Lunch--especially Neha Lal and Marlin Dehoff for organizing the event --and everyone who cooked, volunteered, and ate!

In May, we have flower arranging and sales on the 7th and 8th, a Becket Arts concert on the 15th, and the second of our Becket Cooks series -- baklava with Laura Christian -- on the 21st.

Please keep your eye out for a signup sheet and for advertisements in the Parish Post! Below are pictures from the first of our Becket Cooks series that took place on April 30, 2016.



*Above left Neha Lal and Marlin Dehoff instruct the class on canning food.*

*Above right, Marlin Dehoff works with Alice Meehan.*



*To the left is a picture of John McFerrin pouring the food into jars and placing lids on the full ones. Looking on in the background are Megan and PJ Henry. The group canned marinara sauce and strawberry rhubarb jam.*

## Lenten Project a Success, Still Need Hygiene Items

Nothing succeeds like success. And that's what our Lenten project was: A BIG success! The many boxes of supplies St. Thomas donated to Milan Puskar Health Right's showering program visually stated how much this congregation understands and appreciates what the hygiene-based service means to the clinic's patients.

So, the Outreach Committee voted to keep this good thing going!

Parishioners are invited to continue to donate toiletries and other hygiene supplies for men and women. The Outreach Committee will keep an updated "needs" list on the exhibit table in the Parish Hall.

Are you among the folks who never bother to take those small bottles of shampoo, conditioner, and lotion with you when you check out of your hotel room? Drop that habit. You now have a great reason to pack those bottles and bring them to church. Those personal-size bottles are perfect for Health Right's patients.

Health Right is sharing the news of our generosity. (Perhaps other groups will join us.) Health Right's Facebook friends can see the clinic's recent expression of gratitude. Three photos showing boxes of toiletries, underwear, socks, and other items accompany the following message:

***St. Thomas a' Becket Episcopal church collected and donated boxes and boxes of supplies for Health Right's showering program--SHINE: Supporting Health, Independence and New Employment. Health Right and our patients thank you for your generous donation!***

## Join Interfaith Build Days in June

St. Thomas à Becket parishioners will be needed during the Interfaith Build Days that Habitat for Humanity is organizing for Saturday, June 11, and Saturday, June 18.

During the past year, members of all faith groups in Monongalia County have been working on the interfaith project in Jerome Park. Our parishioners have been involved in a variety of activities--everything from making meals to holding ladders to digging trenches. Look for more details later from Kathy Fedan, our Habitat contact.

## New Jersey Youths Worked, St. Thomas Parishioners Fed Them

Imagine coming to Morgantown for spring break. Not to party. But to work on a Habitat construction project in Jerome Park. How do you make such college students feel welcome? Feed them, of course.

Since 24 New Jersey college students (along with four advisors) elected to experience their week here, our parishioners were among the local faith groups who expressed appreciation by preparing and delivering meals to the work site. St. Thomas à Becket parishioners handled the luncheon detail on Tuesday, March 15. The Stockton University (Galloway, N.J.) crew and three Habitat supervisors were grateful for the soup, sandwiches, fruit, chips, desserts, and coffee.

Our servers were prepared to leave any leftovers with the crew. But, Kathy Fedan reports, the hungry crew didn't leave much to leave.

The Outreach Committee strives to keep our parishioners connected with vital projects in the community. Check the Outreach Bulletin board in the hallway for other opportunities.



*Pictured left preparing the food for the students at the Habitat House are (left to right) Stephanie Beddow, Ann Pahl, Carol Beall, and Patti Kisner.*



*Pictured above left is Kristina Smith serving food to a couple of the Students*

*Above right are St. Thomas parishioners who served the meal: (left to right) Grace Ayscue, Ann Pahl, Stephanie Beddow, Kathy Fedan, and Kristina Smith*

## Outreach Delivers Easter Baskets to Families At Scott's Run Settlement House



*Bob Acciavatti loads up the Easter Baskets full of food and gifts for the families at Scott's Run Settlement House. We thank Bob and Aurie for all the hard work they do for this Outreach project.*

## Congratulations to Beth Royall --Named WVU Outstanding Librarian for 2016



The Awards Committee of the West Virginia University Library Faculty Assembly has selected Beth Royall, (pictured left) creative arts librarian, as the Outstanding Librarian for 2016. The award, presented triennially, recognizes a faculty librarian who has made exceptional contributions toward the

delivery, development, or expansion of library services or special programs for the constituencies of WVU.

