

JULY 5, 2020

THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY 11:00 am Sung Eucharist on Zoom – **THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

Wed. July 8 7:00 pm – **Coffee Hour** on Zoom

Sun. July 12 11:00 am Sung Eucharist on Zoom – **THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL AND FAITHWORKS

In this time of uncertainty for many parishes, St Thomas's has been blessed by the generosity of our members, friends and associates - and of our benefactors in the past. Christians are always called to be generous to those in need, but especially in times like these it is important to share our good fortune with those who have not fared so well. Past Churchwarden Andrew Gray sits on the board of the All Saints Church Community Centre on Dundas Street East. In an email this past week he told me how this work has given him a new perspective on the public health crisis: "...it is truly the case that the pandemic has highlighted (for those who needed it) the extent of the poverty and inequality that we live in here in Toronto, and indeed the pandemic has really exacerbated the problem. All Saints plays such an important role for the Diocese in addressing poverty and inequality."

Our homilist for the Patronal Festival is Peter Mentis, a former Greek Orthodox parish priest who was received into the Anglican Communion and is now a parishioner at St James Cathedral. Peter is campaign manager for FaithWorks, the annual appeal of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto supporting ministries like All Saints that feed, shelter, nurture and befriend over 30,000 people in our community and around the world every year - since 1996 providing more than \$24 million to Anglican-affiliated ministries. Peter will remain online after the Eucharist to answer questions about FaithWorks and his own journey to the Anglican Church.

I invite you to join me in celebrating our Patronal Festival by supporting FaithWorks through St Thomas's. Parishes may retain up to 15% of donations for their own local outreach. You can find out more about FaithWorks and make a donation via the website www.faithworks.ca (When you make your donation please enter St Thomas, Huron Street in the Comments section as the instructions indicate.) Your donation can also be made directly to St Thomas's in the usual way, noting that it is for FaithWorks.

Yours faithfully,
Fr David Brinton OGS
Interim Priest-in-Charge

RE-OPENING ST THOMAS'S CHURCH

Following guidelines issued by the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, we expect to be able to hold public liturgies at St Thomas's after Labour Day following protocols developed by the Diocese of Toronto in consultation with public health officials. The liturgy will continue to be available on-line for those who are unable to come to church or who feel unsafe doing so. More information will be available towards the end of the summer.

FR BRINTON WILL BE ON VACATION JULY 6 – 31.

FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY FOR CHRISTINE AS PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

On July 2nd, Parish Administrator Christine Cover marked her 5th anniversary at St Thomas's. A debt of gratitude is due to Christine for all that she does to make sure that things run smoothly behind the scenes of the parish. Christine's ability to juggle a variety of miscellaneous tasks, some specifically in her job description and some not, is a remarkable gift. Thank you, Christine!

~ Fr Brinton and Fr D'Angelo

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Although COVID-19 has affected St Thomas's music program in significant ways, your Director of Music and section leads have nonetheless enjoyed singing and recording hymns and organ music for our Sunday webcasts. With in-person services on hold until the autumn, we hope you will continue to 'tune in' and listen each week, regardless of where your summer plans take you.

This July and August will feature organ music from the Classical era, by composers C.P.E. Bach and Franz Josef Haydn. These two influential and ingenious artists built on the tradition of J.S. Bach and developed the styles and forms later used to their fullest by Mozart and Beethoven. This will be new music to many at St Thomas's and I look forward to sharing it with you over the course of the summer.