



SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the
CITY OF NEW YORK

The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*
Daniel Hyde, *Organist and Director of Music*
The Reverend Charles F. Wallace, *Headmaster*

Welcome to Saint Thomas, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York.
Our mission is to worship, love and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ
through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.

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THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (transferred) FEBRUARY 3, 2019

CANDLEMAS PROCESSION, SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND HOLY BAPTISM — 11 a.m.

PRELUDE Ancient Sunlight (2003) *Judith Bingham*
I. Infancy (b. 1952)
II. Betrothal
III. Annunciation

SETTING Missa brevis *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*
(c. 1525-1594)

*The Choir, Ministers and Sunday School Children enter from the Narthex.
The People stand holding unlit candles, and turn to face the Celebrant who greets them with these words*

Celebrant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Celebrant says

BELOVED in Christ, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgment, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

The People's candles are lighted as the Choir sings

MOTET *William Byrd*
(c. 1540-1623)

SENEX puerum portabat,
puer autem senem regebat:
Quem Virgo peperit,
et post partum Virgo permansit:
ipsum quem genuit, adoravit.

*An old man held up an Infant,
but the Infant upheld the old man.
A Child he was that a Virgin bore,
and kept her as Virgin evermore.
The one whom she brought forth, she did adore.*

Antiphon to the Magnificat First Vespers, Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The People hold their candles high as the Celebrant then says the following prayer

Let us pray.

GOD our Father, source of all light, today thou hast revealed to the aged Simeon thy light which enlightens all nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, and come to the Light that shines for ever, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PROCESSION

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.
People In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN

OLD 120TH

HAIL to the Lord who comes, comes to his temple gate;
not with his angel host, not in his kingly state;
no shouts proclaim him nigh, no crowds his coming wait;

2. But, borne upon the throne of Mary's gentle breast,
watched by her duteous love, in her fond arms at rest,
thus to his Father's house he comes, the heavenly guest.

3. There Joseph at her side in reverent wonder stands;
and, filled with holy joy, old Simeon in his hands
takes up the promised child, the glory of all lands.

4. Hail to the great First-born, whose ransom-price they pay,
the Son before all worlds, the child of man to-day,
that he might ransom us who still in bondage lay.

5. O Light of all the earth, thy children wait for thee!
Come to thy temples here, that we, from sin set free,
before thy Father's face may all presented be!

THE SALUTATION AND THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

ALmighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The people continue holding lit candles until after the Gospel reading.

THE LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

VIRGIN-BORN, we bow before thee:
 blessed was the womb that bore thee;
 Mary, Mother meek and mild,
 blessed was she in her Child.
 Blessed was the breast that fed thee;
 blessed was the hand that led thee;
 blessed was the parent's eye
 that watched thy slumbering infancy.

2. Blessed she by all creation,
 who brought forth the world's salvation,
 and blessed they, for ever blest,
 who love thee most and serve thee best.
 Virgin-born, we bow before thee;
 blessed was the womb that bore thee;
 Mary, Mother meek and mild,
 blessed was she in her Child.

Please be seated.

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 2:14-18

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Please stand.

This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Choir A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.
People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Saint Luke 2:22-40

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

People The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rector

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE FOR HOLY BAPTISM

The Congregation remains seated. The parents and godparents gather with the child at the Chancel step. The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Samuel James Moretz to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant addresses the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the child

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Congregation stands and the Celebrant addresses them

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says

Brothers and sisters, Let us profess together with this candidate the faith of the Church.

