

INVITATION • COMMUNITY
DISCIPLESHIP



SAINT THOMAS CHURCH
2023 ANNUAL APPEAL



*The act of pledging is a simple yet profound exercise in **discipleship**. By sharing our gifts, we build up ourselves as well as our community. These singular acts become greater as they come in together; the consequence of our generosity becomes manifest as we learn, serve, and grow as one body in Christ.*

- CARL F. TURNER Rector

The Annual Appeal is the most direct way that we can support the mission and ministry of Saint Thomas Church and Choir School. It is our great honor and pleasure to serve by leading this wonderful committee in our work for 2023. Please join us in our efforts by making a pledge today!

- ERIC BLAIR-JOANNOU & DARREN LITTLEJOHN

ANNUAL APPEAL 2023 MEMBERS

Eric Blair-Joannou, Chair
Darren Littlejohn, Co-Chair

Diana Beck, Dan Fowler, Ed Gibson, Steve Kelly, Eric Hartline, TJ Houlihan,
Frank Reinauer, Andrea Stanford, KC 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

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

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

GROWING IN FAITH

2022 saw our Children and Families Ministry grow in myriad ways with the addition of our new parish Children's Choir, youth readers, and youth acolytes leading our weekly family-focused 9am Sung Eucharist. In 2023 we will expand our musical and spiritual outreach as we continue to create spaces for children and families to actively worship and learn together and to grow in their faith.

ADULT EDUCATION

FORMATION & UNDERSTANDING

Formation in our Christian faith and greater understanding of our sacred tradition is at the heart of our mission. Our common pilgrimage is deepened through in-person and online classes, groups, and events.



“Your commitment to musical excellence and the personal development of boys is exemplary. Your efforts show resolve and commitment at a time when the congregation—indeed, all citizenry—is seeking clarity of purpose.”

JAMES T.

CHOIR SCHOOL

MUSICAL TRAINING IN THE ANGLICAN TRADITION

I hear over and over about the rare and unique impact fostered at the Choir School. The experience is so special because of the focus, discipline and rigor in service of a powerful tradition.

- CHRISTOPHER A. SEELEY Head of School

MUSIC

OUR UNIQUE CHORAL HERITAGE

Choral music is the heartbeat of our worship and the foundation of our school. We continue to sing, perform, and nurture. Our melodies are bound up in stone and story.

OUTREACH

TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Grants Program: Over \$200,000 awarded to nearly 20 organizations.

Your generosity has made it possible for tens of thousands of New Yorkers to have a reliable place to turn for a hot meal, a steady stream of nutritious groceries, and life-changing social services. - HOLY APOSTLES SOUP KITCHEN

Thank you for understanding the quietly meaningful work the Doula Program does, serving New Yorkers who are at their end stage of life, often without other meaningful relationships. - DOULA PROGRAM TO ACCOMPANY AND COMFORT

FUTURE SUSTAINABILITY

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.

PLANNED GIVING AT SAINT THOMAS

THE CORNELIUS ROOSEVELT DUFFIE GUILD

Dedicated to the Church

and

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 2023 Annual Appeal:
Invitation • Community • Discipleship 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.

