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St. Thomas to Dedicate Outdoor Labyrinth on All Saint's Day and Offer Guided Walk with Music from its 48 Bell Carillon

Fort Washington, Pa, Oct. 5, 2009 – St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, will dedicate its recently installed outdoor labyrinth after the 9:30 a.m. service on Nov. 1, All Saint's Day. From 3 – 4 p.m., the church's 48-bell carillon will be played to accompany anyone wishing to experience a labyrinth walk.

St. Thomas' carillonneur, Lisa Lonie, will play specially chosen music to allow for a quiet, meditative walk. People may start their walk at any time during the hour and volunteers will be on hand to provide guidance and suggestions for walking the labyrinth.

“The labyrinth is a continuous unending path with twists and turns that help us to ponder the journey of life and aid in our spiritual walk and prayer,” said Marek Zabriskie, rector of St. Thomas'. “We are incredibly blessed to be able to invite the community to our campus to take advantage of this extraordinary spiritual tool.”

The outdoor labyrinth is located on St. Thomas' property at Camp Hill Road and Bethlehem Pike, in the grove between the church and the church office, near the flag pole. It was installed in July by Robert Ferré, one of the founders of Labyrinth Enterprises, LLC, (www.labyrinth-enterprises.com). The company was formed in October 1995, to meet the increasing demand for technical and instructional information pertaining to labyrinths. More than 1 million people have walked the 1,000-plus labyrinths Mr. Ferré's company has made.

Ms. Lonie has been carillonneur of St. Thomas' Church since 1999. Known for her musical wit and creative programming, Ms. Lonie is a frequent recitalist throughout the U.S., Canada, and Europe. She is a highly respected performer and recording artist with more than 30 years of musical experience with the carillon.

St. Thomas' Church is one of the oldest and largest Episcopal churches in the Diocese of Pennsylvania and in the northeast, having celebrated its 300th anniversary in 1998. St. Thomas' mission is to know Jesus and to make him known to others. It focuses on helping its members grow in the Christian faith through worship, music and the sacraments, preaching, fellowship and fun, servant ministry and learning opportunities for all ages. More information can be found on the Web at www.stthomaswhitemarsh.org, or by calling 215-233-3970.

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