



Prayers of The People

Pray for anyone who suffers from any kind of grief, trouble or illness especially **Stephanie, Gary, Mike G., Marilyn, 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

Why We Do What We Do

I was once told by a very dear friend that: “You Episcopalians re: like a parade.” She was referring to how we process in at the beginning of the service and process out at the conclusion of the service. The entrance procession at the beginning of the service is very symbolic. It reminds us that we are pilgrims on a journey together. It also symbolizes Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. There is a specific order to the procession: The cross always leads the procession and reminds us of Christ's victory over sin and death. If incense is used, the Thurifer carries a Thurible with burning incense in it. If incense is not used. Two acolytes, with lighted candle follow behind the cross. They are lighting the way for the remainder of the procession. If there is choir or music leader, they follow the Acolytes. They are usually robed and assist the congregation in singing the processional hymn. An LEM will follow the choir with the Book of the Gospels elevated above his/her head. Other assistants will follow or if there is only one assistant a deacon will be next, followed by the priest. A bishop is last. A special note, only the Book of the Gospels is carried in the procession, not a lectionary. It contains the official liturgical text of the Gospels, which are already divided according to the year and seasons of the year. It is placed upon the altar until needed and then carried between candles and the cross to a place in the center of the congregation. Its reading is reserved for those ordained, and all stand while it is being read. The recession, at the end of the service, reverses the order, with the cross going first, and the priest or bishop last.



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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:** May 22nd, at Frishs at 12pm
- **Men's Breakfast:** Next meeting will be Thursday, May 8th at Ala Carte After Hours on Madison Street, at 8:30 am in downtown Port Clinton
- **Vestry Meeting:** May 21st at 4pm
- **Knitting Ministry:** May 6th & 20th at 12pm
- **Pastors Vacation :** May 8th -12th

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

April 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 Beverly: There will be a wedding here on May 31st for John's granddaughter.
2. John reported investments are down, contributions have increased.
3. Larry reported that we are looking for someone new to mow the lawn and keep up the gardens.
4. Dana reported that Large donation was given and should carry the pantry through the rest of the year.





Magnificent May

May 4th 1494 – During his second exploration journey of the New World, Christopher Columbus discovered Jamaica.

May 6th 1527 – The Renaissance ended with the Sack of Rome by German troops.



May 9th 1862 – During the American Civil War, General David Hunter, Union commander of the Department of the South issued orders freeing slaves in South Carolina, Florida and Georgia.

May 10th 1869 – The newly constructed tracks of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railways were first linked at Promontory Point, Utah.



May 13th 1981 – Pope John Paul II was shot twice at close range while riding in an open automobile in St. Peter's Square in Rome.

May 14th 1607 – The first permanent English settlement in America was established at Jamestown, Virginia by a group of royally chartered Virginia Company Settlers from Plymouth, England.

May 17th 1792 – Two dozen merchants and brokers established the New York Stock Exchange.



May 20th 1932 -Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.

May 24th 1844 – Telegraph inventor Samuel Morse sent the first official telegraph message, “What hath God wrought?”.



May 27th 1937 – 200,000 people celebrated the grand opening of the Golden Gate Bridge by strolling across it.

May 29th 1660 – The English monarchy was restored with Charles II on the throne after several years of a Commonwealth under Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell.



This Month's Anniversaries

Chris and Krystal Hilton – 19th

Dan & Dana Riley – 22nd



One Pot Lemon & Herb Chicken & Rice



Ingredients: -4 Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts -2Tbsp Butter

-Salt & Pepper to taste - 2tsp Italian Seasoning - 1 juice of Lemon

- 1 cup uncooked Rice -2 ¼ cup Chicken Broth

Directions: Melt butter over medium heat in a large skillet or pan (one that has a lid). Season chicken with salt and pepper to taste, and Italian seasoning. Brown chicken in the butter for 1-2 minutes on each side. (Chicken shouldn't be cooked through at this point) Transfer chicken to a plate. Add rice, chicken broth, lemon juice, and remaining Italian seasoning to the pan (no need to clean it first). Place chicken on top, then cover and simmer over medium-low heat for 20-25 minutes until liquid is dissolved. Garnish with fresh parsley or cilantro if desired and lemon wedges for squeezing. Serve immediately.

- If you are cooking with **bone-in, skin-on chicken breasts**, up the browning time to about 3-4 minutes per side before removing to add the rice and broth. Be sure to check that the chicken has reached an internal temperature of 165 degrees before eating.
- If you are using **brown rice**, you'll need to up the cooking time to about 30-35 minutes. Check around the 30-minute mark for doneness.
- Some **great add-ins** to this recipe include one can of fire-roasted tomatoes, half a cup of frozen peas or carrots, one teaspoon of red pepper flakes, or add half a finely chopped onion to the butter to caramelize a bit before adding chicken.
- This chicken and rice recipe **will keep** for up to 3 days in the fridge or up to 3 months in the freezer in an airtight container.

Special Days In May

May 1st – World Laughter Day

May 4th – International Firefighter's Day

May 6th – International No Diet Day

May 8th & 9th – Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation

May 12th – International Nurses Day

May 14th – World Fair Trade Day

May 20th – World Bee Day

May 23rd – World Turtle Day

May 31st – World No Tobacco Day

Zodiac: Taurus – April 20th – May 20th
Gemini – May 21st -June 20th

Birthstone: Emerald

Birth Flower: Lily of the Valley & Hawthorn

Weather Folklore: A wet and windy May fills the barn with corn and hay.



St Joseph the Worker, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of Workers. In addition to being the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the foster-father of Jesus, St Joseph was a carpenter. Through his work of manual labor, Joseph provided for the Holy Family, and shared in the divine plan of salvation. Joseph the Worker May 1) was, in the New Testament, Jesus' earthly father and the Virgin Mary's husband. St. Joseph is the patron of the universal church in Roman Catholicism, and his life is recorded in the Gospels, particularly Matthew and Luke. Joseph was a descendant of the house of King David.