

Services

Sunday

- 8:00 am Eucharist with hymns
9:00 am Fellowship
9:15 am Adult Forum
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am Sung Eucharist
11:15 am Fellowship
3:00 pm Senior Service
(Chapel, last Sunday of the month only)

Wednesday

- 10:00 am Eucharist (Chapel)

Daily

- 7:30 am Morning Prayer (Chapel)
9:00 am Friday Morning Prayer (Chapel)
(no Saturday service)

Music Rehearsals

Summer Schedule

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July

Congregations for the Homeless

July 20-24

Vacation Bible Camp

July 26

Kid's Sunday
Celebrate "Second Pentecost"

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Skagit Valley Pilgrims

August 22-23

Fellowship Weekend

August 30

"We Celebrate Jane"
Single Service & Potluck
Medina Park

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Profiles

A CONVERSATION WITH JANE

[Ed's note: In mid-April 2008, the Rev. Dr. Jane Maynard came to St. Thomas as Priest-in-Charge (Interim). On August 30, 2009, "We Celebrate Jane" to honor her ministry at St. Thomas and thank her for her loving spiritual leadership during our transition. On a sunny June afternoon, we talked about ancestors, education, children, passions, and animals as well as St. Thomas.]

Jane's journey to St. Thomas began in Massachusetts where her family had moved from Canada. Her ancestors were some of the earliest French settlers in Quebec, and they settled in a town called Guardian Angel. One grandfather came to the United States and started a dairy farm in Charlton, Massachusetts. "He was a remarkable man," Jane says, "and he eventually owned a number of dairy farms. He was well liked and a leader – an elected official and member of numerous French Canadian Societies. I remember him as very joyful."

Jane grew up in the Roman church and attended Catholic schools. Her university studies took her to Philadelphia and to graduate school in Illinois (where she and now-husband Jim Treyens first met). With her first husband, she moved to Boise, Idaho and worked for Planned Parenthood and as a hospital chaplain.

When her children, Dan and Beckie, were young, she began looking for a different church as she had begun to question some Roman beliefs. After visiting several, she found an Episcopal church in Meridian where "it felt like home." In 1981, she joined

the Episcopal Church, and in 1984 she talked to the bishop about ordination. Five years later, she entered seminary at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) in Berkeley while raising a young family. She was ordained in 1992. She later returned to teach there for eight and one-half years while working on a Ph. D.

"I love teaching, but I also carried other demanding responsibilities while at CDSP, including chairing the curriculum revision committee and working on accreditation," she notes.

Even more dramatic changes came when she and Jim reconnected after 20 years. They had been friends during graduate school in Illinois where they studied psychology. But they lost track of each other; they married, had children, and pursued careers. They both divorced in spring 1999. In the fall, Jim found Jane via the Internet and they discovered that they both lived in the Bay Area. Renewing their friendship, they eventually married, and when Jim, who is in software sales, was invited to

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transfer to Seattle in 2003, they decided to move. "I was ready for a change," Jane says.

Jim's son, Marc, works at the Seattle Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Jane's son, a fisheries biologist, and her daughter, an environmental scientist, remain in California.

For about six months in 2004, Jane and Jim were members of St. Thomas and sang in the choir together. Then, Jane accepted the interim position at Good Samaritan and an interim stint at Epiphany Parish in Seattle followed; immediately after this assignment, she came to St. Thomas as interim.

Without hesitation, Jane talks about her other passions. "Writing is my greatest interest. The history of women's ministry is a particular focus, especially exploring how women's lives and theology can be a resource for current-day pastoral care." She wrote her dissertation on Julian of Norwich, and that study generated her first book, *Transfiguring Loss: Julian of Norwich as a Guide for Survivors of Traumatic Grief*. She understands Julian as a resource for pastoral care during bereavement.

Two other great spiritual leaders, Evelyn Underhill and Catherine of Siena, may be subjects of her next books. "I love to travel and often combine it with my writing projects. For example, I'd like to spend some time in the retreat house near London where Underhill stayed and worked. I visited the Julian of Norwich Centre when writing my book, and the sense of her spirit is so strong there.

I experienced this sense of the other's presence also when I visited Catherine of Siena's tomb in Rome. I could feel her joyful spirit in that place."

Jane praises St. Thomas as "a tremendous blessing for me. I value my relationships with the people here, their warmth and their hospitality. I see the people here as genuinely seeking God. It is a privilege to be here."

