



SAINT THOMAS TIDINGS



November 2022



Prayers of The People

Pray for anyone who suffers from any kind of grief, trouble or illness especially **Alex, Fr. John & Alec, Bill, Dawn, Nick, Elanor, Tina, Nancy, Nana Jo, Chris, Tyler S., Bob, Diane, Sharron, Terrie & Judy, Tim, Alec, Debby and David, Jay and the Family of Nicholas: Deliver them from their distress.**

Pray for those serving in our armed forces especially, **Fr. Tony, Mitchell, Emily, Steven, Chelsey, the 200th Red Horse Squadron and the 393rd U.S. Air Force Bomb Squadron and the 983rd Combat Engineering Battalion. Protect, guide and comfort them and bring them home safely when their work is done.**

A Message From Pastor Beverly:

. This week we said goodbye to Bill Becker. Many thoughts went through my mind and I felt several different emotions. There was sadness for Donna because Bill was her protector and security. He was her life and I knew she would miss him.

I also knew that Bill could be grumpy. I think we all knew that. I would take him communion and he would complain and grump about just everything. But I remember that when ever I said: "Let us pray together the prayer our Lord taught us to pray," Bill's whole face would change. A soft and gentle look would come over his face and I saw a different Bill then. A Bill that despite his grumpiness, loved the Lord.

I learned a lot from Bill. He made me stop and look at myself and the times I was grumpy. He made me find the patient side of myself and he taught me that dying was not easy. He made me a better person because I had to find God's love for him within my own heart.

I decided that we need grumpy people in our lives. They help us draw on strengths and patience we didn't know we had. We learn to ignore the grumpiness and just care about the person, love the person, because grumpy people are one of God's greatest gifts to us. They teach us how to love even the grumpy side of them.

Announcements

November Community Meal

When: Thursday, November 17th from 5-6 PM

Menu: Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Dessert.

Please reach out to Sue in the church office with questions or if you want information about helping out.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Advent begins on November 27th. This year. please consider participating in our reverse advent calendar exercise to help increase the amount of provisions in our food pantry. Instead of removing something from your advent calendar, place the requested food pantry item in a box and deliver it to the church at Christmastime. A list of items for each day is available on the back of the November calendar. You can also pick up a box in the Guild Hall. Please call the office if you need someone to come and pick up your full box and deliver it to the church after it is filled. Our goal is to fill at least 50 boxes.

Knitting Ministry

Attention knitters and crocheters! Please come to help us make shawls for the hospital oncology department. We will be meeting on Tuesday the 4th and 18th at 1pm. All skill levels welcome. You may contact Pastor Beverly if you have any questions.

Ladies Lunch:

Where: Rosie's in downtown Port Clinton

When: Saturday, November 26th at noon.

September Vestry Meeting

Here is a summary of the issues covered at the September 21, 2022 vestry meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Contributions are running above budgeted amounts. Investments down significantly. A new printing contract should reduce office expenses.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Beverly summarized her activities and recent visitations including watching the queen's funeral. She also shared bios for the new candidates for Bishop of Ohio (Please see attached.) and talked about several upcoming projects including organizing the rooms above the office and updating the pictures on the display inside the glass doors of the Guild Hall.

Food Pantry:

Pastor Beverly's recent fundraiser brought in almost \$3000 for the food pantry. St. Thomas has also applied for three grants to help with costs in the coming year.

Old Business:

The Plexiglass that protects the stained glass windows have been replaced and 50% of the cost has been covered. Bill continues to work on completing the Bell Tower. Top soil will need to be banked around the sides before winter. Repainting of the top of the church is ongoing.

New Business:

The vestry discussed replacing Sue's desk with a smaller desk from upstairs. Cleaning and organizing the files and other items in the rooms above the office is ongoing.

Birthdays

Troy Thomas – 14th
Donna Becker – 26th

Strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.



Anniversaries

Pastor Bob and Ann Butcher – 16th

Church Cookbook Recipe: Skillet Sausage Stuffing

Ingredients: 1lb pork sausage, 1¼ cup celery, ½ cup chopped onion, ½ cup sliced mushrooms, 1 large garlic clove, minced. 1½ cup reduced sodium chicken broth. 1sp rubbed sage, and 1 package (6oz) stuffing mix. Directions: In a large skillet, cook the sausage, celery, onion and mushrooms over medium heat until meat is no longer pink. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer; drain. Stir in broth and sage. *Tips:* Dried herbs have their place in plenty of recipes, but stuffing isn't one of them. Try a combination of fresh parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme. Homemade croutons will really make your stuffing shine. Any loaf of bread will work, favorites are country loaf, sourdough, brioche or rye loaf. Cut the bread into 1-inch cubes and toss them into a 300°F oven until they're dry and crisp, about 45 minutes.

From The Archives

Here is an excerpt from the November 12, 1944 bulletin featuring activities at St. Thomas Parish.

Next Sunday morning we shall have our Thanksgiving service. "In this hour of liberation, it is fitting that we give thanks with special fervor to our Heavenly Father for the mercies we have received individually and as a nation and for the blessings he has restored through the victories of our arms and those of our allies, to his children in other nations." (From the President's proclamation). The American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring gifts to be given to the disabled service men and women in hospitals. Gifts for 500,000 are needed and they must be received by December 10th. Gifts may be left at the local gas office.

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**I SENSE THAT SOME OF YOU ARE FOCUSED
MORE ON YOUR THANKSGIVING DINNERS THAN
ON MY SERMON**

**In-Person and Virtual Worship with
Eucharist**

10 AM in Saint Thomas' Sanctuary or Live on
Facebook and Saint Thomas PCOH YouTube

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