THE BAPTISMAL CONVENT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Celebrant says to the Congregation

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

The Celebrant leads the parents with their child and the godparents to the font as the people pray for Samuel James

Deacon Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Open his heart to thy grace and truth.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Fill him with thy holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Keep him in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Send him into the world in witness to thy love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Bring him to the fullness of thy peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ thy Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who liveth and reigneth now and forever. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

People The Lord be with you.
And with thy Spirit.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank thee, Almighty God, for the gift of water.
Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through it thou didst lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.
In it thy Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.
We thank thee, O Father, for the water of Baptism.
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.
By it we share in his resurrection.
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.
Therefore in joyful obedience to thy Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray thee, by the power of thy Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE BAPTISM

The Celebrant pours water over the candidate, saying

Samuel James, I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Celebrant makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the newly baptized with the Holy Chrism saying

Samuel James, thou art sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

The Celebrant then says this prayer.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank thee that by water and the Holy Spirit thou hast bestowed upon this thy servant the forgiveness of sin, and hast raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in thy Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love thee, and the gift of joy and wonder in all thy works. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive thee into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

THE GREETINGS

Please be seated.

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

Johannes Eccard
(1533-1611)

WHEN to the Temple Mary went, And brought the Holy Child,
Him did the aged Simeon see, As it had been reveal'd.
He took up Jesus in his arms And, blessing God, he said:
In peace I now depart, My Saviour having seen. The Hope of Israel, the Light of men.
Help now Thy servants, gracious Lord, That we may ever be,
As once the faithful Simeon was, Rejoicing but in Thee:
And when we must from Earth departure take,
May gently fall asleep, And with Thee wake.

John Troutbeck

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please kneel.

The Celebrant continues and concludes

People O Father Almighty, world without end.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
All



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea- ven, hal- low - ed be thy Name,
thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea- ven.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread. and for-give us our tres-pas-ses,
as we for-give those who tres-pass a- gainst us. And lead us not in- to temp-ta - tion,
but de-liv-er us from e - vil. For thine is the king-dom,
and the power and the glo - ry, for ev-er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.
The Sacrament is distributed at the High Altar and, for convenience and accessibility,
also at the Chantry Chapel Altar. Gluten-free hosts are available; please ask the priest at the altar rail.*

AT THE COMMUNION, AGNUS DEI *Sung by the Choir.*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *Said by all, kneeling.*

ALmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

THE GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Please stand. A member of the parish gives a candle lighted from the Paschal Candle to the parents of the newly baptized and says

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.
Samuel James, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

People Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The Congregation's candles are then lighted as the Choir sings

NUNC DIMITTIS

Christopher Tye
(c. 1505-1572)

LORD let thy servant now depart in peace, according to thy promise.
For mine eyes have seen the Saviour sent from thee:
whom thou hast prepared before the face of thy people.
A light to lighten the Gentiles, to be the glory of thy people of Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Always so be it.

THE BLESSING

MAY Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people

People Go, in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

EDMONTON

O ZION, open wide thy gates,
let symbols disappear;
a priest and victim, both in one,
the Truth himself, is here.

2. Aware of hidden deity,
the lowly Virgin brings
her newborn babe, with two young doves,
her humble offerings.

3. The aged Simeon sees at last
his Lord, so long desired,
and Anna welcomes Israel's hope,
with holy rapture fired.

4. But silent knelt the mother blest
of the yet silent Word,
and pondering all things in her heart,
with speechless praise adored.

5. All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.

Healing and intercessory prayer will be offered by clergy and trained lay volunteers in the Chantry Chapel at the conclusion of today's service for anyone who desires it.

The flowers today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
George Arents, Mrs. Margaret Adams Bromley, Margaret Crane Hurlbut and James S. Reilly, Jr.

DAILY OFFICE AND MASS

Monday through Friday Services: 8 a.m., 12:10 and 5:30 p.m.

(The Tuesday 12:10 p.m. Healing Eucharist includes the laying on of hands and anointing of the sick)

Saturday Eucharist: 12:10 p.m.

Choral Evensong on Tuesday, February 5, at 5:30 p.m.

Choral Evensong on Wednesday, February 6, at 5:30 p.m.

Choral Evensong on Thursday, February 7, at 5:30 p.m.

Prayers at the Shrine of our Lady of Fifth Avenue

Monday through Saturday at 12 p.m.

Intercessions may be sent via the website by using the Prayer Request Tab or by leaving a written request in the box near the Shrine itself.

