

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church**  
The Last Sunday After The Epiphany  
*February 19, 2012*

**Holy Eucharist**

*Book of Common Prayer = BCP The Hymnal 1982= Hymnal Lift Every Voice and Sing= LEV*

**8:00 A.M. Eucharist**

*Service begins on pg. 355*

*Hymns: LEV P. 205, LEV P. 220, LEV P. 108, LEV P. 129*

*Lector: Emmanuel Otuada, Richard Payne, Pauline Brown*

**10:00 A.M. Eucharist**

**The Word of God**

**Prelude**

**Processional Hymn**                      *"Trust and obey"*                      LEV P. 205

**Introit Hymn**                      *"Leaning on the everlasting "*                      LEV p. 196

**Opening Sentence**                      BCP p. 355

**Celebrant:**      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:**      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Collect of Purity**                      BCP p. 355

**The Gloria**                      BCP p. 356

**The Collect of the Day**

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The Lesson**                      *2 Kings [2:1-12]*                      Paul Jeremie

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave

you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

***Psalm 50:1-6***

Chanted by the Choir

BCP p. 654

**The Epistle**

*2 Corinthians [4:3-6]*

Kevin Baird

If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**The Sequence Hymn**

*“In Christ there is no East”*

LEV p. 62

**The Gospel**

*Mark [9:2-9]*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings,



**BIENVENUE ❖ WELCOME ❖ BEINVENIDOS**

**A warm welcome is extended to all who are visiting with us today. We hope that you enjoyed our service. If you are looking for a Parish Home, please speak to the clergy. Please do not forget to sign our Visitor's Book.**

**SANCTUARY LAMPS**

Burn to the honor and glory of Almighty God and in thanksgiving  
for the 2nd birthday of **Sharlene Rayne Francis**

Given by her loving grandma and grandpa Alexis and Edison Noel

And in thanksgiving and God's blessings for the birthday of **Guillermo Pond**

Given by his wife Leticia Pond and the Farrell and Richards families

And in thanksgiving for the birthday of **Madison Franklin**

Given by her loving grandparents, Randolph and Joan Barclay

**THE EUCHARISTIC CANDLES**

Burn to the honor and glory of Almighty God and in thanksgiving  
for the 2nd birthday of **Sharlene Rayne Francis**

Given by her loving grandma and grandpa Alexis and Edison Noel

And in thanksgiving for the 47<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Charlene Harewood-Babb(2/20/12)**

May God continue to bless her and her family

Given by her loving mother Cora Harewood

**THE BREAD AND WINE**

Is given today in thanksgiving for the birthday of **Rosalie Burke**

Given by the Burke Family

And in thanksgiving and for a Happy Birthday to **Maritza Cash**

Given by the Cash and Griffith family

**THE OBLATION BEARERS**

Rosalie Burke, Adassa Edwards, Hamilton Simpson

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR**

**The Anglican Church of Canada**

And for God's healing for **Grace Burke** (aunt of Rosalie Burke sick in Carrollton, Texas),

**Irving Grant Gay** (Step-Father of Karine Williams Barnwell)

**Capois Louis Jacques**, in Georgia (Cousin of Marie Jeremie),

**Michael Lampkin** (friend of Belinda Shaw), **Eileen Odle**, **Lucilda Robinson**



### **NOTICES:**

#### ***A REMINDER THAT NO ONE BUT THE ALTAR PARTY & CHOIR ARE ALLOWED IN THE SACRISTY BEFORE AND AFTER THE SERVICE- NO EATING AND DRINKING IN CHURCH***

***Please have your collection envelopes ready at the time of the Offertory***

**Capital Campaign:** The Campaign funds are necessary for Building Repairs, Maintenance and Supplies, Service and Repair of The Security System and Repairs for the Organ. The leaders for the four teams are: **Faith** – Gloria Peddy and Lynette Joseph, **Hope** – Joan Barclay and Maria Castro, **Charity** - Rosalie Burke and Hamilton Simpson, **Love** – Felicia Small and Leticia Pond. Together we can achieve the extraordinary! For more information please speak to Karine Williams Barnwell.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUNDS: Received through December 18, 2011 is \$8218.75.**

**SEARCH PROCESS UPDATE:** The Search Committee for Rector had their 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on Saturday, February 4, 2012 with The Reverend Dr. Bruce D. Griffith, Vestry Consultant. Member of The Search Committee are: Maritza Cash, Chairperson, Maria Castro, Ross Elliott, Winston Haughton, Paulette Hinton, Jacqueline F. D’Anjou Parchment, Gloria Peddy, Chinweike Ukaegbu and Elaine Woolward.

**PARISH UPDATE:** On Monday morning, January 9, 2012 following the Annual Parochial Meeting a scheduled meeting was held at the Diocesan office in Garden City, New York called by The Reverend John D. Betit, Canon to The Ordinary and Deployment Officer of The Diocese of Long Island. The meeting was attended by The Reverend Dr. Bruce D. Griffith, Vestry Consultant, Mr. William Fenton and Mrs. Karine Williams Barnwell, Wardens. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss The Reverend Mother Kassinda R.T. Ellis position as Priest-In-Charge due to the fact that her three year contract was to expire on February 1, 2012 and The Search Process for Rector, Other options for Ministry at St. Thomas was discussed and it was agreed by Mr. Fenton and Mrs. Barnwell that we would inquire of Mother Ellis if she was available to continue on at St. Thomas as Priest-in-Charge until July or August 31, 2012.

