

# *This Week at Saint Thomas Church*

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

*Saint Thomas is a parish church of the Episcopal Diocese of New York*

## *Sunday, June 22*

*Corpus Christi*

**8am** Said Eucharist (Rite I) in the Chantry

**9am** Sung Eucharist (Rite I) at the High Altar

**10am** Bible Study on 2 Corinthians

**11am Festal Eucharist** sung by the Orlando Deanery Boychoir and Girls Choir  
sermon by Fr Mead

**12:30pm** Guided Tour of the Church

## *Monday, June 23*

**8am** Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

**12:10pm** Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

**5:30pm** Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

## *Tuesday, June 24*

*The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist*

**8am** Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

**12:10pm** Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

The Tuesday 12:10 Mass includes a healing service of Holy Unction.

**5:30pm** Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

## *Wednesday, June 25*

**8am** Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

**12:10pm** Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

**5:30pm** Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

## *Thursday, June 26*

**8am** Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

**12:10pm** Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

**12:40pm** Bible Study on 2 Corinthians

This is a repeat of the Sunday class

**5:30pm** Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

## *Friday, June 27*

**8am** Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

**12:10pm** Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

**5:30pm** Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

## *Saturday, June 28*

*Irenaeus*

**9:30am** Soup Kitchen Volunteers

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**12:10pm** Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

## *Sunday, June 29*

*Saint Peter and Saint Paul*

**8am** Said Eucharist (Rite I) in the Chantry

**9am** Sung Eucharist (Rite I) at the High Altar

**10am** Bible Study on 2 Corinthians

**11am Festal Eucharist** sung by the Ottawa Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys  
sermon by Fr Mead

**12:30pm** Guided Tour of the Church

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## *Details for the Week Beginning June 22*

### *Sunday Worship*

On Sunday, **June 22**, we observe the Feast of the Corpus Christi. In a very real sense, every Eucharist is a feast of the Corpus Christi (at Saint Thomas, we have nearly one thousand Masses every year), but on this Sunday we take the time to contemplate the Holy Mysteries in depth, to dig deep in heart and mind as we attempt to understand what it is we are doing when we go to the altar rail to receive the Blessed Sacrament. Of course, during Holy Week, on Maundy Thursday, we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist by our Lord. Yet, because Holy Week is full of so much activity surrounding our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection, it is appropriate that we set aside a day later in the year to return to ponder this most intimate and yet ubiquitous of sacraments. The feast date actually falls on June 19 this year, but we transfer it to a Sunday so that the maximum number of the faithful can participate.

Then, on Sunday, **June 29**, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Earlier in the year already commemorated these two great leaders of the early Church separately—Peter on January 18, for his confession of Jesus as the Messiah, and Paul on January 25, for his conversion. They are commemorated together on June 29 in observance of the tradition of the Church that they both died as martyrs in Rome during the persecution under Nero, in 64. Please also be aware that Sunday, June 29 is the last Sunday in which Fr Andrew Mead is Rector of Saint Thomas Church. He retires July 1, and will be succeeded by Fr Carl Turner as our XIII Rector.

Please note that choral services will continue throughout the summer on Sundays at 11am. We have a series of visiting choirs as well as return visits from the Gentlemen of the Choir. For example, on Sunday, June 22, the 11am Festal Eucharist is sung by the Orlando Deanery Boychoir and Girls Choir from Florida, and on Sunday, June 29 the 11am Festal Eucharist is sung by Ottawa Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys from Canada.

### *Weekday Services in the Chantry Chapel*

In addition to the choral services listed above, we have daily said services in the Chantry Chapel, which is to the left side of the church after you enter the Fifth Avenue doors. Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are followed by a Mass, so the total time for the 8am and 5:30pm services is about 35 minutes, sometimes 40 minutes. The 12:10pm service usually lasts about 25 minutes. Although the daily services in the Chantry do not include music, they can be quite powerful in their intimacy and simplicity, and are especially ideal for those who want to pray, hear Holy Scripture, and make their Holy Communion. About 15 minutes prior to each service, cards are available on a table which is placed at the back of the Chantry Chapel. These cards will help you follow along during the Mass. Newcomers are always welcome.

### *Summer at Saint Thomas*

Summertime at Saint Thomas is much slower than the rest of the year. The boys of the Saint Thomas Choir School are on their summer vacation, and therefore we have far fewer choral services. The clergy and staff also rest a bit, so there are far fewer theology classes, youth classes and fellowship events. The concert series and organ recital series also takes a break. Nevertheless, as described above worship continues daily and choral worship continues on Sundays, and we hope you will join us. And please return in September to participate the full range of all that Saint Thomas Church has on offer. All are welcome.