



SAINT THOMAS TIDINGS

September 2024



Matthew

Matthews is our Disciple of the month and we know that he was a tax collector when Jesus called him. A tax collector at the time of Jesus was one of the most reviled professions in ancient Judaism. We know only what little was written about him in the Synoptic Gospels(Matthew, Mark and Luke), and the mention of his name in Acts. While Matthew is considered a martyr for Christianity, no one knows for sure where or how he died. Various accounts exist that explain how he was beheaded, stoned, burned, or stabbed, but no substantial proof exists to verify any of these stories. There are also questionable stories about his ministry after Christ resurrection, but no substantial records exists of his role in the early church. There are some writings that exist that appear to be written by him, which some scholars feel are authentic, but all that have survived are fragments and a few quotations. Some scholars believe that Levi, who is mentioned in Acts as a Tax Collector is actually Matthew. *Matthew* is the patron saint of bankers, accountants, bookkeepers, stockbrokers, security guards and *tax collectors*. His feast day is Sept. 21.

Prayers of The People

Pray for anyone who suffers from any kind of grief, trouble or illness especially **Brian, Theresa, Nancy, Bill, Dotty, Cindy, Bob, Stanley, Dan R., Mike M., Maria, Diane, Nana Jo, Patricia K, Fr. John, Alec, David, Michael, Steve, Sue, Linda and Donna: Deliver them from their distress.** Pray for those serving in our armed forces especially, **Mitchell, Michael, Ethan, Emily, Alan, Chris and Chelsey, the 200th Red Horse Squadron, and the 983rd Combat Engineer Battalion. Protect, guide and comfort them and bring them home safely when their work is done.**



Prayer For Peace In The World



Lord, Healer of the Nations, from the noise of war and the drumbeat of vengeance, give us undiminished determination to wage peace. Out of brokenness, violence, and destruction let us plant seeds of hope. Out of chaos, confusion, and hatred, let us build bridges of love. Out of distrust, disunity, and distance, let us walk together in harmony. Heal our divisions, make us whole, and Bring us peace. Amen. -Pastor Beverly

Upcoming Events



- **Ministry Opportunities**
- *Here are some ways to serve St. Thomas and our community.*
- **Knitting Ministry:** September 17th at 1pm
- **Operation Food on the Table:** September 11th at 11am
- **Ladies Luncheon:** September 19th at Red's Lakehouse at 12pm
- **Men's Breakfast:** Next meeting will be September 12th at Ala Carte After Hours on Madison Street, at 8:30 am in downtown Port Clinton.
- **Community Meal:** September 19th at 5pm

July 2024 Vestry Meeting

John: Y-T-D revenue remains higher than planned. The improvement expenses are higher than budget. Investment income is greater than expected.

Pastor: Pastor Beverly is currently on vacation.

Bill: Mike G. has proposed modifying our parish mission statement. The repair of the Columbarium panel will be expensive as the whole panel will need replaced to match.

Larry: Larry checked 7 fire extinguishers in the church building. He also patched and painted the vestry room wall.

Dana: We are in good standing with the Toledo Food Bank and earned \$500 from the golf outing. Karen Clemons volunteered to be trained to help with Toledo Food Bank pick up.

Elizabeth Ann Seton's Legacy

Elizabeth Ann Seton's impact on American history and Catholic education is undeniable. As the first native-born American saint, she broke barriers and paved the way for future generations. Her dedication to education, especially for girls, set a precedent that continues to inspire. Founding the Sisters of Charity and establishing the first free Catholic school in the U.S. were monumental achievements. Her life, marked by personal loss and unwavering faith, serves as a testament to resilience and devotion. Seton's canonization in September 1975 solidified her place in history, reminding us of the power of perseverance and faith. Her legacy lives on through the countless schools, charities, and institutions named in her honor. Elizabeth Ann Seton's story is a powerful reminder of how one person's dedication can leave a lasting impact on society. Her contributions continue to resonate, inspiring many to follow in her footsteps.



