



THE CANTERBURY CROSS

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St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church | Morgantown, WV

CHRISTMAS MARKET AT BECKET

The Special Events Committee would like to invite contributions to our Christmas Market to be held on Saturday, October 27th, from 9:00 am — 3:00 pm.

The sale will feature Becky Hoyt's elegant collection of Santas and other figurines. We are looking for donations of Christmas-themed art work, decorations, ornaments, crèches, hand-crafted items (for example: jewelry, quilts and other fabric arts), unique glassware, ceramics, etc. from our talented parishioners, to help create the magic of Christmas, and give shoppers a jump start on finding gifts for their loved ones, while donating to the meaningful causes of Empty Bowls Monongalia and the St. Thomas à Becket Capital Fund.

Donations may be dropped off at the church no earlier than Tuesday, October 23rd. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Neha Lal (neha.lal@gmail.com or 443-562-4016).

CLASSES BETWEEN SERVICES

Father Tony is leading some upcoming classes between worship services.

Those who attend the 8:00 service are invited to stay after and those who attend the 10:30 service to come early for these classes on prayer over the next month.

The lessons do not build upon one another, so if you can only make one, you won't be lost!

There are two classes left:

October 7: The Lord's Prayer, 9:15-10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

October 28: How to Pray: Addressing God Alone & Together, 9:15-10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

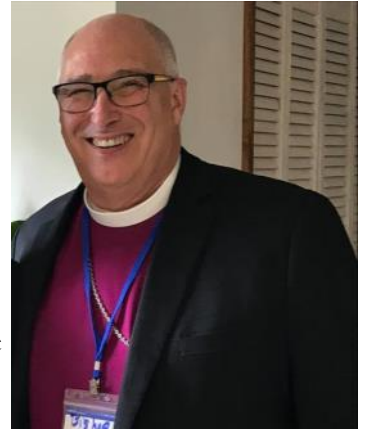
BISHOP'S VISIT FORTHCOMING

On Sunday, October 21st, Bishop Mike Klusmeyer will be visiting St. Thomas à Becket.

In between the 8:00 and 10:30 services, there will be a Vestry Meeting with the Bishop.

Confirmations will take place during the 10:30 service.

Following the 10:30 service there will be a reception presented by the Vestry. All are welcome.



CONSIDER RUNNING FOR AN OPEN VESTRY POSITION

Interested in helping your church? Want to get involved in St. Thomas decision-making? Please consider running for an open Vestry position. Elections of four new Vestry members will take place in January. Matt Heiskell, Florita Montgomery, Beth Royall, and Tom Waggoner will be finishing their Vestry terms.

The Vestry at St. Thomas à Becket is a 12-member body that forms the lay leadership of our church. We function as representatives for all church membership, as a board for collective decision making, and as individual leaders. Duties of the Vestry range from large responsibilities—like overseeing the upkeep of the building and authorizing major expenses—to small tasks—such as counting money or locking the church. Members are elected to three-year terms, during which we attend monthly meetings and participate in an annual ministry review.

If you are interested in running or have questions, please email the office (thomasabecket.wv@gmail.com) or speak with one of the Vestry members ending their term. The Vestry thanks you for your commitment.

ANNUAL SCOTT'S RUN THANKSGIVING BASKET SCHEDULE

Our Sunday School and the Outreach Committee will again be asking the parish to help prepare Thanksgiving baskets for Scott's Run Settlement House (SRSB) families. Please note the dates, and plan to participate.



- October 28:** Distribute decorated food bags.
- November 4:** Distribute decorated food bags.
- November 11:** **Deadline for all food donations to be delivered to church.**
- November 11-15:** Sort and inventory food.
- November 16:** Pack Thanksgiving baskets at 6:00 pm. This night is for everyone in the congregation to help.
- November 18:** Distribute baskets from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Clients will come to St. Thomas.

Contact Aurie Acciavatti with questions:
auriebob@comcast.net

Stay tuned for November's newsletter article for more details about this annual Sunday School and Outreach Project!

SUBMIT ALL SAINTS' NAMES BY OCTOBER 29

All Saints' Day is Sunday, November 4th. On that Sunday, the bulletin will have a list of the names of those who have died whom we wish in particular to remember.

Please send any names you wish to have included on the insert to the church office.

You can write a list (please print) and put it in the collection plate, or you may send an email to the office at thomasabecket.wv@gmail.com. Please submit your list to the office by **Monday, October 29th**.

BLESSING OF THE PETS

We'll have a Blessing of the Pets service on Sunday, October 7th at 2:00 pm in the church parking lot. Bring your furry, feathered, or scaled friends . . .



AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY “YES”: JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY

Life is an opportunity.

Life is a journey.

A journey to saying “yes” to God who calls us the Beloved.

Life is a journey to love; a journey to welcome; a journey to invite; a journey to peace; a journey to generosity.

From the moment we draw our first breath to the moment we breathe our last, we are both receivers and givers. How we move from takers of everything given to us to sharing everything we have is one measure of how we live into saying, “Yes.” On our journey to generosity, we learn from our parents and other family members. We learn from friends and church members. We learn through our own actions and from hearing the stories of other generous people.

The gospel stories of Jesus inform, challenge, and inspire us. Whether it’s the story of the Good Samaritan, the rich young ruler, or Zacchaeus, Jesus invites us into what the journey to generosity looks like. It is not simply about how much we give to support the mission and ministry of our parish. The journey is about how we live our lives as the Beloved.

“Put simply, life is a God-given opportunity to become who we are, to affirm our own true spiritual nature, claim our truth, appropriate and integrate the reality of our being, but most of all, to say ‘Yes’ to the One who calls us the Beloved.” — Henri J.M. Nouwen

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OUTREACH UPDATE

Roy Spears and Byron Nelson model the ponchos that the Outreach Committee recently bought to distribute to needy individuals who come to the Morgantown Community Kitchen daily for lunch. Folks have been enthusiastically grateful for the rain protection!



Photo: Aurie Acciavatti

SIGN UP FOR KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM



Support St. Thomas à Becket by shopping at Kroger and using your Plus Card! A percentage of your purchases will be donated to the church.

Our organization number is

VV461

Sign up at

<https://www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards>

*If you’re already signed up, you do not need to change the organization number. The new number is for new sign-ups.

Our Worship Schedule

The Rev. Tony Setley, Interim Rector
The Rev. Al Prichard, Deacon



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.

Wednesday

Holy Eucharist, 12:00 noon in Chapel (check calendar)

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