The Wardens met with Mother Ellis on Friday, January 20, 2012. Due to the fact that the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course that she is enrolled in ends August 31, 2012; Mother Ellis stated she is available and has agreed to remain at St. Thomas as Priest-In-Charge until August 31, 2012. We find this arrangement mutually beneficial for the Parish and Mother Ellis. The amended contract will be extended to end on August 31, 2012. We anticipate that the Search Process for a Rector should be concluded by then.

The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop of The Diocese of Long Island, The Reverend Canon John D. Betit, Canon to The Ordinary and Deployment Officer, The Reverend Bruce D. Griffith, Vestry Consultant and all Vestry members have been notified of the extension of Mother Ellis’ tenure with us. We look forward to this continued partnership in Ministry with Mother Ellis until August 31, 2012 when she will embark on a new path of Ministry that she had decided and notified the Parish in March, 2011 to pursue.

“Together as a Parish family we can achieve the extraordinary”

(Announcement was made at the 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 a.m. services on Sunday, February 5, 2012 by Mrs. Karine Williams Barnwell, Warden)

**On February 25<sup>th</sup>**, Bishop Provenzano will be holding a meeting at St. Philip's Church, 265 Decatur Street to discuss the disposal of The Bishop Hucles Nursing Home. All are welcome.

**S.T.E.P.S.** is seeking a drummer. The prospective candidate should have flexibility in Saturday Schedule. Band practice is on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Any inquiries please speak with Letisha Farrell, Manager.

### **The Fellowship Hour Today -The Altar Guild**

- Feb 19 - Bake Sale - Youth Ministry
- Feb 19 - St. Lucia Independence
- Feb 20 - President's Day Breakfast, Brooklyn Assembly, Brotherhood of St. Andrew
- Feb 25-26 International Students' Weekend
- Feb 26 - Dominican Republic Independence



### **YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN OF OUR PARISH**

- **Ruby Wilmot** Bishop Hucles, 835 Herkimer St, Rm 304, 11233, 718-782-9495
- **Dorothy Peters** Bishop Hucles, 835 Herkimer St. Rm 309, 11233
- **Eileen Greene** Dumont Masonic Hall, 676 Pelham Rd, 3rd Fl, New Rochelle, 10805 914-632-9600
- **Sylvia Fortune** Ctr. For Nursing & Rehab, 727 Classon Ave., 5fl. Rm 526, 11238 718-636 1000X333
- **Lillian Cumberbatch** Briarwood Care & Rehab 9001 Ernston Road, South Amboy, NJ 08879
- **Solomon Chester** 725 Evergreen Ave., Apt. 3H Bklyn 11207
- **Lloyd Clare** 211 Thomas S. Boyland St. Bklyn, 11233 718-922-4191
- **Ivy Edwards** 288 E. 34th St. Bklyn 11203 718-287-2958
- **Maurice Jackson** 725 Evergreen Ave., Apt. Bklyn, NY 11207
- **Louisa Jobe** 743 East 58th Street, Bklyn, 11234 718-531-7425
- **Inez Johashen** 1347 Jefferson Ave., Bklyn, 11221 718-455-6710
- **Dorothy Joseph** 725 Evergreen Ave. Apt. 5N Bklyn, NY 11207 718-574-4262
- **Retalda Malcolm** 725 Evergreen Ave. Apt. 3L Bklyn, NY 11207 718-453-0050
- **Mavis Myers** 658 Georgia Ave., Bklyn, NY 11207 718-257-1154
- **Marie Paul** 1351 New York Ave., Apt. 1B, Bklyn, NY 11210
- **Eugeline Samuel** 1205 Dean Street, Bklyn, 11216 347-413-7688
- **Oscar Smartt** 138-03 175 Street, Springfield Garden 11434
- **Lillian Whyte** 429 Hawthorne St., Bklyn, NY 11203 718-493-6654
- **Cynthia Wright** 120-55 232nd St. Cambria Hgts., 11411, 718-978-6239

### **YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR RELATIVES OF MEMBERS WHO ARE SICK**

**Locksley Craig**, (Mercel Hall's brother), **Sybil Edwards** (Sister of Adassa Edwards), **Rita Elliott** (Mother of Ross Elliott) **Michael Leigh**, (son of Stanley and Myrtle Leigh), **Anne Morgan**, (daughter of Irene Morgan), **Ernest Franklin**, **Clifford Jeremie**, **Dieuveuil Jeremie**, **Lennox Vandecruise**, and **Sheila Pearce** (son and sister of Dorothy Peters), **Mary Robinson**, **Edward Grenardo**, **Maria Lopez**, **Jose Ramos**, (mother and

brother of Maria Ramos of the Duncan Genns Apartments) **Levi Anthony, Delmas Robinson, Aubrey Walker, Edith Dascosta** (relatives of Lucilda Robinson), **Elaine Nichols, Edith Reyes** (relatives of Lillian Whyte) and **Evangeline Younge** at Bishop Hucles Nursing Home. **If you are ill, going through any personal problems, will be out of church for any length of time, or in need of prayer, please call the church office.**