

# 2024 BICENTENNIAL APPEAL

## Saint Thomas Church



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God's Love in the  
Heart of New York



*Stewardship is a journey of connection, growth, and grace. Supporting the commemoration of 200 years is energizing and life affirming. As Saint Thomas looks toward a bright and hopeful future, now is the time to honor what has come before and anticipate what is yet to come.*

**- THE REV. CANON CARL F. TURNER** Rector

*Serving as the Chair and Co-chair is especially meaningful this year for the Bicentennial Annual Appeal. Making a pledge is one of the most direct and impactful ways we can ensure the current and future vitality of our mission and ministry as we celebrate 200 years. Please join us in this pivotal moment for Saint Thomas Church and Choir School and make a pledge today!*

**- DARREN LITTLEJOHN & ERIC HARTLINE**

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## **BICENTENNIAL ANNUAL APPEAL 2024 COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Darren Littlejohn, Chair  
Eric Hartline, Co-Chair

Diana Beck, Rebecca Aliab Deng, Dan Fowler, Edward L. Gibson, Lauren Hildreth,  
T.J. Houlihan, Steve T. Kelly, Stephen Storen, Beverly Thompson, K.C. Underwood, Greg Zaffiro



“I appreciate the music of Saint Thomas. It is one of the great joys of living in NYC. Whenever I go there, I feel so uplifted. I often say to the clergy as I’m leaving *Thank God for Saint Thomas.*”

DAVID B.



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## WORSHIP

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### PRACTICING OUR FAITH

Saint Thomas Church is an oasis of prayer in the middle of bustling Midtown Manhattan. From daily intercessions to glorious liturgy; from spiritual direction to Gospel preaching, we aim to make connections with the world around us and be a place where heaven touches earth.

## PASTORAL CARE

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### WITH YOU

More than being there when times are difficult or uncertain, pastoral care is about nurturing our response to God's constant invitation to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ through any and every circumstance; it's about seeing how God is already showing up in our lives, meeting us where we are, creating connection and community, empowering us to grow together in faith, hope, and love.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

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### GROWING IN FAITH

Following the expansion of our children and youth ministries at the 9am Eucharist last year, 2023-24 sees further growth with the return of Faith Alive (age 10+) and introduction of a Preschool Music class in our newly decorated nursery space. The addition of a training choir (age 5-8) to the Noble Singers Children's Choir (age 8-14) enables an even wider range of children to participate and engage with our strong musical heritage.





“We have seen remarkable growth - in education, maturity and, of course, musicality - in our son's time at the Choir School! The opportunity provided to him in this unique environment of Sacred Music and choral tradition is profound. The spirituality and musical excellence are experiences he will carry for a lifetime.”

MEREDITH & SCOTT H.

## CHOIR SCHOOL

### MUSICAL TRAINING IN THE ANGLICAN TRADITION

The Saint Thomas Choir School transforms the lives of its students, and in turn, the boys transform the lives of others. An important ministry of the Church, the Choir School offers an unparalleled combination of educational and musical excellence. The students grow, learn, and live together, ministering to all who enter the sacred space of the church while receiving the knowledge, skills, and experiences that will last a lifetime.

- CHRISTOPHER A. SEELEY Head of School



## ADULT EDUCATION

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### FORMATION & UNDERSTANDING

The Saint Thomas Theological Education Program is at the service of those who seek a deeper understanding of faith and want to nourish their worship, their Christian life, and their prayer. More than ever our faith needs intelligent probing, nourishment, and dedication. We are committed to look for engaging and fresh ways of meeting this need, always with an eye to the relevance of theology to everyday life.

## MUSIC

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### OUR UNIQUE CHORAL HERITAGE

Choral music is the heartbeat of our worship and the core mission of our school. We continue to sing, perform, and nurture, and our music is bound up in stone and story.

## OUTREACH

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### TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Grants Program: Over \$125,000 awarded to nearly 20 organizations.

*With the opening of Casa Anglicana, pilgrims are finding a place of hospitality, learning, healing, hope, and love. Our ministry will be expanded and enhanced by your generosity.* - THE FRIENDS OF THE ANGLICAN CENTRE IN SANTIAGO

*Our vision is a New York City where all young people have the opportunity to learn and make music with others. We thank you for helping to advance this vision and our many efforts to enrich young lives through music.* - THE HARMONY PROGRAM

## FUTURE SUSTAINABILITY

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*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.* (1 Cor. 3:6)

Planned gifts offer a way for those who care deeply about Saint Thomas Church and Choir School to ensure the future sustainability of this distinctive and precious institution.



*Those who pledge \$5,000 and above are  
members of our Keystone Society*

A keystone is the central stone placed at the top of an arch. The keystone is placed last when constructing an arch, locking all the other stones in place. It allows the arch to bear its own weight. The word keystone is often used figuratively to mean the central idea of a philosophy, process, business proposition, or principle upon which it may stand. These commitments are foundational to our mission and ministry.

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## **PLANNED GIVING AT SAINT THOMAS**

### **THE CORNELIUS ROOSEVELT DUFFIE GUILD**

*Dedicated to the Church*

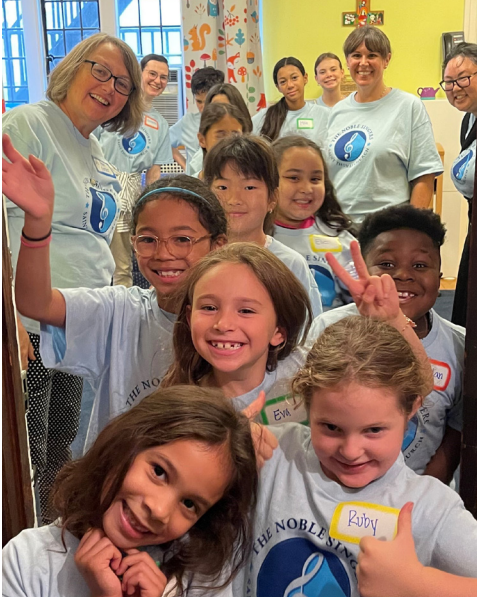
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### **THE T. TERTIUS NOBLE GUILD**

*Dedicated to the School*

These guilds seek to honor, thank, and acknowledge those who have supported the Church and Choir School in their estate plans. They encourage parishioners, friends, and alumni to remember the Church and Choir School through planned gifts. Unless anonymity is requested, members of the Guilds are listed in our annual Yearbook and recognized in a variety of ways throughout the year.





**The 2024 Bicentennial Annual Appeal** is a chance to support the Church and School in a direct and meaningful way. Participating in the stewardship of our Church and School is a practical way to maintain and grow our day-to-day worship, service, and love of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

“I’m giving to something that I think changes life for the better around us.

STEVE K.