“Beth has a long-standing reputation among her colleagues as a librarian who works hard and is excellent at every task she takes on. She provides excellent service to not just the faculty but to every student she encounters,” said Linda Blake, chair of the Library Faculty Assembly Awards Committee. “It is our great honor to recognize Beth for her talent, creativity, and diligence as the creative arts librarian and her wider contribution to the WVU Libraries.”

Royall has been with the Evansdale Library since August 2001, serving the faculty and students of the College of Creative Arts with distinction. She managed interlibrary loan and document delivery services for Evansdale Library from 2002-15. She has developed significant and sustained relationships with the faculty of the schools of Art & Design, Music, and Theatre & Dance. Her nomination packet clearly indicates the respect she has earned among the College of Creative Arts faculty.

Some of Royall's most noteworthy contributions include merging the music collection into the Evansdale Library, developing modules of instruction across the curricula of each school, participating in two information literacy grants, co-teaching MUSC 771, and implementing and supporting the Art History Digital Image Database.

In addition to her outstanding contributions to the University, Royall has held leadership roles in the West Virginia Library Association, serving as president in 2014, vice president in 2013, and as treasurer for many years. She is also a long-time member of the Music Library Association. The Libraries held a reception to honor Royall on April 29.

We at St. Thomas à Becket also extend our congratulations to Beth on her achievement. Beth is a member of our choir and currently serves on our Vestry. She is a very accomplished member of our parish.

### *Becket Arts!*

*Mark your calendars for our next Becket Arts!*

*May 15, 2016*

*3 p.m.*

## *Our Worship Schedule*

The Rev. Julie B. Murdoch, Rector  
The Rev. Dn. Al Prichard



### **Sunday**

8:00 a.m. (Rite I, spoken)

10:30 a.m. (Rite II, with music)

*Nursery care and Sunday School with children's worship are offered during the 10:30 a.m. service.*

### **Tuesday - Saturday**

Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m. *(except in the Rector's absence)*

### **Wednesday**

Holy Eucharist, 12:00 noon (Chapel)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Miles of Pennies</b> 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday Sch. / Youth Ch. <b>Sp. Events Comm. Mtg.</b>  <b>Fall Prevention Clinic</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Noon Eucharist in Chapel	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  <i>Spring Flower            Class            1 p.m.</i>
Clergy Conference - Peterkin at Romney						
<b>8</b> 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir <b>Outreach Comm. Mtg.</b> 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday Sch. / Youth Ch. <b>Finance Comm. Mtg.</b>  <b>Spring Flower Sale</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Noon Eucharist in Chapel  <b>Backpack Feeding            Program at SRSH            12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>Vestry Mtg.            7 p.m.</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Centering Prayer 9 a.m.
<b>15</b> 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday Sch. / Youth Ch.  <b>Becket Arts! 3 p.m.</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Stewardship            Comm. Mtg.            6:30 p.m. at            Panera            (Patteson Dr.)</b>	<b>18</b> Noon Eucharist in Chapel	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Becket Cooks            Class            3 p.m.</b>
<b>22</b> 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday Sch. / Youth Ch. <b>Parish Picnic            Blue Jean Sunday            Sunday School Bake            Sale</b>  <b>Girl Scouts 3-8 p.m.</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Parish Hall Rsvd</b> 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.  <i>Newsletter Article            Deadline</i>	<b>25</b> Noon Eucharist in Chapel	<b>26</b>  <b>Women's Grief            Support Group            6 p.m.</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Centering Prayer 9 a.m.
<b>29 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> 8 a.m. Rite II 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir 10:30 a.m. Rite I	<b>30</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> Office Closed	<b>31</b>				