Confessions in the Resurrection Chapel, Saturdays from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

8 A.M. SAID EUCHARIST

9 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Sermon by Father Moretz

11 A.M. FESTAL EUCHARIST

Sermon by Father Moretz

4 P.M. FESTAL EVENSONG

Sermon by the Reverend Dr. Christine Pae
Associate Professor of Religion, Denison University

5:15 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL

Kevin Kwan

Assistant Organist 2008-2012

PARISH NOTICES

If you are a visitor this morning, **we welcome you to Saint Thomas Church** and hope that you are with us again soon. We encourage you to complete a Welcome Card which you can find in the narthex at the front of the church.

There is a **guided tour** of the church following the voluntary at the end of this service. To join the tour, please meet the tour guide by the gallery stairs in the narthex.

Nursery: We welcome our youngest members and guests to Saint Thomas Church. Nursery care is available for infants and young children of parents attending the 9 and 11 a.m. liturgies. If your child would like to attend the nursery, please ask one of our ushers or staff who will kindly direct you. Once at the nursery, parents will be asked to sign their children in and will receive a silent pager for use during the service.

Sunday School: Children who are in pre-school through 6th grade are invited to attend Sunday School classes at Saint Thomas Church. Class meets Sundays at 11 a.m., and the children are brought down to church during the service prior to Holy Communion. For more information about registering your child or for questions about the program, please email Mother Alison Turner at SundaySchool@SaintThomasChurch.org.

A quiet area is available in the Chantry Chapel for **Children and Families** who wish to worship together. Accompanied young children are welcome to use this space during the 9 and 11 a.m. liturgies, where they are invited to enjoy a range of Bible stories and soft toys.

Nursery and Sunday School Family Feast: Please join us today at 10 a.m. for breakfast in the living room of the parish house. Our monthly *Family Feasts* are an informal time of fellowship for new, returning and existing families to gather with their children over a light breakfast.

You are invited to **Coffee Hour**, which takes place in Andrew Hall following this service. To get there, take the Great Staircase to your left at the front of the nave. Please introduce yourself to members of the Welcome Committee, who will be distributing name tags, or to members of the clergy. Also, if you would like to hear from us, please sign the Parish Guest Book.

The Candlemas Campaign for the 2019 Annual Appeal starts today. At Saint Thomas, this ancient feast day marks the beginning of the Candlemas Campaign and throughout the month of February, we remind all who worship at Saint Thomas to declare their support to the church and the school by making a pledge to the 2019 Annual Appeal. Please remember that if your circumstances should change and you need to reduce your pledge, you can easily do that just by calling the Development Office – no questions are asked. If you have not yet pledged to the 2019 Annual Appeal and want to be recognized as an active supporter of Saint Thomas Church and Choir School, please make a pledge today. You can pledge online at www.SaintThomasChurch.org or pick up an Annual Appeal brochure in the narthex or at reception. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Hall Kaplan at AKaplan@SaintThomasChurch.org or 212.757.7013, x414.

On Sunday, February 10, **the 18-30s Ministry** will host a film screening at the Rectory. Please RSVP to YoungAdults@SaintThomasChurch.org by today if you are interested in attending. The film selection and meeting time will be provided at a later date.

Strategic Planning: We are at the midpoint of our planning process. Thank you to the 1,122 people who took our online survey and the 200 plus parishioners and friends who have interacted directly with Wellspring Consulting. On Sunday, February 10, and Wednesday, February 13, Wellspring will again host parish gatherings. As their engagement has progressed, they have uncovered some emerging themes that the Strategic Planning Working Group agrees can lead to a fruitful and pragmatic long-term plan for our church and choir school. A third and final set of gatherings will be held in May. Please come and hear a brief presentation by Wellspring followed by discussion to get your feedback. On **Sunday, February 10**, gatherings will be held from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. (Living Room); from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. (Living Room); from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. (Andrew Hall); and from 5:15 to 6 p.m. (Fifth Floor, Parish House). Then, on **Wednesday, February 13**, a gathering will be held from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. in the Living Room. Refreshments will be provided at all sessions.

