

Announcements

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Today, April 23, we will initiate through baptism the newest member of the Body of Christ, Josephine James Moore.

Today, April 23: Connecticut Food Bank Walk Against Hunger, 1 p.m. at Lighthouse Park, New Haven. **JOIN OUR TEAM!** Join the walkers the Youth Group - from the **St. Thomas's Social Justice Team** and the **Youth Group** or donate directly by going www.ctfoodbank.org/walk and click "Join a Team." Our team name is **St. Thomas Social Justice**. It's not too late to join our give!

Welcome, Oliver James Ritacco! Congrats to the Ritacco family on the arrival of baby Oliver, who was born last Wednesday at Hartford Hospital. The whole family is doing fine, thanks be to God!

Get well, Dorothy! Dorothy Asch took a tumble Good Friday, had surgery to mend her fractured hip Holy Saturday, and moved to rehab Easter Monday. Thus far her recovery is proceeding with amazing rapidity. She is welcoming visitors and calls: Memorial 2 West, Room 231, YNHH Rehabilitation and Wellness Center at Milford Hospital, 300 Seaside Avenue, Milford, CT 06460; phone: 203-301-6291.

Thank you to all who made possible our lovely Holy Week and Easter services. A special shout-out to the choir, altar servers, sacristans, and ushers. Also to our new flower team (Sally Edwards and Judy Thompson) and their helpers (Madison Thompson, Jenny Chavira, and Alex Chavira) for the beautiful church. Thanks also to staffers Simon and Julie for their extra-hard work to prepare the music and the church.

Music Note: On Easter Sunday we bade a temporary goodbye to Music Director Simon Jacobs, who will be spending the next four months working at Truro Cathedral. Welcome substitute choir director **Simon Lee!** Simon has been serving as a section leader and occasional choir director since September. And thanks to this week's substitute organist, our own **Dan Harrison**.

Please remember: In the family-friendly area at the front of the church, all children must be accompanied by a caregiver. We are fortunate to have MANY families with small children! We know space is tight in that area, and we will be considering options for expansion.

Day School Spring Gala: Saturday, April 29, 6:30 p.m., at the Carousel at Lighthouse Point

Come and help support the St. Thomas's Day School scholarship fund! RSVP required - contact Keri for more information.

Student Care Packages. Near the end of each semester St. Thomas's sends care packages to students away from home in college or boarding school. We'd appreciate your contributions to these packages: homemade cookies and treats are best, but we'd also welcome store-bought snacks, toys, and other diversions for mental health breaks. Please package goodies in 12 individual bags, and let us know if they include tree nuts or peanuts; we'll need things in hand by Sunday, April 30, when we'll package them up after church. We will be in touch with the families of students we know are away, but if you know of someone we may NOT know about who is away at school—or if you want to help or have questions—please contact Mark Branch at mark.branch@yale.edu or 203-671-5281.

Thank you for your generosity in donating funds for school and hospital supplies for St. Peter's, Likoma Island, Northern Malawi. We will be accepting donations through April. You can drop cash or check in the collection basket, send a check to the office, or donate online. Just be sure to mark it "Malawi."

The Book Club expects to start meeting again this Thursday, April 27. Look for details in the Enews.

Please remember: In the **family-friendly area** at the front of the church, all children must be accompanied by their parent or caregiver. There is no one assigned to watch unaccompanied children. If you need a minder, please arrange that with someone ahead of time.

Serving Today

Presider: The Rev. Julie Kelsey
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp
Assisting Priest: The Rev. Keri Aubert
Choirmaster: Simon Lee
Organist: Dan Harrison
Eucharistic Minister: Kevin Johnson
Crucifer: Dan Edoma
Torchbearers: Ozan Say, Chris Martinez
Lectors: Dawn Lorentson, Robert Herdt
Intercessor: Matt Babcock
Sacristans: Mary Ann Nelson, Judy & Madison Thompson
Ushers/Greeters: Mel & Judy Thompson
Coffee Hour Hosts: Jenny & Ricardo Chavira, Chris & Rachel Ritacco, Joann Sweasy, Keri Aubert & Jakki Flanagan

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray in thanksgiving for:
the birth of Oliver James Ritacco; the baptism of Josephine James Moore

Pray for those in any need or trouble, including:
Bill R., Bob H., Charlene, Dorothy, Jane, Jonathan, Ken, Lee, Marilyn, Meg, Paul, Phil, Rod, Suzanne, Timothy

Pray for those who have died.

In St. Thomas's Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
Allen Girvin, Margaret Girvin, Anthony Gopal, Susan Fernandez, Alicia, Alesandro

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for:
St. Andrew's, Milford; St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton; Parishes in transition, transition teams, and interim clergy

Collect at Baptism (*BCP*, p. 254)

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Church Leadership

Staff
The Rev. Keri Aubert—Priest-in-Charge
Simon Jacobs—Director of Music and Organist
Julie Kelly—Administrator, Parish and Property

Officers and Vestry
Joann Sweasy (Senior Warden)
Don Edwards (Junior Warden)
Alexander Scherer (Treasurer)
Marj Robison (Clerk)
Anne Harrison (Assistant Treasurer)
Laura Bower-Phipps
Michael Fournier
Daniel Harrison
Martha Deeds Hogan
Kevin Johnson
Chris Martinez
Tom Radice
Jennifer Regan
Christopher Ritacco

Associate Priests
The Rev. Dexter Cheney
The Rev. Jakki Flanagan
The Rev. Julie Kelsey
The Rev. Bill Loutrel
The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp
The Rev. Lee McGee Street
The Rev. Dr. Parke Street
The Rev. Dr. Lynda Z. Tyson

Ministry Coordinators
Dr. Dorothy Asch—Volunteer Lay Assistant
Marsha Ackerman—Children and Youth Ministries

Day School Leadership

Gina Panza—Head of School
Eric Gregory Snow—Chaplain

Board of Managers
Gina Panza—Head of School
The Rev. Keri Aubert—President, Day School Corp.
Jonathan Macey (Chair & PTO Rep)
Tracey Meares (Treasurer & Member of the Parish)
Gina Criscuolo (Secretary & PTO Rep)
Mark Branch (Warden Rep)
Frank Chang (Community Rep)
The Rev. K. Dexter Cheney (Parish Rep)
Lois DeLise (Community Rep)
Don Edwards (Parish Rep)
John Forrest (Alumni Rep)
Michael Fournier (Vestry Rep)
Jennifer McTiernan (Parish Rep)
Greg Mokotoff (PTO Rep)
Kenneth Paul (Community Rep)
Kathryn Scherer (Parish Rep)