

# TOWER TALK

October 22 and 23, 2011

We will observe our custom of remembering the faithful departed at all services **November 5 at 5:30 and November 6 at 8:45 and 10:45 am.** A notebook has been placed in the narthex to list the names of your loved ones. We ask that you **print legibly** so we can properly announce their names in the service.



For All the Saints

**The deadline to submit names is Sunday, October 30.**

You may also bring pictures of your "special saints" on Nov. 5 and 6 to be placed on a table set up in the narthex.

## SUNDAY EVENTS AT ST. THOMAS

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR ADULT FORUM THIS SUNDAY.**

### Adult Forum on October 30, 2011:

Today, some estimate that over 50% of Episcopalians started our faith journeys in another tradition. But is this new? What does it look like?

Join Ben Varnum, assistant rector at St. Thomas, as he uses some of the writings of John Dryden, a poet who moved between the Anglican and Catholic churches in the 1600s, to talk about what it means to us to belong to a tradition. The class meets at 9:50 am in the Assembly Room.

### BOO BASH!

October 30, 2011 4:00 pm

FOR ALL AGES! WEAR YOUR COSTUME!

COMMEMORATION OF FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- ALL SAINTS WEEKEND -

Remembrances at all services

November 5 and 6

## St. Thomas Nursery Now Offering Wednesday Night Hours

We are now offering childcare in our Nursery on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 pm for those attending music rehearsals!

The Nursery is available for all children birth through 3 years of age. It is open every Sunday from 8:30-12, and for most all-parish events.

## Outreach at St. Thomas

### EPISCOPAL HUNGER RELIEF NETWORK A Ministry of Episcopal Community Services

#### Breakfast at St. Paul's Outreach Program

Wow! Did summer fly by or was it just us? We cannot believe it is October already!

Once again, it is time for another opportunity to share the gifts God has blessed you with by volunteering at the "Breakfast at St. Paul's" Outreach Program. Saturday, October 29th, is the fifth Saturday of the month and St. Thomas the Apostle has committed to volunteer at the "Breakfast at St. Paul's" Outreach Program on this day. The gift of your joyous smile while serving the Guests at this breakfast can make a world of difference to those less fortunate and will help cheer them up during this scary time of year!

Each breakfast includes fun and fellowship as well as a short Eucharist before breakfast is served as we share the loving and giving spirit of St. Thomas the Apostle. There are two shifts to choose from where your time and assistance would be very much appreciated. Ideally, the first shift needs a minimum of six volunteers and the second shift needs a minimum of seven volunteers. Anyone is welcome to stay for both shifts and no experience is necessary!

The first shift should meet at St. Paul's around 7:15-7:30am to help set-up, prepare and cook food until about 9:30am. The second shift should meet at St. Paul's around 9:00-9:15am to help greet, serve food and clean up until about 11:30am. St. Paul's is located at 1300 N. 18th Street in Kansas City, Kansas approximately five miles north of I-35 Highway & US-69 N/18th Street Expressway/Roe Avenue Exit (Exit # 232B.)

A signup sheet can be found on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dan Elman via e-mail at dan.elman@yahoo.com or via mobile at: 913.620.5100 or Lynn Elman via mobile at: 913.908.0465.

#### St. Paul's Food Pantry

The pantry is in desperate need of toilet paper and soups. They can also use canned fruit, canned meals (like chili, ravioli, stew, spaghetti O's), spaghetti sauce (in cans) and we have lots of empty bottles that need to be filled with cooking oil, shampoo, dish soap (not dishwasher soap), laundry soap and bar bath soap or liquid bath soap.

Flowers on the Altar  
have been given to  
the Glory of God and

♦ in loving memory of Joyce  
Marie Allen—Kay Allen



To express a celebration, thanksgiving, special event, or remembrance, sign up on the bulletin board in the main hallway, contact the church office (913-451-0512) or email [mrisebig@stthomasop.org](mailto:mrisebig@stthomasop.org).

## Updated Church Directories

If you would like to have an updated church directory (no pictures) just contact the church office and we'll run a copy for you or send it to you in e-mail. 913-451-0512 or [mrisebig@stthomasop.org](mailto:mrisebig@stthomasop.org).

## - YOUTH NEWS! -

### Boo Bash

October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011

4pm at St. Thomas

With all the fun we had last year with this celebration we would like to offer this event again for our parishioners. Our Bash will have fun carnival games hosted upstairs for our families to enjoy as well as a Haunted Prison House located in the basement, put on by our youth group. Please come in your costume! There will be a \$5 charge for a wristband that gets you in to the Haunted House and to play all the games provided. Please consider bringing a tray of goodies or sweets to share with everyone. We hope to see you there!

### Parents Night Out

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6-11pm

Just a reminder that our next Parent's Night Out is coming up. This is a night that the youth put on for our families at St. Thomas. We play games, make a craft, watch movies, have great snacks and experience a lot of fun at church. We ask that a freewill donation be made to St. Thomas youth to help provide scholarships to Church and Diocesan youth events. This is a great evening for you to bring your child and go have a night out! Signup Sheet is on the bulletin board!

## ST. THOMAS BRIDGE!

### DAYTIME BRIDGE

4th Thursday, October 27th at 12:30 pm

Join us in the Assembly Room. Signup sheet is on the bulletin board. We always welcome new players of any level. Just sign up!

### BRIDGE 2011

We are back to our last Friday of the month. Signup sheet is on the bulletin board.

Friday, October 28th at 7 pm

Meeting in the Assembly Room

Snacks are always well received and new players also.



