



THE CANTERBURY CROSS

St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church, Morgantown, WV

May 2017

Holy Week and Easter at St. Thomas!

by Linda Yost, Parish Administrator

All the services of Holy Week and Easter were very moving. Our thanks to The Rev. John Bethell and The Rev. Deacon Al Prichard for conducting services during this time when we are without a rector.

We also would like to thank the parishioners who helped with these services, especially members of the Altar Guild, Flower Guild, and Fellowship Committee.

The children flowered the cross during the 10:30 a.m. service. Fellowship hosted coffee hour after the 8 and 10:30 a.m. services.



(Above) Members of the Altar and Flower guilds as well as the Fellowship Committee set up for Easter. (Below) Children hunt for eggs. Parishioners enjoy coffee hour.



Sunday School News

by Angela Carver

Bring Coins for 'Miles'. Bring in your coins this Sunday, May 7, for our children's annual "Miles of Pennies" project. The children will again neatly line our walkway and driveway with your coins—pennies, nickels, dimes . . . whatever you bring!

What can "Miles of Pennies" do? Besides giving the children a fun hands-on service project, your coins will help seminarians and others receive much-needed books for free.

All donations can be dropped off in the Sunday School room for the children to tally. All donations go to the Church Periodical Club, which is an affiliated organization of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church.

Plan for Fun & Games Day—June 4. The Sunday School and Youth Church will have our "Fun & Games Day" during church on Sunday, June 4. The children should dress to get messy and wet.

After the 10:30 a.m. service on June 4, everyone is invited to participate in the annual church picnic. During the picnic, our Sunday School and Youth Church members will serve desserts to receive free-will donations to benefit the Scott's Run Settlement House backpack feeding program.

Time for 4-S. Beginning on Sunday, June 11, the Sunday School again will host 4-S (Summer Session Sunday School) during church as a continuation of our Sunday School program.

Children in grades pre-kindergarten through third grade are welcome to attend. All other youths will attend church.

Children participating in 4-S will not meet in the Sunday School room. Instead, they will stay with their family in the sanctuary until they are excused after the entrance hymn.

Be a 4-S Helper. Again this year, our Sunday School teachers need parishioners to be helpers during 4-S.

Each Sunday during the summer, one Sunday School teacher will be paired with at least one volunteer parishioner 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. For more information, contact Angela Carver (mamacarver@gmail.com).



Cook Your International Dish For May 21 Parish Luncheon

The Special Events Committee is hard at work planning the next Parish Luncheon for Sunday, May 21. We're bringing back last year's popular theme: "Around the World."

So far, our menu will include beef enchiladas, German sausage and sauerkraut, a Brazilian dish, and Albanian baklava. We would love to have some more volunteers provide other delicious international dishes! Please contact Laura Christian (laura.manno@gmail.com) if you would like to contribute.

As usual, the cost is \$10 per person, with children 12 years old and younger eating free. All proceeds benefit the Capital Projects Fund.

Stewardship Is Recruiting!

Many hands make light work, and the Stewardship Committee is looking for a few more hands.

Why join the Stewardship Committee? We deepen the parish's understanding of stewardship so that, through this knowledge and commitment, St. Thomas à Becket's mission and ministry are realized.

We can particularly use members with communication and organizational skills. Would you like to learn more about this work? Talk with a current member: Megan Henry, Beth Royall, Kristina Smith, or Lynda Waggoner.

Buy Fresh Spring Flowers For Friends, Family on May 14

For the annual Spring Flower Sale, the Flower Guild at St. Thomas will be offer a variety of fresh flower arrangements for a range of prices—\$15, \$20, and \$25.

The arrangements will be available on Sunday, May 14.

If you want to request a special arrangement or want to pick up your arrangement early, we can accommodate your orders. Please email Linda Yost in the church office at thomasabecket.wv@gmail.com with your special request. Special orders need to be requested by **May 10**.

Flower arrangements will be available early. Flowers can be picked up from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 11, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, May 12. All remaining arrangements will be available for purchase and pickup on Sunday, May 14.

All proceeds go to the St. Thomas à Becket Capital Fund.

Mother's Day is May 14. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to buy beautiful quality arrangements as gifts for your family and friends. Or select a lovely arrangement to decorate your home for spring!

If you have purchased flowers from the Flower Guild in the past, you know how beautiful and long-lasting they are.

St. Thomas Parishioners Attend Habitat for Humanity's Home Dedications

Here are a few pictures that Jeff Fedan took at Habitat for Humanity's double home dedication on April 1. Both the Moore and Nuce homes were dedicated.

Deacon Al Prichard presented bibles to each family and said a blessing for each home. He also gave the benediction and blessed the food for the neighborhood cookout that followed.



Above, left: Deacon Al blesses the Moore home.

Right: Kathy Fedan presents a quilt (made by Marty French) to the Moore family from the Faith Relations Committee.



Above, left: Deacon Al blesses the Nuce home.

Right: Neil Nuce (seated on left) and daughter Christina blow bubbles in memory of his wife, Sharren Nuce. She died before their house was completed.



Above, left: Deacon Al leads the final prayer.

Right: The participants celebrate with a family meal.

Outreach Needs from You

More baby supplies for our Healthy Baby Bottoms project are needed at Scotts Run Settlement House. Some items frequently needed include: **diapers, pullups (especially sizes 5 and 6), wipes, diaper rash ointment, and Ivory Snow detergent.**

Our Health Right shower boxes are almost "dry." Let's make them "run over" again. Remember the homeless at Health Right can always use almost any type of hygiene product our church sends to the showering program. **Include sunscreen and sun hats for the summer.**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Church Office Closed	5 Church Office Closed	6
7 The Rev. John Bethell 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday Sch. / Youth Ch. Miles of Pennies	8	9	10 Backpack Feeding Program at SRSB 12:30 p.m. Deadline for Flower Orders	11 Vestry Mtg. 7 p.m.	12	13
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21 Bishop Black 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday Sch. / Youth Ch. Around the World Parish Luncheon	22 Parish Hall Reserved (Spears)	23 Newsletter Article Deadline	24 Women's Grief Support Group 1 p.m.	25	26	27
28 Bishop Black 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday Sch. / Youth Ch.	29 Memorial Day  Church Office Closed	30	31 Backpack Feeding Program at SRSB 12:30 p.m.	Prepare to Come To Our Annual Picnic: June 4		

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)*

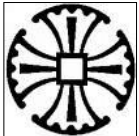
Wednesday

Holy Eucharist, 12:00 noon (Chapel)

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