



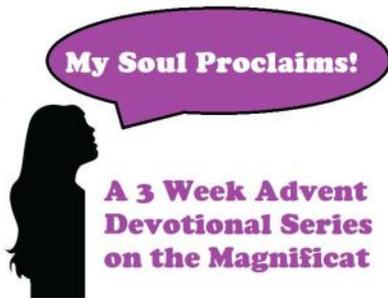
THE CANTERBURY CROSS

November 2018

St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church | Morgantown, WV

THE RECTOR'S CORNER: COMING UP THIS ADVENT...

All are welcome to join in for three weeks of evening prayer (vespers) and study; Wednesdays at 7pm on Dec. 5, 12, & 19. As the Church waits for the remembrance of the incarnation and return of Christ, we'll be using this time together to reflect upon *The Magnificat*.



It is a song of praise, also known as "The Song of Mary," found in Luke's Gospel (1:46-55). Mary spoke (or sang) this during her visit with Elizabeth, when Mary was pregnant with Jesus and Elizabeth was pregnant with John the Baptist.

The term *Magnificat* is from the opening words of the passage in the Latin Vulgate, *Magnificat anima mea Dominum* ("My soul magnifies the Lord").

The Magnificat strongly resembles and may have been modeled after the Song of Hannah (1 Sm 2:1-10) and has been one of the most prominent and earliest Christian Hymns. Like the Song of Hannah, it emphasizes God's holiness and power, God's option for the poor and judgment on the rich, the fulfillment of God's promises, and the redemption of God's people.

In the Anglican and larger catholic tradition, *The Magnificat* is the traditional canticle of vespers. I hope you can join in!

In Christ, Father Tony

BISHOP KLUSMEYER VISITS, CONFIRMS NINE TEENS

On Sunday, October 21st, Bishop Mike Klusmeyer visited St. Thomas à Becket.

Madelyn Carver, Samantha Carver, Charlie Heiskell, Lilah Claycomb, Collin Claycomb, Daniel O'Neal, Anna Robbins, Kate Robbins, and James Robbins were all confirmed.



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 at the end of the year. 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: 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. Families will come to St. Thomas.

Contact Aurie Acciavatti with questions:
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OUTREACH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL PREPARE THANKSGIVING BOXES

By Aurie Acciavatti

It all started way back in 2003 when the Sunday School and Outreach Committee prepared Thanksgiving baskets for six families for Scott's Run Settlement House. Once again we will be preparing baskets for 35 families. The help of everyone in the congregation is needed to accomplish this feat.

Grocery bags with the list of recommended items were distributed Oct. 28 and will again be distributed Sunday, **November 4**. Buy what you can from the list and return the food no later than **November 11**. Gift cards, (in \$5.00 and \$10.00 amounts) toward the purchase of a turkey from Kroger, Giant Eagle, or Aldi

are requested. Please write the dollar amount on each gift card. That information will help us to distribute the cards to the families. Although extra food is appreciated, please donate only what is on the list. (Please check the expiration date on all food. We must toss food with expired used-by dates.)

All food must be at the church by Sunday, **November 11** so that volunteers can sort the food to see what extra food needs to be bought. On Friday, **November 16**, beginning at 6:00 pm, the Sunday School children, and anyone else who is willing to give a hand, will meet at the church to help fill the Thanksgiving boxes. This is the 16th year we have done this activity. It is such a rewarding and fun time. Pizza and juice will be served with work continuing after supper. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be in the narthex.

The Sunday School and Youth Group will be participating with this project as well. Once again fruit will be purchased to be included in each basket. A note will be attached to the fruit saying: *In memory and in honor of Mrs. Ann Pahl, who was a nurse who knew the power of healthy fresh fruit and was also a loving, giving member of the St. Thomas a Becket Parish who helped put these baskets together for many years.*

The SRSB families will come to St. Thomas à Becket to pick up their boxes from 12:30 to 2:00 pm on Sunday, **November 18**. There will be opportunities for members of St. Thomas to help the families take their boxes to cars. Look for further information in the Parish Post in the coming weeks to find out how you can help.

This is going to be a big challenge again. As in the past we have always risen to the challenge. Anyone can help with this project, not just Sunday School and Outreach members.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE CHRISTMAS SALE A SUCCESS!

Sincere thanks goes out to everyone who donated to, shopped at, or helped with the Christmas Sale on Saturday, October 27th! Special thanks to Jerrey Hoyt for donating, Neha Lal for organizing, and Cheryl Prichard, Linda Yost, Patti Kisner, Brenda Swearingen, Aurie Acciavatti, Florita Montgomery, and Marlin Dehoff for working so diligently in setting up the sale.

CONFIRMATION PRESENTATIONS

On Sunday, October 14th, students who completed confirmation classes presented short reports to the congregation about service projects they participated in over the summer.

Collectively, the youth group volunteered with the following causes:

- Swept debris and helped to carve a trail on Pahl hill.
- Read to children about women's rights.
- Prepared meals for 40+ residents at Ronald McDonald House.
- Worked in Christian Help's food pantry.
- Helped Cross Catholic Outreach pack 40,000 meals to be sent both locally and internationally.



The Youth Group hopes to continue participating in group community service projects together every couple of months.



Top: Collin Claycomb
Bottom: James, Kate, and Anna Robbins
Photos: Angela Carver

THE POWER OF GIVING THANKS

By Beth Royall

Yes, it's that time of year when the Church asks, "What will you give?" This year is no different, but we are asking you to help us launch our stewardship campaign with something special: a commitment to recite a prayer every day for three weeks. This prayer will be distributed at our kick-off on Sunday, November 11th. On December 2nd we ask you to return your time-talents-treasure form to the stewardship ingathering. With our combined prayers and the power of giving thanks, what can't we do?

As part of learning about Christian stewardship, the Sunday School children have been discussing what they are thankful for. Their beautiful patchwork poster will be featured on the time-talents-treasure forms. Here's one patch created by Sammy Setley.



Mum's the Word

Thank you to Neha Lal and Marlin Dehoff for their gardening prowess. The flowerbeds look beautiful!



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.

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