

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE
in the
CITY OF NEW YORK



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024 AT 11 A.M.
THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

FESTAL EUCHARIST
SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS



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Welcome to Saint Thomas Church, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.

*Our mission is to worship, love, and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ
through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.*

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THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa Sancti Thomae
in tempore enim pestilencia

Jeremy Filsell
(b. 1964)

PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Coronation'

Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers.

HYMN

DIADEMATA

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown



1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

Crown him with many crowns, #494 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894).
 Music: *Diademata*, George Job Elvey (1816-1893); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Descant, Copyright © 1970, Augsburg Fortress.

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant

People

The Celebrant says

SEEING that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens,
 Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace,
 that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14, 16

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

ALmighty and most merciful father,
 we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
 we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
 we have offended against thy holy laws,
 we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
 and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
 But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
 spare thou those who confess their faults,
 restore thou those who are penitent,
 according to thy promises declared unto mankind
 in Christ Jesus our Lord;
 and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
 that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
 to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.



The Celebrant says

THE Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The People stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

GLORIA in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace,
good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee.
We give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ.
With the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALmighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 93

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (*Ley*)

DOMINUS REGNAVIT

THE Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel : the Lord hath put on his apparel,
and girded himself with strength.
He hath made the round world so sure : that it cannot be moved.
Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared : thou art from everlasting.
The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice : the floods lift up their waves.
The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly :
but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.
Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure : holiness becometh thine house for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 1:4b-8

Subdeacon The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.



HYMN

KING'S WESTON



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
 3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
 3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
 3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.

At the Name of Jesus, #435 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877), alt.
 Music: King's Weston, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al- le-lu - ia.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.
 And every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

People

Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to thee, Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rector

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.

I BELIEVE in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father;
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation
 came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered and was buried;
 and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
 and ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
 and he shall come again, with glory,
 to judge both the quick and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.



And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM V)

The Leader says

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

The People kneel. After each petition

People **Lord, have mercy.**

After the last petition

Leader ...and all our life to Christ our God.

People **To thee, O Lord our God.**

After a period of silence, the Celebrant concludes with this collect

HEAVENLY Father, thou hast promised to hear what we ask in the Name of thy Son:
Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve
in our sinfulness, but as thou knowest and lovest us in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People stand.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The People offer one another a sign of peace.

The Celebrant says the Offertory Sentence, and the People sit.



SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The People kneel or stand.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost,
all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

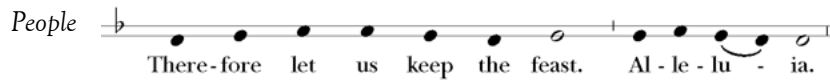
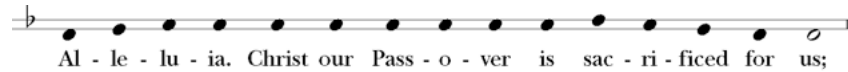
Celebrant and People

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. The Celebrant says



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

BEHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(for those unable to receive Holy Communion in person)*

I BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;
I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.
Never permit me to be separated from thee!
O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I
may die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Sacrament is distributed at the Crossing. Intinction (dipping the host in the chalice) is not permitted.

You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.

MIDDLE VOLUNTARY

Communion

*Félix Alexandre Guilmant
(1837-1911)*

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*



ANTHEM

T. Frederick H. Candlyn
(1892-1964)

KING of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enroll thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

After Communion, silence is kept for a while.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

ALmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant says

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



HYMN

GUITING POWER



1. Christ tri-umph-ant, ev-er reign-ing, Sa-viour, Mas-ter, King!
2. Word in-car-nate, truth re-veal-ing, Son of Man on earth!
3. Suf-fering ser-vant, scorned, ill-treat-ed, vic-tim cru-ci-fied!
4. Priest-ly king, en-throned for ev-er high in heaven a-bove!
5. So, our hearts and voic-es rais-ing through the ag-es long,



Lord of heaven, our lives sus-tain-ing, hear us as we sing:
 Power and maj-es-ty con-ceal-ing by your hum-ble birth:
 Death is through the cross de-feat-ed, Sin-ners jus-ti-fied:
 Sin and death and hell shall nev-er sti-ple hymns of love:
 Cease-less-ly up-on you gaz-ing, this shall be our song:

Refrain



Yours the glo-ry and the crown, the high re-nown, the e-ter-nal name.

