



SAINT THOMAS TIDINGS



Thoughts from Pastor Beverly

Why Do We Do What We Do?

Episcopal worship is rich in scriptural understanding, tradition, symbolism, and ceremony. Still, we recognize that it can sometimes be daunting! When and why do we stand or kneel? When and why do we bow or genuflect? When the processional cross passes by us, we bow our heads out of respect for what the cross symbolizes—our Lord's death on the cross. We make the sign of the cross, with the opening acclamation: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen. During the Liturgy of the Word, we sit for the Old Testament Lesson, Psalm, and Epistle. The response to the lessons, ("Thanks be to God"), is our way of giving thanks for the wisdom and teaching which is imparted to us by their words. The Gospel is the word of Christ, so we stand out of respect. When the Gospel is announced, we may make three signs of the cross: one on our forehead, one on our lips, and one on our heart. We do this to remind ourselves that the Gospel must be understood by our (head), proclaimed (lips), and believed (heart). But the most ancient way of making the sign of the cross is the one where I trace the cross on your forehead with my thumb. This has very ancient roots dating back to the early Christians.

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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.

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:** July 17th, at Bistro 163 at 12pm
- **Men's Breakfast:** Next meeting will be Thursday, July 10th at Ala Carte After Hours on Madison Street, at 8:30 am in downtown Port Clinton
- **Vestry Meeting:** July 16th at 4pm
- **Knitting Ministry:** July 15th at 12pm



**Join us every Sunday at 9am for service
or livestream is available at
Episcopalportclinton.org**

June 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 worked with Charles Youst in planning Dwight King's memorial.
2. John reported that building and grounds expenses were below budget.
3. Larry reported Young's came in to fix the ramp and a Cleveland outfit is coming to fix the gutters.
4. Dana reported that nothing was spent this month for the food pantry. She will begin to focus on the winter months.

Ignatius (July 31st) had a reputation as a well-known warrior. In one battle, he was struck by a cannonball, and his legs were badly injured. While he healed, Ignatius had a conversion of heart. He began to read books about Christ and the lives of the saints, and his prayer life deepened. He began a new way of life, and followed God's will for him. He gave away his possessions, begged for food, and practiced spiritual exercises, recording everything in a journal. This helped him to better understand God, and in turn he educated others in the faith. He accepted the role as leader of the Society of Jesus. Before his death, he had established 35 schools. St. Ignatius is the patron of soldiers and educators.

Jam Packed July

July 1, 1862 - President Abraham Lincoln signed the first income tax bill, levying a 3% income tax on annual incomes of \$600-\$10,000 and a 5% tax on incomes over \$10,000. Also on this day, the Bureau of Internal Revenue was established by an Act of Congress.

July 4, 1863- Vicksburg, the last Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi River, surrendered to General Grant and the Army of the West after a six week siege. With the Union in control of the Mississippi, the Confederacy was effectively split in two, cut off from its western allies.

July 8, 1776 - The first public reading of the Declaration of Independence occurred as Colonel John Nixon read it to an assembled crowd in Philadelphia.

July 12, 1943 - During World War II, in the Battle of Kursk, the largest tank battle in history took place outside the small village of Prohorovka, Russia. About nine hundred Russian tanks attacked an equal number of German tanks fighting at close range. When Hitler ordered a cease-fire, 300 German tanks remained strewn over the battlefield.



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July 22, 1934 - Bank robber John Dillinger (1902-1934) was shot and killed by FBI agents as he left Chicago's Biograph Movie Theater after watching the film *Manhattan Melodrama*.

July 24, 1943 - During World War II in Europe, the Royal Air Force conducted Operation Gomorrah, raiding Hamburg, while tossing bales of aluminum foil strips overboard to cause German radar screens to see a blizzard of false echoes. As a result, only twelve of 791 Allied bombers involved were shot down.

July 27, 1953 - The Korean War ended with the signing of an armistice by U.S. and North Korean delegates at Panmunjom, Korea. The war had lasted just over three years.

This Month's Birthdays:

Bob Keller -5th Gary Good – 6th

Fr. John Reinheimer – 21st

Anne Butcher – 28th



Lee Anne Caswell – 14th

Charley Hilton – 22

This Month's Anniversaries:

Bob & Kim Keller – 4th

Ron & Helen Uebbing – 6th



Red, White & Blue Trifle



Ingredients: 1 purchased Angel food cake, cut into bite-sized pieces
32oz sweetened vanilla yogurt divided -1pint strawberries, sliced, divided
3/4c strawberry preserves -1-2tbsp water, more as needed - 2c. blueberries,
rinsed & dried -3/4c blueberry preserves -whole strawberries & blueberries
for garnish.

Directions: Place a layer of angel food cake pieces in the bottom of a small trifle dish or pretty cut-glass bowl. Spread a thin layer of yogurt over cake layer. Add a single layer of sliced strawberries. Place strawberry preserves and 1 tablespoon water in a microwave-safe bowl and heat on High until preserves liquefy, 1 to 2 minutes. Stir, and add up to 1 tablespoon more water if needed to make a syrup. Drizzle a portion of strawberry syrup over strawberry layer. Add another single layer of cake pieces and spread with yogurt. Sprinkle with blueberries. Place blueberry preserves and 1 tablespoon water in a microwave-safe bowl and heat on High until preserves have melted, about 1 minute. Stir, and add up to 1 tablespoon more water if needed to make a syrup. Drizzle a portion of blueberry syrup over blueberries. Add another layer of cake pieces; spread with yogurt, add a layer of strawberries, and drizzle with strawberry syrup. Add a layer of cake; spread with yogurt, sprinkle with blueberries, and drizzle with blueberry syrup. Spread with a final layer of yogurt. Garnish with fresh strawberry slices, whole berries, and blueberries, and drizzle with any remaining syrup. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Store leftovers, covered, in the refrigerator.

Special Days In July

July 2nd – Made in America Day

July 3rd – Dog Days of summer begins

July 4th – Independence Day

July 7th – Global Forgiveness Day

July 15th – National Give Something Away ~

July 20th – National Ice Cream Day

July 26th – Aunt and Uncle Day

July 27th – Parent's Day

July 30th – International Day of Friendship



Zodiac: Cancer – June 22nd – July 22nd

Leo – July 23rd – August 22nd

Birthstone: Ruby & Onyx

Birth Flower: Delphinium & Water Lily

Weather Folklore: If ant hills are high in July, winter will be snowy.

