

## BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULED AT ST. THOMAS CHURCH MAMARONECK

Mamaroneck, NY. November 21, 2016. A special service observing Blue Christmas will be presented at St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 11. The service, with liturgy and music, is intended for those for whom the holidays are not a joyful time.

“We acknowledge that for many this season is not happy, but instead lonely and sad,” said the Rev. Carol Gadsden, rector of St. Thomas Church. “We invite any in the community who are mourning, cast apart from family celebrations and feeling alienated or depressed. May this be a place of peace, rest, comfort and solace for you.”

Those attending the service will be invited to write their loss, sorrow or grief on index cards to be placed in a basket at the back of the church. They will be read during the service, and candles will be lit for each prayer intention.

The service is composed of sacred music, readings from the Bible, prayers and a homily. While Blue Christmas is traditionally on the longest night of the year, this service will be held on December 11.

St. Thomas is located at 168 West Boston Post Road, at the corner of Mt. Pleasant Avenue, in Mamaroneck. There is ample parking space, and it is five blocks from the Metro North station.

St. Thomas’s welcomes “seekers, searchers and doubters.” It offers worship services in English and Spanish, Christian education for children, Bible study and book groups for adults, and a concert series with internationally acclaimed musicians. We also offer a weekly food pantry - the Brown Bag Lunch -, a Thrift Shop, and a monthly free community dinner. St. Thomas Episcopal church is the site of an after school child care program, a Winter Farmer’s Market and an annual Christmas Fair that raises money for community non-profits.