St. Thomas also embraced another love in her life – Benito, a charming Havanese who is now one and one-half years old. "He spent a lot of his formative time here with me. St. Thomas is the most animal-friendly place I've ever been, and I so much appreciated being able to bring him to the office." Benito's "siblings" are two cats, Omega and Maddy. "This is the first time I've had cats," she says. "Omega is sleek, black, and an extrovert. Jim and I say, 'If he were a person, he'd be a salesman.'" Maddy (short for Madeline) is a tortoise shell, "a tortie with tortitude," in Jane's words. "She is feisty, shy, and a gymnast."

Jane's next destination? Right now, she is uncertain but she's considering several options. She feels called to pastoral work as she prefers to be involved at the grass roots level. "I feel energy in a parish; it offers great variety."

Wherever your call takes you, Jane, we will miss you and Jim (and Benito). We know that "for everything, there is a season," and we thank God for your season with us.

Godspeed.

A HEARTFELT THANKS

Dear Members of the Wednesday Morning Bible Study:

Thank you very much for the lovely book of Christmas music and for the special refreshments and flowers you provided for me during our recent celebration. It has been a great pleasure for me to study the Scriptures with you each week. I have benefitted from your calm wisdom and thoughtful reflection. I will carry thoughts of you with me wherever I go in my next assignment. My time with this group has been one of the highlights of my year at St. Thomas. May God continue to bless your fellowship and study in the coming year. I will miss you.

Faithfully,



No Collect in August

The Collect will be on vacation – no August issue will be published. Publication will resume in September; articles for September are due to the editor on August 10.

Taste and See
PARIS IS WORTH A MASS

by Sally Hayman, parishioner

From the window of our comfortable room at the Hotel du Pantheon in Paris, I could look out and see the French national Pantheon. It was May 6, two days before the national holiday celebrating the liberation of France after World War II. Workmen were busy festooning the great columns with French flags, the fluid tricolors making a nice contrast with the sober biscuit-colored buildings and the blue roofs.

The next day, the usual crowds of tourists lounging on the steps and wandering around the square were replaced by a more purposeful crowd of people who formed a ragged circle walking slowly around the triangular forecourt. As the crowd began to grow, now and then someone would raise a red banner in the center of the group. I asked the concierge, Hisham, what the protest was. He gave a Gallic shrug, and said that he didn't know, but it didn't concern us. France was in the midst of one of its perpetual strikes. This time it was the faculty of some of the universities. Usually it is the students. Blocks away at the Jardin du Luxembourg, a street was lined by police vans, filled with riot-equipped police ready, if needed, to quiet the mob.

The following day, shops and public services were closed because of the public holiday. Flags flew everywhere, and military jets flew formations in the sky. The strikers didn't bother to come out as they were on holiday anyway.

The strikers had chosen their spot with some eye to historical symbolism. The Pantheon was originally dedicated to St. Genevieve by Louis XV, who offered the building in thanksgiving for his recovery from a serious illness. Admittedly, the offering was part of the royal agenda, but it was completed at a bad time . . . 1790. In 1793 the

powers that had deposed and executed the Louis XVI, decided to turn the church into a national Pantheon. The sculptures and dedication to St. Genevieve were ripped off and replaced with the inscription "Aux Grands Hommes. La Patrie Reconnaissante." Neo-classical sculptures replaced Christian ones. Windows were bricked up to give a somber sepulchral look, and huge statues of heroic revolutionary statesmen were installed. Mirabeau and Marat were interred here, but later their ashes were removed in a political correction. Voltaire and Rousseau, sworn enemies, still face each other in the crypt. Of course, after the excesses of the revolution and the terror, monarchy was restored during the 19th century on several occasions, and Christian worship again took place in the church. But with the funeral of Victor Hugo in 1885, it became totally secular again.

Imagine being an ordinary, non-revolutionary person during the years after 1793. Your church had now been turned into a "temple of reason" or "temple of filial piety." Your clergy had been deprived of their property or killed. If you even mentioned that you might like the comfort of a sacrament, your sans-culotte neighbor might turn you in. Those familiar words "monsieur" and "madame" could not be uttered. "Les Miserables" indeed! The hypocrisy of "liberty, equality and fraternity" was complete when Napoleon, finding the church useful, invited the pope to watch him crown himself emperor.

Any tourist to France is familiar with those churches scrubbed of all holiness . . . the magnificent abbey of Mont Saint Michel, the Sainte-Chapelle built to hold the crown of

thorns, Val de Grace, the gift of Marie of Austria in thanksgiving for the birth of Louis XIV. Val de Grace, in fact, is still a church but feels the need to display a sign, "This is not a museum."

