

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, May 15

The Day of Pentecost

8am Said Eucharist

9am Sung Eucharist with the Junior Choristers

10am Theology Class: Genesis – Who are we?

11am Sunday School

11am Solemn Eucharist & Confirmation sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by Bishop Shin

12:30pm Guided Tour of the Church Building

4pm Solemn Evensong sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by Fr Turner

5:15pm Organ Recital

Performed by Stephen Buzard, Acting Organist of Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue

Monday, May 16

First Book of Common Prayer

8am Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

12:10pm Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

12:40pm Theology Class: Genesis – Who are we?
This is a repeat of the Sunday morning class.

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

6:15pm Good Books & Good Talk

This month we discuss Mark Twain's The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. All who have read the book in advance are welcome to the discussion.

Tuesday, May 17

8am Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

12:10pm Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Includes a healing service of Holy Unction.

5:30pm Choral Evensong sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Evensong is followed by a short, said Rite I Mass.

Wednesday, May 18

Ember Day

8am Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

12:10pm Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

5:30pm Choral Evensong sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Evensong is followed by a short, said Rite I Mass.

Thursday, May 19

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8am Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

12:10pm Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

5:30pm Choral Evensong sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Evensong is followed by a short, said Rite I Mass.

Friday, May 20

Ember Day

8am Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

12:10pm Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

12:45pm Bible Study

Fr Spurlock leads this close reading of Saint Luke.

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

Saturday, May 21

Ember Day

9:30am Soup Kitchen Volunteers

Contact welcome@SaintThomasChurch.org for information about volunteering

12:10pm Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

2pm Organ Recital

Stephen Buzard plays the fourth installment of the Complete Bach Organ Series.

Sunday, May 22

Trinity Sunday

8am Said Eucharist

9am Sung Eucharist with the Junior Choristers

10am Theology Class: Genesis – Who are we?

11am Festal Eucharist sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by The Rev'd Anne Mallonee

12:30pm Guided Tour of the Church Building

4pm Festal Evensong sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

*Includes the Admission of Choristers
Sermon by Fr Turner*

5:15pm Organ Recital

Performed by Benjamin Sheen, Acting Director of Music at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue

Highlights for the Week Beginning May 15

The Day of Pentecost & Trinity Sunday

Join us on **Sunday, May 15**, when we mark the arrival of the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, the Comforter, an arrival which (2,000 years ago) transformed fearful and self-conscious men and women into fearless and selfless evangelists for Christ. Pentecost is, in many ways, the birthday of the Church. But it is not merely that. It is the acknowledgement and celebration of the on-going action of God in our lives, through the Spirit. On this day at the 11am Solemn Eucharist, we welcome new Episcopalians through the Confirmation and Reception, evidence indeed of the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Then, on **Sunday, May 22**, we take a theological turn. Having just observed throughout the church year our salvation history—the promise by the Father to send his Son (Advent), who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary (Christmas), to redeem us through his suffering, death and resurrection (Lent, Holy Week and Easter), and who ascended into heaven (Ascension Day) but left us not comfortless, but gives us the Holy Spirit (Pentecost)—we take a Sunday to contemplate the mysteries of this one God in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. “Trinity Sunday” is celebrated at all four services on May 22, most gloriously with the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys at 11am and 4pm.

Weekday Choral Services

Weekday Choral Evensong is sung this week at 5:30pm on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (May 17-19)**. Each time it lasts about 45 minutes, and is followed by a short, said Mass. Based on the services held daily in the medieval Church, Choral Evensong as arranged in the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England has been sung regularly since the sixteenth century. Many people who are new to worship at Saint Thomas enjoy the contemplative feel of Choral Evensong. The service includes readings (just as would occur at Evening Prayer) and prayers led by a priest, as well as music taken from the rich tradition of the Anglican choral repertoire. An anthem along with a setting of the *Magnificat* and the *Nunc dimittis* are sung by the choir. To learn more, read about Evensong on our website.

Weekday Said Services

Saint Thomas offers daily said services in the Chantry Chapel, which is to the left side of the church after you enter the Fifth Avenue doors, and we invite you to join us. Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are followed by a Mass, so the total time for the 8am and 5:30pm said services is about 35 minutes. The 12:10pm service usually lasts about 20 or 25 minutes, except on Tuesdays when it is a bit longer because that service includes the laying on of hands for healing. Although the daily services in the Chantry do not include music, they can be quite powerful in their intimacy and simplicity, and are ideal for those who want to pray, hear Holy Scripture, and make their Holy Communion.

The Complete Bach Organ Series

Saint Thomas's beautiful gallery organ was built by the Virginia organ company Taylor and Boody in 1996. Originally conceived as a three-manual organ in the North German baroque style, funds could only be found for two manuals and 21 stops. After twenty years, the organ is finally complete with three manuals, 31 stops, and 44 ranks of pipes. We invite you to come and listen to this completed instrument as Stephen Buzard, *Acting Organist of Saint Thomas Church*, plays the fourth installment of the Complete Bach Organ Series. This one-hour recital on Saturday, May 21 at 2pm is free, though donations of any amount are appreciated. Complete details of the entire organ series may be found in the music section of our website.