

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, 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.



Our Three-Legged Stool

As Episcopalians we value Scripture, Tradition and Reason equally. We often use the metaphor of a three-legged stool, with each leg of the stool contributing equally to our balanced approach. Each of the three sources of authority must be understood considering the other two or the stool will not balance and it will wobble. THE BIBLE: Our approach to reading and interpreting the Bible is unique compared to many other denominations. While we acknowledge the Bible as the Word of God, we strongly believe that the Bible should be considered in the context of our own time and place. TRADITION: We have over two thousand years of experiencing God, of reading scripture, and of following Jesus. Many wise and loving people have said important things to us through the centuries. Their words have become part of our understanding and our beliefs. The traditions of the Church connect all generations, past, present and future, to give us guidance as we continue to learn and grow. REASON: Episcopalians, unlike some denominations, believe that every Christian must build their own understanding and relationship with God. We know that God has given us intelligence and with our own experience, we are able to figure out our personal relationship with God. Based on the readings from the Bible, and what earlier Christians have taught us through the ages, we then must sort out our own understanding of what it means in our lives. With those three things: Scriptures, Traditions and Reason we are then able to build our own relationship with God, personal only to us. Although it sounds very structured and lacking in flexibility, we must never forget the role of the Holy Spirit. Her guidance is what keeps everything in balance and reminds us of who we are: Children of God.

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:** August 21st, at Casa Las Palmas at 12pm
- **Men's Breakfast:** Next meeting will be Thursday, August 14th at Ala Carte After Hours on Madison Street, at 8:30 am in downtown Port Clinton
- **Vestry Meeting:** August 20th at 4pm
- **Knitting Ministry:** August 5th & 19th at noon



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Join us every Sunday at 9am for service
 or livestream is available at
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July 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 visited Mike Mabey in the hospital. She also attended some zoom meetings.
2. John reported that we are below budget on expenses, but over budget on income.
3. Larry reported Young's has yet to fix the ramp carpeting that's lifting. We are still awaiting the vendor to address the gutter issues.
4. Dana reported she spent \$140 this month for the food pantry. Tom & Karen Clemons have been tested to pick up at the Toledo Food bank.

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Lord Jesus Christ, Source of all miracles and graces, we humbly seek Your powerful help to bless us and guide us this Month of August. Be with us, Lord, in all our dealings and affairs. May we shun all things that can lead us to sin. Please preserve us in holiness. Amen.



Adventurous August

August 1, 1838 – Slavery was abolished in Jamaica.



August 5th, 1962 – Film star Marilyn Monroe died at age 36.

August 7th, 1990 – Just 5 days after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, President Bush ordered Desert Shield, a massive military buildup to prevent further Iraqi advances.

August 11th-16th 1965 – 6 days of riots began in the Watts area of Los Angeles. 34 deaths were reported and over 3,000 people were arrested.

August 13th, 1961– The Berlin wall came into existence.

August 14th – Following 2 Atomic bombs drops and believing that continuation of the war would only result in further loss of Japanese lives, delegates of Emperor Hirohito, accepted Allied surrender terms.

August 16th, 1977 – Elvis Presley was pronounced dead at the Memphis Baptists Hospital at 3:30pm at age 42.



August 17, 1978 - The first transatlantic balloon trip was completed by three Americans; Max Anderson, Ben Abruzzo, and Larry Newman, all from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Starting from Maine on August 11th, they traveled in *Double Eagle II* over 3,000 miles in 137 hours, landing about 60 miles west of Paris.

August 18, 1920 - The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

August 21, 1959 - President **Dwight D. Eisenhower** signed a proclamation admitting Hawaii to the Union as the 50th state.

August 28, 1963 - The March on Washington occurred as over 250,000 persons attended a Civil Rights rally in Washington, D.C., at which Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made his now-famous *I Have a Dream* speech.



August 31, 1997 - Britain's Princess Diana died at age 36 from massive internal injuries suffered in a high-speed car crash

This Month's Birthdays:

Marie Janes – 11th Aug



BBQ Bacon Chicken Bake



Ingredients: -Cooking Spray, 8 Slices Bacon, 4 Skinless boneless chicken breast halves, ¾ Cup BBQ Sauce (of your choice)

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9x13 inch baking dish with cooking spray.

Cook bacon in a skillet over medium heat until the edges begin to crisp, about 5 minutes; drain bacon on paper towels. Wrap each chicken breast with 2 slices of bacon in an x-shaped pattern and place into the prepared baking sheet with bacon ends underneath.

Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes; spread bbq sauce over chicken breasts and bake until the juices run clear, the chicken is no longer pink inside, and an instant read meat thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the breasts reads at least 160 degrees, or 10-15 minutes.

Special Days In August

August 1st – Lammas Day

August 3rd – International Forgiveness Day

August 4th – U.S Coast Guard Day

August 7th – National Purple Heart Day

August 9th – Middle Child's Day

August 14th – Navajo Code Talkers Day

August 20th – Nation Bacon Lovers Day

August 25th – Kiss and Make up Day

August 30th – National Beach Day



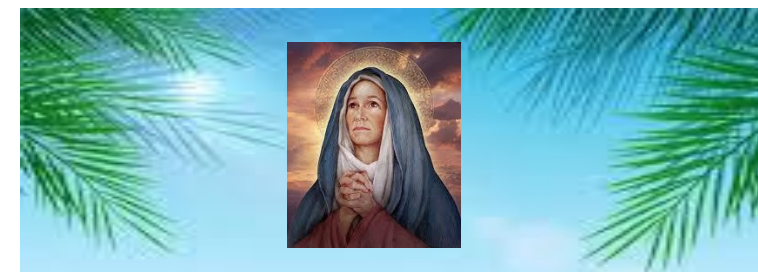
Zodiac: Leo – July 23rd – August 22nd

Virgo – August 23rd - September 22nd

Birthstone: Peridot, Spinel, and Sardonyx.

Birth Flower: Gladiolus & Poppy

Weather Folklore: For every fog in August, there will be snowfall in winter.



St. Monica born in 331 AD in Algeria, was a devoted Christian and mother of St. Augustine. She fervently prayed for his conversion to Christianity, enduring years of anguish over his wayward lifestyle. Her steadfast faith and prayers were eventually answered when Augustine converted. Monica's dedication to family and faith makes her a beloved patron saint of mothers and wives. Her feast day is August 27th.