France, like most European nations, considers itself a post-Christian nation, but churches are still open and people still pray in them. On Sunday we took ourselves for a return visit to the Church of St. Gervais and Proteus, right behind the Hotel de Ville. When we arrived, the members of the Community of Jerusalem were already kneeling in silent prayer in the choir, nuns on one side, monks on the other. The white-scarved heads of the nuns were absolutely motionless. Occasionally a nun or monk would join the group, bringing a little stool around which to fold in a kneeling position. Meanwhile, the congregation filed in, quietly taking little stools that were lined up in the nave. When all the stools were occupied, people came and sat cross-legged on the matted floor.

When a great blast peeled out from the magnificent organ that had been played by the whole Couperin family, we looked around and found the church filled with people – old, young, middle-aged, well-dressed people. Two nuns in front us in "reformed" short blue skirts and vests, looked, we imagined, with some envy at the flowing white cloaks of the Jerusalem order. The nuns in the choir with their high clear voices led the singing and the congregation followed along with the printed leaflet.

Although I understood the "words" of the sermon in French, I really couldn't figure out what the preacher was

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Save the Dates

FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND, AUGUST 22-23

Many parishioners have asked for more St. Thomas fellowship events. So, we have planned a family fellowship weekend in August.

A Day at the Links, Saturday, August 22

A golf outing kicks off fellowship weekend. Foursomes can include couples, men, women, families with teens, even grandparents. You don't have to be an expert golfer – this is for fun. Larry Loranger is leading this great summer activity and will be happy to set up foursomes.

The event starts at 12:00 noon at the Snoqualmie Falls Golf Course in Fall City. The tournament will be a four-person scramble format with a few wrinkles thrown in for fun. You'll pay your own entry fee, plus a small contribution to a prize fund. Sign up with Larry at llorang3@comcast.net or call him if you have questions at 206-363-1197. And if you have time, don't forget to offer your help.

St. Thomas Summer Picnic, Sunday, August 23

What better time to hold the all-parish fellowship picnic than on a warm Sunday in August? It has been a few years since St. Thomas has held an all-parish event, and a picnic gives us a wonderful reason for a casual get-together. It will be great fun for the whole family.

We will start with a Eucharist at 10:15 am, but we are making it special by holding the service in Medina Park across from the church. After the service, we'll have a picnic lunch and fellowship, including softball and other games and fun activities for the entire family.

If you would like to help organize the event or to lend a hand on that day, please contact Catherine Kunkel (425-868-075, ckgk@comcast.net) or Anne Rogers (425-641-1350, anneyr@comcast.net). Let's make this a fun, successful St. Thomas fellowship event.

Christian Formation

SIGNS OF THE SPIRIT

by Josh Hosler, Associate for Christian Formation

This month's theme hymn, #513, is about the Holy Spirit. "Like the murmur of the dove's song" is especially close to my heart because I sang it as a solo in church when I was about 11 years old. At the time, it was a brand new hymn in the soon-to-be-released 1982 Hymnal.

I feel like I've been writing, preaching, and talking about nothing but the Holy Spirit lately. That's appropriate. The energy at St. Thomas has been palpable, from the introduction of our next rector, Lex Breckinridge ... to an incredible Pentecost service featuring bagpipes, dancers, ice cream, and eleven baptisms ... to the blessing and send-off of nine graduating seniors ... to the anticipation of our month of Congregations for the Homeless and Vacation Bible Camp ... to the upcoming Skagit Valley Youth Pilgrimage. Everywhere I turn, St. Thomas parishioners are pitching in because they know God is at work here, and they want to join the movement.

Hymn 513 lists a few signs of the Holy Spirit at work: the healing of division, the ceaseless voice of prayer, the power to love and witness, and peace beyond compare. I could give examples of all of these things happening at St.

Thomas in the past few months alone. I feel privileged to be present while God is doing it. The Holy Spirit doesn't take a summer vacation.

Our theme for Vacation Bible Camp this year is "Seasons of Faith: A Year with Jesus." As of this writing a month and a half before camp, 61 children have already registered, and half of them are not St. Thomas members. During camp in the week of July 20-24, the children will experience a different church season each day: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter.

That leaves us an extra church season, Pentecost, which we intend to celebrate with our campers on July 26. Again, we have baptisms scheduled. Again, we have great music planned. And again, we'll have a party afterward: a barbecue intended to welcome our friends from other churches whose children have joined us for the week. I hope you'll join us too.

Let 2009 be known as the year that the Holy Spirit ran so rampant at St. Thomas, we had to celebrate Pentecost twice.