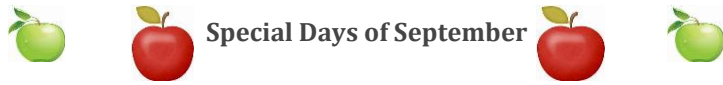
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Special Days of September

September 1, 1939 - At 5.30 a.m., Hitler's armies invaded Poland starting WW2 in Europe.

September 2, 1752 - The British ended their use of the Julian calendar, switching instead to the Gregorian calendar, resulting in a major adjustment as Wednesday, September 2, was followed by Thursday, September 14. The correction resulted in rioting by people who felt cheated and demanded the missing eleven days back.

September 4, 1886 - The last major U.S.-Indian war came to an end as Geronimo was captured. He died of natural causes in 1909 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

September 5, 1997 – Mother Teresa died in Calcutta at age 87, after a life of good works spent aiding the sick and poor in India through her Missionaries of Charity order.

September 8, 2022 - Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain died at Balmoral Castle in Scotland, after a 70-year reign, the longest in British history.

September 9, 1776 - The United States came into existence as the Continental Congress changed the name of the new American nation from the United Colonies.

September 13, 1814 - The Battle of Fort Henry in Baltimore Harbor occurred, observed by Francis Scott Key aboard a ship. He watched the British attack overnight and at dawn saw the American flag still flying over the fort, inspiring him to write the verses which were later coupled with the tune of a popular drinking song and became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.

September 14, 1975 - Elizabeth Ann Seton became the first American saint.

September 16, 1976 - The Episcopalian Church in the U.S. approved the ordination of women priests and bishops.

September 18, 1947 - The U.S. Air Force was established as a separate military service.

September 23rd - Autumn (Sept. 23-Dec. 21) begins.

September 29, 1789 - Congress created the United States Army, consisting of 1,000 enlisted men and officers.



September Birthdays

Rev. Beverly Collinsworth-1st
Jack Huston & Bonnie Thomas- 9th
Vicki Gust- 19th
Dan Riley- 22nd



Anniversaries:

Larry & Marie Janes- 1st
Tom & Karen Clemons- 4th
Bill & Lee Anne Caswell- 14th
John Rodrigue & Sue Hejhal- 25th



Pear Crisp with Vanilla Ice Cream

enjoy life
it's delicious



Ingredients:

Filling: 4-5 Whole large pears 2/3c. sugar 1/4tsp. Salt
Topping: 1 1/2c. all purpose flour 1/3c. gran. Sugar
1/3c. firmly packed brown sugar 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2c. pecans, very finely chopped 1/2c. Melted butter



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350F.
2. For the filling: Peel, core, and dice the pears. Place them into a bowl and stir together with the sugar and salt. Set aside.
3. For the topping: In a separate bowl, combine the flour, sugar, brown sugar, cinnamon, and pecans. Stir together. Drizzle the melted butter, gradually, stirring with a fork as you go until all combined.
4. Pour the pears into a buttered baking dish; top with crumb topping.
5. Transfer the baking dish to the middle oven rack and bake for 30 minutes.
6. Move the dish to the top rack of the oven and bake for an additional 10 minutes, or until the topping is golden brown. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.



The Month of September

September was originally the seventh month of the ancient Roman calendar, and as such is was named Septem, which translates into “the seventh month”. It wasn’t until 451 BC that the months of January and February were added to the calendar, making September the ninth month. September also used to only have 29 days. Thanks to Julius Caesar’s reform of the Roman calendar in 46 BC the month now has an additional day. Back in the days of the Anglo-Saxons September used to be called Gerst Monath, which translates into “barley month”. It was given this name because it was the time of year that the barley crop was harvested, and it was a special time as they brewed a popular drink out of it. The Anglo-Saxons had another name for September too, which was Haefest Monath, as this translates into harvest month, and our modern-day usage of the word harvest originates from this name! September is graced with having two different birth flowers. The two flowers are the vibrant aster and the beautiful yet resilient morning glory. The significance of both flowers is actually very similar, with the aster being said to represent love, while the morning glory represents affection. September only has one birthstone, the sapphire. With its deep blue tones, this precious stone is said to represent the wisdom of the gods, purity, and trust. Sapphires were once worn to protect the wearer from both poisoning and other evils.

Autumn Blessing

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer’s spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.