## Phone Extensions and E-Mail Ad- dresses for St. Thomas Staff

The phone number for St. Thomas is 913-451-0512. Office hours are 9am—4pm Monday through Thursday and 9am—Noon on Friday.

Each phone extension has a voicemail feature if you'd like to leave a message.

Ann Clements, Director of Children's Ministry: extension 227, [aclements@stthomasop.org](mailto:aclements@stthomasop.org)

Fr. Gar Demo, Rector: extension 222, [gdemo@stthomasop.org](mailto:gdemo@stthomasop.org)

Dr. Beth Elswick, Director of Music Ministry: extension 235, [belswick@stthomasop.org](mailto:belswick@stthomasop.org)

Katie Knoll Lenon, Director of Youth Ministry & Small Groups, extension 224, [kklenon@stthomasop.org](mailto:kklenon@stthomasop.org)

Meribeth Risebig, Administrative Assistant: extension 221 (ext. 100 if leaving voicemail), [mrisebig@stthomasop.org](mailto:mrisebig@stthomasop.org)

Anne Thompson, Director of Nursery and Parent's Day Out: extension 230, [athompson@stthomasop.org](mailto:athompson@stthomasop.org)

The Rev. Ben Varum, Assistant Rector: extension 225, [bvarum@stthomasop.org](mailto:bvarum@stthomasop.org)

To schedule a meeting or event, you may send a message to [calendar@stthomasop.org](mailto:calendar@stthomasop.org)



at St. Thomas

### Sunday, 10/23/2011

Consecration Sunday

8:00 AM Praise Band Practice-nave  
Choir Practice-nave loft  
10:00 AM Holy Communion—dinner following service  
3:00 PM Financial Peace Univ-Asbly Rm  
6:00 PM AA-Asbly Rm  
6:30 PM Youth Group-LL/Rm 137

### Monday, 10/24/2011

9:00 AM Parent's Day Out-Nursery/Rm 143  
5:30 PM Yoga—Asbly Rm  
5:45 PM Finance Committee-Rm 137  
6:30 PM AA-Women's Grp-LL  
6:45 PM Vestry Mtg-Asbly Rm  
8:00 PM AA-OP Fellowship-LL

### Tuesday, 10/25/2011

9:00 AM Parent's Day Out-Nursery/Rm 143  
1:30 PM Staff Meeting-Asbly Rm  
6:00 PM Haunted House prep-LL

### Wednesday, 10/26/2011

4:00 PM Childrens' Choir-Asbly Rm  
Daisy Girl Scout Troop-Rms 133/134 (A. Fleischaker)  
5:30 PM Yoga—Asbly Rm  
6:30 PM AA-Women's Grp-LL  
7:00 PM Praise Band Practice-nave  
7:45 PM Adult Choir-nave loft  
8:00 PM AA-OP Fellowship-LL

### Thursday, 10/27/2011

12:30 PM Daytime Bridge-Asbly Rm  
7:00 PM Semi-Retired Men's Small Group-Asbly Rm (F. Roberts)  
Al-Anon Family Grp-LL

### Friday, 10/28/2011

Rector's Day Off  
12:00 PM Women' Retreat Mtg-Asbly Rm (J. Dutra)  
7:00 PM Bridge-Rm 133/134 (M. Dellinger)  
8:00 PM AA-OP Fellowship-LL

### Saturday, 10/29/2011

10:30 AM AA-Women's Grp-LL  
5:30 PM Holy Communion  
8:00 PM AA-OP Fellowship-LL

Asbly Rm =  
Assembly Room  
LL = Lower Level

Childcare provided  
7-9pm during  
music rehearsals.

### Church Calendar

To view more events on our calendar, go online to the website ([www.stthomasop.org](http://www.stthomasop.org)) and click on "Calendar." To add a meeting or event to the calendar, contact Meribeth in the church office, 913-451-0512 or [calendar@stthomasop.org](mailto:calendar@stthomasop.org).

### Articles for "Tower Talk" are due by NOON

**EVERY MONDAY.** Articles will only run for a duration of two weeks unless notified otherwise. Send info and articles to Meribeth by e-mail—[mrisebig@stthomasop.org](mailto:mrisebig@stthomasop.org), put a note in her box in the Communication Room, call her at 913-451-0512, or hand it to her directly.

### REMINDER:

DEADLINE for articles in the  
next issue of  
**THE APOSTLE**  
October 30th

Please send your articles via e-mail to Rosemary Abbott, Editor, at [rrrse71@kc.rr.com](mailto:rrrse71@kc.rr.com), or leave in her mailbox.

The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, *Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas*; The Rev. Gar Demo, *Rector*; The Rev. Ben Varum, *Assistant Rector*; The Rev. Kevin Schmidt, *Assisting Priest*; The Rev. Barbara Adam, *Deacon*; Ann Clements, *Director of Children's Ministry*; Dr. Beth Elswick, *Director of Music Ministry*; Katie Knoll Lenon, *Director of Youth Ministry and Small Groups*; Anne Thompson, *Director of Nursery and Parents' Day Out*; Meribeth Risebig, *Parish Administrative Assistant*

**The Vestry:** Sue Elliott, *Senior Warden* 913-302-2086; Bob Beeler, *Junior Warden* 913-239-8914; Deb McArthur, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Brian Geary, *Finance Chair*; Ron Weil, *Treasurer*; Jason Barnes; Jack Dutra; Holly Perez, *Asst. Treasurer*; Weldon Fate; Karen Leftwich; John McCall; Kim Palmer; Jeff Rapp; Jan Summers