FELLOWSHIP AND FUNDRAISING EVENT, OCTOBER 24

St. Thomas has had a long tradition of fundraising to benefit the church and to reach out to the community. For years, we presented the Secret Gardens Tour, and more recently, the Consignment Fair and Garage Sale. In the last two years or so, we haven't really done much. We think the idea should be given new life, and we want fellowship and fun to be as much of the formula as fundraising. Here's a fresh attempt to try something new, and we hope our whole church community will support it.

Las Vegas Night and Silent Auction, Saturday, October 24

Las Vegas Night

Venue: The Great Hall

Time: 8:00 to 11:30 pm

Who: Parishioners over 21; 120-150 people maximum

Dress Code: It's the week before Halloween, so why not costumes? Or, if you prefer, wear what you'd wear in Las Vegas

What Makes It "Las Vegas"?

Poker, Blackjack, Craps, Roulette Tables

Who Benefits? St. Thomas because this is a fundraiser. No personal winnings, but prizes will be awarded

Food: Light supper will be included in admission cost

Refreshments: Bar will be available (one free drink; remainder for purchase)

Raffle: We plan to raffle off a weekend in Las Vegas

Cost: To be determined.

How to Help: Offer to be a dealer for one hour during the evening (we'll probably need 18 dealers over the course of the night). Help with organization, with set-up, and during the event.

How Much Fun Will It Be? Ask Father Steve Best, Russ Borgmann (who has been a dealer at a similar event), or Alice Reid.

Silent Auction

Where: Also in the Great Hall, but along the perimeter and on the stage

What: We hope to offer 30 items or so in a silent auction; the items are to be contributed by parishioners, including practical items, vacation homes, personal services – any items that might appeal in a fundraiser of this type.

How: Sign-up sheets with description of items (some items displayed) will be available at the tables throughout the night. A booklet listing all items will be provided. Upon closing, winning bidders can claim their items in the conference room.

Your Contribution Will Be Appreciated: Help us by offering items for the auction or taking part in the planning or in the set-up of the silent auction.

How Much Fun Will It Be? Ask anyone who attended last year's Bishop Bash. The Silent Auction was fun and a great success. Remember, this is not just a fundraiser – it will be an enjoyable fellowship event as well.

Who to Contact

Las Vegas

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Silent Auction

Linda LaBrue – 425-427-8195; lindal@watermark-llc.com
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Vestry Views

THOUGHTS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

by Bob Webb, *Junior Warden*

I don't recall ever hearing this hymn before, despite so many of them being familiar from years of singing in church services for over a half century. However, with our recent Pentecost celebration commemorating the arrival of the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus and long before in old scripture, this poem and the thoughts in it are really meaningful to me on quiet reflection.

Then, a week later, comes Trinity Sunday, a much later event in our Christian church history. It fills the gap of how can

*Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove, with light and comfort from above;
Be thou our guardian, thou our guide o'er every thought and step preside.*

*The light of truth to us display, and make us know and choose they way;
Plant holy fear in every heart, that we from thee may ne'er depart.*

*Lead us to Christ, the living way, nor let us from his precepts stray;
Lead us to holiness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.*

*Lead us to heaven, that we may share fullness of joy for ever there;
Lead us to God, our final rest, to be with him forever blest.*

— Hymn 512

there be three separate Gods. And, how can we manage to understand our ongoing godly directives without some continuing close presence of God/Christ? And the church seemed fractured on this important controversy. It seems the joint decision at the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. defining a triune God with the Spirit being all around us even now brought the church closer together and was a spirit-filled and correct decision. Again, the "Dove" was all around them in the earliest days.

Meaningful to us, now? How? Maybe the feeling of peace, reassurance, and security that comes from the light, almost buoyant, message of truth in the verses on how to live our lives.

The initial sentence suggests we welcome the loving guidance in our daily lives from this Spirit that was sent to care for us and help us. The Spirit fills us on how to function in this hubbub of turmoil that makes up most of our daily activity. Then this dove-like spirit becomes a little more directive saying that to keep this loving feeling we are obliged to conduct ourselves the best we are able.

What else might we gain from these four short stanzas? In the third, we ask, "Lead us to Christ, the living way. . . ." To me this suggests that living in this world with all its imperfections and problems can be done reverently, honestly, and with a forthright enthusiasm. If we keep our eyes on the goal and strive for this life we all yearn for, we can still live life "on the high road" as circuitous as it often seems to be.

And, in the end, by doing our best to live the way we know is right we are assured by this wonderful, comforting spirit brought by the gentle dove that we will be blest forever.

