

WELCOME FROM OUR CHAPLAIN



Welcome to St. Thomas' Preschool School! With so many preschool options, we are grateful that you chose to send your child to St. Thomas' Preschool. Nurturing your children's spirituality is part of our preschool's mission. We strive to care for the whole child, including their faith.

To partner with you in cultivating your child's faith, we offer weekly chapel services for children, ages 3 and older (every Monday); and every other Thursday for children in the 2-year-old classroom. Parents, guardians, and special friends of students are always invited to attend chapel services. Several times per semester, we offer special chapel services that are geared for parents, guardians, and special friends of students to attend. The dates for these special chapel services are listed on the back of this letter.

Chapel service includes music, prayer, and a sacred story or theme from the Christian tradition. The sacred stories come from the Bible and the lives of saints. Special themes include God's love; virtues such as kindness and patience; seasons observed by the Episcopal Church and our country, as well as interfaith topics.

In addition to the chapel, we offer chapel enrichments throughout the year that are meant to support you in teaching the faith at home. These enrichments include: Advent in a Bag and Lent in a Bag, a 2-minute weekly video that shares what was learned in the chapel with "car talk" questions to assist you in talking to your family about faith.

As the saying goes, "it takes a village to raise a child". St. Thomas' Preschool and Church are here to be part of your village. As the chaplain to the preschool, I along with the clergy and the staff, are here to support you. If you have any questions about how to share the faith at home, need pastoral care or prayer, or would like to hear a Laffy Taffy joke - we are here to support you! I make a point be present at drop-off and events throughout the year, feel free to stop me then or email me to set-up a time to talk.

Jesus once taught that welcoming a child is like welcoming God to be with you (Mark 9:36) and that children are like windows into heaven (Matthew 19:14). As we seek to teach your child about Jesus; we are confident that they will teach us something about Jesus too. Perhaps it will be in moments of uninhibited joy, deep-belly laughter, soulful idioms of speech, or in those tender moments of grace. We hope that all of our efforts will instill a deep love for God, for all people, and for all of creation.

In Christ,

The Reverend Elizabeth R. Costello



Special Chapel Services

Parents, guardians, and guests of students are invited to attend!

3-year-old and older Chapel

September 17: Blessing of Backpacks, Chapel

*bring your backpack with you

October 1: Blessing of the Animals, Auditorium

*bring your pet or stuffed animal to be blessed!

March 3: Ash Wednesday Service, Chapel

2-year-old Chapel

September 20: Blessing of Backpacks, classroom

*bring your backpack with you

October 4: Blessing of Animals, Auditorium

*bring your pet or stuffed animal to be blessed!

A Prayer for the Care of Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.
-The Book of Common Prayer

St. Thomas' Church

We welcome the chance to walk with you along your spiritual path.

Worship Services

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

Church

10:15 AM

Family Table

A Service for Families with Young Children
McCausland Chapel

Childcare Provided Sundays
9:45 AM - 12:30 PM

★ Family Friendly

★ Worship Centered

★ Bible Focused

★ Lovingly Inclusive

★ Community Engaged

★ Outreach Minded

★ Pastorally Involved

★ Growth Oriented

Godly Play

Montessori-Based Sunday School
PreK to Grade 5

11:15 AM - 12:00 *Beck Room (Near Chapel)*