Christ triumphant, ever reigning, #398 from *Common Praise* – Words: Michael Seward (1932-2015).
 Music: *Guiting Power*, John Barnard (b. 1948).

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Toccata (1966)

Georgi Mushel
(1909-1989)

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Narthex after the service.

*Coffee Hour today is sponsored by Mr. Malcolm Michael in honor of his mother,
 Dr. Jeannie Michael, celebrating sixteen years of retirement and
 twenty-seven years of teaching braille.*



The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
 Helen Green Battle, Arthur Trumbull Hill, Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and Linda Griffith Vorsanger



PILGRIMS' II COURSE FALL 2024



*Want to know more about the Christian Faith? Want to be baptized or confirmed?
Want to become a member of Saint Thomas Church?*

The **Follow-Up to the Pilgrims' course** concludes this week!

November 26: *"Unpacking the Sunday High Mass: A step-by-step explanation of what happens and why"*
(Fr. Carl Turner, Rector)

The talks take place at 6:30 pm in the Parish House. You can register using the **QR code** below:



The **Saint Thomas Book & Gift Store** will be open in the Narthex Sundays after the 11 a.m. service through December 22, 2024. Additional times are Sunday, December 22 after 4 p.m. Nine Lessons & Carols, and Christmas Eve December 24 from 12 p.m. until after the 4 p.m. Nine Lessons and Carols. Stop by and view our collection of Calendars, Mugs, Ornaments, Christmas cards, CDs, and books for Advent & Christmas.



Christmas Candles in Memory of Loved Ones: During Christmastide, the time between Christmas Day and New Year's Day, we will light an eight-day candle for your loved one(s), and place it before the Crèche of Saint Thomas Church. Each candle will be affixed with the name(s) you submit. The suggested donation for each eight-day candle is \$25. All of these names will be added to the prayer list during Christmastide.

Contributions for Christmas Flower Memorials are now being received in memory of departed loved ones. The names of the faithful departed in whose memory the church will be adorned will be listed in the Christmas service leaflet on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. In order to cover the cost of Christmas flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25 per name. Please send your check, made payable to Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation to the parish house receptionist. The deadline is Sunday, December 15.



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR
The Saint Thomas Community Outreach Program



On October 26th we launched **Neighbor to Neighbor**, a service program which provides coffee, tea, croissants, and fresh fruit to community members in need. The program serves guests **between 9am and 10am every Saturday**, with volunteers arriving at the cloisters of the church on 53rd Street around 8:30am. Please note there is a **signup form** for interested volunteers to ensure we do not have too many or too few present. If you are interested in getting involved, **please register to the mailing list for this group using the QR code below.**



ANNUAL APPEAL



We launched our 2025 Annual Appeal: *Weaving a Rich Tapestry* on October the 6th, which marked the close of our Bicentennial year. In his sermon, Father Turner preached: *Remembrance; thanksgiving; new beginnings: It's what we have done this past year, and prepares us for the future. Remember - give thanks - look forward: It is the vision of Saint Thomas Church, to be a community of love and praise, and an oasis of prayer in the middle of New York, actively weaving a tapestry of divine proportions.*

As we look ahead to the next century, we need your help. Make a pledge today!



WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by Mo. Turner

Monday – Friday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

Followed by a short, said Mass
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Thursday – **THANKSGIVING DAY**

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Saturday

11-11:45 a.m. Confessions, Spiritual Advice, Ministry
of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel
Confessor: Bishop St. John

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers*

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday: December 1

The First Sunday of Advent

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by The Reverend Andrew C. Mead,
Rector Emeritus

4 p.m. The Advent Procession*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys



Christmas 2024

CONCERTS *at* SAINT THOMAS

December 10 & 12, 2024
TUESDAY & THURSDAY at 7:30 pm

December 19 & 21, 2024
THURSDAY at 5:30 pm & SATURDAY at 12 pm

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**CHRISTMAS ON
FIFTH AVENUE**

The Boys of the Saint Thomas Choir

BRIDGET KIBBEY, harp
NICOLAS HAIGH, organ
JEREMY FILSELL, conductor

[Purchase Tickets](#)

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Our Annual Blessing of the Crèche - Nativity Story Service is Saturday, December 14. We are distributing roles to children who wish to be involved so please contact Father Preston if you have questions or want to join! Sunday School (3-9) and Faith Alive (10-14+) meet at 10am! Sunday School meets in the Sunday School Room (3rd Floor) and Faith Alive meets in Andrew Hall (3rd Floor). The Nursery continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9 am - 1 pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd Floor. To receive our CFM newsletter contact Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

The **Noble Singers**, our parish children's choir for singers ages 5-14+, under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is now accepting new choristers. The choir has begun working on music for the Annual Blessing of the Crèche Service and rehearses weekly on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:15-5:15pm. Choristers select one rehearsal to attend each week and sing weekly at the 9am Sung Eucharist on Sundays during the program year. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. For more information, and to register your singer, contact Rkellerman@saintthomaschurch.org.

Contemplative Prayer takes place on Fridays at 3pm in the Resurrection Chapel. You are welcome to join this sacred time of silent prayer and quiet praise in the presence of God. The service includes Taize Songs, Centering Prayer, and Lectio-Divina, and is led by Mo. Prisca Lee-Pae. For more information, please contact Mo. Lee-Pae at Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org. *Note: We will not meet on Friday, November 29.*

Saint Thomas Church Tours are available on Sundays after the 11am service. It is a great way to experience and learn about the church. If you are interested, please meet the Tour Guide on the south side of the Narthex near the "Tour Guide - Meet Here" sign.

You are cordially invited to the **Holy Eucharist in the Korean language** every second Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45pm in the Dining Room of the Parish House.

매달 둘째 주일 오후 1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후 12:45에 2층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도 나누세요.

Friday Zoom Bible Study—Christ and Ekklesia: John's Wondrous Vision of Light. Led by Fr. Schultz Fridays at 1pm via Zoom. We have embarked on the Book of the Glory (John 13-21) in which we will witness Jesus' Passion and Resurrection. Bring your Bible, your questions, and yourself as, together, we deepen our relationship with God through scripture. Contact Fr. Schultz with any questions and for the Zoom link: Mschultz@saintthomaschurch.org. *Note: We will not meet on Friday, November 29.*

Saint Thomas Choir School exists to nurture and educate the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented students in grades 3-8 come from the greater New York City area and beyond to sing, study, play, perform, and live together at the school. If you know a boy who loves to sing, encourage his family to contact Margaret White: Mwhite@choirschool.org.

The Saint Thomas Theological Education Program, rooted in Scripture, tradition, and spirituality, is for those who seek a deeper understanding of faith, worship and prayer. Lecturers are The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence, and internationally renowned guest speakers committed to making theology accessible to non-specialists. Classes are held Sundays at 10am on the 5th Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. For more info, contact Fr. Luigi Gioia: Lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org.

Please support **Ecumenical Outreach Project's** New Clothing Drive by donating men's new winter socks (sizes L, XL, and XXL) as well as new men's briefs and undershirts (sizes L, XL, and XXL). Donations may be brought to Reception. Items may also be ordered through Amazon and delivered directly to Saint Thomas Church. Please include 'Attn: Reception' in the mailing address field. For more information, please contact Frances Mintz: Femintz309@gmail.com.

This Thanksgiving season, our community outreach program, **Neighbor to Neighbor**, hopes to bring the warmth of the holiday spirit to our homeless community. We're planning to include pies in our Saturday, November 30th meal offering, and would be grateful for your support. If you're able, please consider donating a pie (pumpkin or any other favorite, homemade or store-bought). Pies can be dropped off at the Parish House on Friday, November 29th, between 1-5 p.m. Just ask for Frances when you arrive. Thank you for helping us make this Thanksgiving special for all!

