

March 2025



Prayers of The People

Pray for anyone who suffers from any kind of grief, trouble or illness especially **Gary, Larry, Annette, William, Nancy, Bill, Mike M., Diane, Nana Jo, Patricia K, Fr. John, Alec, David, Michael, Steve, Sue, Linda, Donna and Catherine: 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.

Thoughts from Pastor Beverly

LITURGY

The Episcopal Church is a liturgical church. Have you ever wondered what that means? Through the years it has come to mean a number of things, but its essential means two things. First: it means that all the people: clergy, Liturgical Ministers, choir, congregation, etc., are participants in the service, and second everything we use, do, and wear in the liturgy has meaning. The altar is the first thing we see when we enter an Episcopal church. It should face the east, as the church itself should. Why? Because it is from the east, the rising of the sun, that Christ is to emerge when he returns. Altars are as old as man himself, and they are where sacrifices are made to a God or Gods. Our oldest Biblical account of an altar is in Genesis 8:20: "Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it." In antiquity, most altars were constructed of stones piled on top of each other. When a person passed an altar on the side of the road, they would always leave an offering of many different materials, from carved wood to polished marble. But they all serve the same purpose. It's at the altar that we celebrate our salvation in the sacrifice Christ made for us. Let us remember that it is sacred and treat it as such.



SAINT THOMAS TIDINGS

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.*
- **Ladies Luncheon:** March 20th, at Ala Carte at 12pm
- **Men's Breakfast:** Next meeting will be Thursday, March 13th at Ala Carte After Hours on Madison Street, at 8:30 am in downtown Port Clinton
- **Vestry Meeting:** March 19th at 4pm
- **Knitting Ministry:** March 4th & 18th at 12:pm
- **Stations of the Cross:** March 12- April 9th at 12pm
- **Port Clinton Ministerial Alliance** is offering Imposition of ashes at Magruder Hospital from 11am-2pm March 5th



Happy St. Patrick's Day

February 2025 Vestry Meeting

There were not enough members present to make up a quorum; all items tabled until March meeting by consensus of the Vestry members present. Discussion topics were as follows:

1. Pastor presented the new brochure for the vestry review. Suggestions and additions were made.
2. John reported on January financials, stating that revenue was down slightly but not unexpected. We usually catch up in February.
3. Larry reported on the new boiler. Its working as expected.
4. Snow and ice have presented a problem because of Bob's shoulder surgery. Larry has contacted someone else to take care of it.



Join us every Sunday at 10am for service or livestream is available at Episcopalportclinton.org

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Marvelous March

March 1st 1961 – President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps.



March 4th 1681 – King Charles II granted a huge tract of land in the New World to William Penn to settle an outstanding debt. The area later became Pennsylvania.

March 6th 1836 – Fort Alamo fell to Mexican troops led by General Santa Anna. “Remember the Alamo” became a rallying cry for Texans who went on to defeat Santa Anna.



March 10th 1862 – The first issue of U.S. government paper money occurred as \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills began circulation.



March 12th 1609 – The island of Bermuda was colonized by the British after a ship on its way to Virginia was wrecked on the reefs.

March 15, 44 B.C. – Julius Caesar was assassinated in the Senate chamber in Rome by Brutus and fellow conspirators.



March 17th 1776 – Early in the American Revolutionary War completed their evacuation of Boston following a successful siege conducted by Patriots. The event is still commemorated in Boston as Evacuation Day.



March 23rd 1775 – Patrick Henry ignited the American Revolution with a speech before the Virginia convention in Richmond, stating, “I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!”

March 28th 1979 – The Three Mile Island nuclear power plant accident occurred near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.



This Month's Birthdays

Dana Riley – 1st
Ron Thomas – 17th
Ron Uebbing – 17th

Happy
birthday

Guinness Brownies



Ingredients: -1C. Flour -3/4C. Unsweetened Cocoa Powder
-1TBSP Instant Espresso Powder -1TSP Kosher Salt -5 Eggs
-11.2 (1) Bottle Stout Beer -1TBSP Vanilla Extract -1 1/2 C. Sugar
-4OZ bittersweet Chocolate, chopped -1 Tbsp Powdered Sugar
-1 1/2 Sticks unsalted butter, cut into pieces -- Flaky Sea Salt for garnish

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a 9x9in. baking pan with cooking spray. Line the bottom with parchment, leaving a 2-inch overhang on 2 of the sides. Spray the parchment with cooking spray. Whisk the flour, cocoa powder, espresso powder and kosher salt in a medium bowl until combined. Slowly pour the Guinness into a medium saucepan, trying to make as little foam as possible. (Hold the pot at an angle and press the lip of the bottle to the side of the pot and slowly pour. This should help eliminate foam.) Bring beer to a boil over high heat, then reduce the heat to med-low and simmer until thickened and reduced to 1/3 cup, 12 to 13 minutes (you may need to pour the beer into a liquid measuring cup a few times to make sure it is reduced enough). Add the butter and whisk constantly until melted, about 1 minute. Add the bittersweet chocolate and whisk constantly until melted and smooth, about 2 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and whisk in the granulated sugar until combined. Whisk in the eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in the vanilla extract until just combined. Add the flour mixture and stir slowly until combined, take care that none of the flour spills out of the pot. Pour the mix into the prepared pan. Bake until set on top, the brownies have slightly pulled away from the sides and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out with just a few moist crumbs, 30 to 35 minutes. Sprinkle the flaky sea salt on top. Let cool in the pan for 30 minutes, then use the parchment overhang to remove the brownies from the pan to a cutting board and let cool completely, about 30 minutes. Use a fine-mesh sieve to sprinkle the confectioners' sugar on top of the brownies and slice into 16 squares.



Special Days In March

March 1st – National Peanut Butter Lovers Day

March 3rd – National Anthem Day

March 8th – International Women's Day

March 9th – Get Over It Day

March 12th – National Working Moms Day

March 15th – The Ides of March

March 20th – First Day of Spring

March 21st National Common Courtesy Day

March 23rd – National Puppy Day

March 29th – Mom and Pop Business Owners Day

March 30th – National Take A Walk In A Park Day

Zodiac: Pisces – February 19th – March 20th

Aries – March 21st – April 19th

Birthstone: Aquamarine & Bloodstone

Birth Flower: Daffodil & Jonquil



Weather Folklore: If March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb. The saying may also have a biblical origin, with the lion representing Jesus returning as the Lion of Judah, and the lamb representing Jesus's first appearance.



St. Patrick was a 5th-century missionary to Ireland and later served as bishop there. He is credited with bringing Christianity to parts of Ireland and was probably partly responsible for the Christianization of the Picts and Anglo-Saxons. He is one of the patron saints of Ireland.