The 18-30s Ministry has been asked by **Episcopal Relief and Development**, an organization which builds partnerships with international Episcopal and Anglican communities to help local families in need, to recruit volunteers during Lent to staff tables in Andrew Hall and the Narthex after each of the Sunday services: 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Please email YoungAdults@SaintThomasChurch.org by February 15 if you are interested.

In the fourth of six **Grand Organ recitals**, on Saturday, February 16, at 3 p.m., **Katelyn Emerson** plays the *Miller-Scott Organ*. Praised as “one of the world’s most promising organists,” she plays a program of *Bach, Whitlock, Dupré, Franck* and *Howells*. No tickets required; donation requested.

Join us on February 16, at 4:30 p.m. in Andrew Hall for the **EAST (Episcopal Asian Supper Table) Speaker Event. “Untouchable”** with Dr. Roja Singh, President of the Dalit Solidarity Forum. Dr. Singh will share the inspiring story of the Dalit “untouchable women” in India who are breaking caste and gender boundaries and making a difference in their communities. This event is co-sponsored by EAST and The Global Mission Commission, both ministries of the Diocese of New York.

2018 Contribution Statements: The Finance and Development Offices expect to have the 2018 Year End Contribution Statements completed by early February, and they will be either mailed or emailed to you. Please know how appreciative we are of your contributions to Saint Thomas Church and Choir School in 2018.

The Bookstore and Gift Shop is open following this service. Currently in stock: *Justice: The Biblical Challenge* by Walter J. Houston; *O Sing unto the Lord: A History of English Church Music* by Andrew Gant; and *The Murder of William of Norwich: The Origins of the Blood Libel in Medieval Europe* by E. M. Rose. Major credit cards are accepted.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Seven Stories. This course of study and lively discussion, based on a curriculum by Anthony Bartlett, identifies seven major themes of transformation working through the Holy Scriptures. With the guidance of Fr. Matthew Moretz, each of these themes, or “stories,” will be explored as they make their way throughout the Bible to the radical conclusion in Jesus Christ. The class meets at 10 a.m. today on the fifth floor of the parish house. Coffee and tea are provided.

For our Theology Class on **Sunday, February 10**, we will welcome a special guest, the Reverend Doctor Christine Pae, Associate Professor of Religion at Denison University, to give a presentation on **Justice in the Scriptures** from the perspective of her expertise in Christian ethics. This class will meet on the fifth floor of the Parish House, and refreshments will be provided.

God’s Greatest Gift: Our Communion classes for children age 7+. Children who have been participating in this class will be welcomed to receive Holy Communion today as a class and with their family at our 11 a.m. Mass. The class will hold a follow-up meeting next Sunday, February 10, at 10 a.m. in the Sunday School Room.

Newcomers to Saint Thomas Church and those wishing to refresh their faith are invited to the “PILGRIMS COURSE,” a comprehensive introduction to the Christian faith as received and understood by the Episcopal Church. The next session entitled, “The Trinity: The Church Community reflects our belief in God as “Three in One”” is Tuesday, February 5, from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. The evening will begin with a simple meal; contributions of \$15 are appreciated to defer the costs. Please RSVP to Father Moretz at MMoretz@SaintThomasChurch.org.

On Wednesday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Andrew Hall, **Professor Jeremy Waldron** will begin a series on “**Biblical Justice**”, focusing mainly on the concepts of judgment, justice, and social justice in the writings of the prophets. The first session will focus on the prophet Amos and the place of justice in his nine chapters. Amos is a short book (7 or 8 pages) and it will be helpful if participants can read it through in advance. Two other classes will follow on the next two Wednesdays: February 20 and 27. Everyone is welcome.

Bible study continues on Friday, February 8, at 12:45 p.m. on the second floor of the parish house. Everyone is welcome.

For details about **Youth Confirmation**, go to the Communion and Confirmation Classes link under the “Families” tab on the Saint Thomas website (www.saintthomaschurch.org).

For regular email updates on the life of the parish and notices from the Rector, contact Father Moretz at MMoretz@SaintThomasChurch.org, or text STC5THAVE to 22828. For regular email updates on Adult Education, please text THEOLOGY to 22828.

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