We Celebrate Jane

The parish is invited to honor Jane Maynard at a farewell service and party on Sunday, August 30, Jane's last Sunday with St. Thomas. This will be a one-service Sunday followed by a parish potluck luncheon.

Flower Guild Contributions

On so many occasions, we like to honor our loved ones with flowers, whether it is a birthday, graduation, wedding, anniversary, or a memorial to family and friends. You are invited to choose a date throughout the year to provide a beautiful arrangement for the church. To schedule a time or to make a much needed donation to the Flower Guild, you may call Dorothy Bishop at 425-454-2367. Susan Huenefeld orders the flowers and the design and arrangements are completed by Susan, Vicki Neumann, Gretchen Dawson, Lee Belfiglio, Cheryl Kiefer, and Rachel Best. If you would like to participate in this service, you are welcome to take the training and arrange flowers on Friday or Saturday about once every six weeks.

Summer Sundays @ Seven

Save the dates for two special concerts on two Sundays at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, July 19 – Treasury of Song: Robert & Clara Schumann, "Their Music, Their Love, Their Lives" with Alyce Rogers, contralto, and Charles Enlow, piano, featuring

Liederkreis, op. 39 by Robert Schumann; piano works of Robert & Clara Schumann; and songs of Clara Schumann.

Sunday, August 9 – Organ & Piano Recital featuring Ruth Rus, piano, and Charles Rus, organ.

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saying. His text was "I am the vine and you are the branches." He made some reference to the fact that the community had just made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. It rolled on in elegant French phrases like a menu – entrée, plat, and dessert. But everything always sounds more profound to me in French.

I had time to reflect on what drew so many obviously middle-class people to worship at St. Gervais and Proteus. The church is inhabited by the monastic Community of Jerusalem, men and women who take Benedictine vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and joy. Given a charter or constitution by the Holy See in 1975, they agree to sing prayers and psalms three times daily in the church where they are assigned. All the monks and nuns work for wages and live in rented accommodations. They live in and find spiritual inspiration in the life of the city. They go about in their habits, and carry the cloister in their hearts. They seek to attract worshippers through the beauty of their liturgy which refers back pre-Vatican II to the early Christians in Jerusalem.

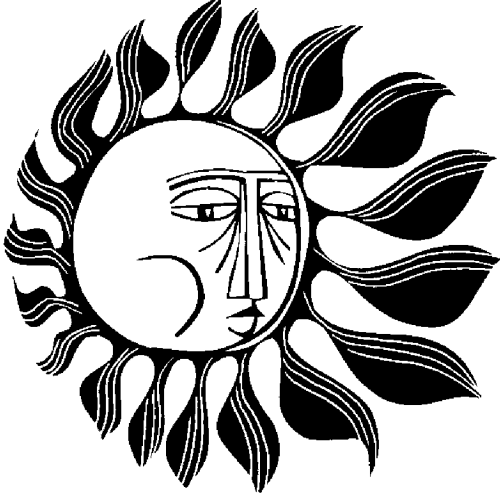
Since 1975, they have established communities in other European cities including Florence and Cologne, and in Montreal, Canada.

At the peace, the whole community came out to the congregation, meeting everyone with warm smiles and two-handed greetings. I reflected on the differences between the two groups of demonstrators: the strikers in front of the Pantheon whose grievances will always renew themselves, and the monks and nuns of the Order of Jerusalem demonstrating their joy and commitment to Christ. The forces of French revolution did their best to dig out the roots of the Christian church. They even scattered the bones of the French kings buried in St. Denis to prevent any association of monarchy and Christianity. But the roots were deeper and stronger than they could imagine and even today put forth new branches like the Order of Jerusalem.

FINANCIAL REPORT

MAY 2009		BUDGET	ACTUAL
	INCOME	\$ 69,542	\$ 65,331
	EXPENSE	\$ 72,585	\$ 78,282
YEAR TO DATE			
	INCOME	\$419,208	\$411,417
	EXPENSE	\$420,719	\$424,986

A detailed financial report is available from Gerry Gallaher, Business Manager, in the Parish Office.



A NOTE FROM ZONNIE BRECKINRIDGE

May 31, 2009

Dear Bonnie,

Please pass along to the whole St. Thomas community our deep gratitude for the warm and generous welcome extended to Lex and me last week. We felt embraced by all and we are still basking in the glow of your hospitality.

We can hardly wait to settle into the community and begin sharing our lives will all of you.

Lex joins me in wishing all of you a glorious summer.

I look forward to the next time we are together.

Fondly,

Zonnie

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