



Farewell from Pastor Beverly

Dear Friends:

As I say my final “Good-bye” to you, I feel so grateful for our time together. I have loved serving you for the last 7 years and will remember you fondly. We have learned many things together and as we prepare for my departure, I want to remind you of the strength and resilience you possess. Your faith is strong and will guide you. The bishop’s office has already begin working with your wardens as they begin the discernment process. This does not mean that my love or prayers will end. You will always hold a very special place in my heart. I will carry with me all the lessons I have learned. My experience with you has helped me grow in faith. It has taught me many things which I needed to learn and I thank you for your gifts. Blessings and God’s grace for the days ahead.

Pastor Beverly



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Prayers of The People

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



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:** September 18th at TBD, at 12pm
- **Men’s Breakfast:** Canceled until further notice.
- **Vestry Meeting:** September 17th at 4pm
- **Knitting Ministrv:** September 2nd & 16th at noon



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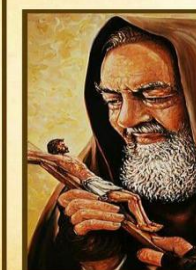
Hello, September

September 2025 Vestry Meeting

1. Rev. Beverly highlighted several items. She said a Bishop’s representative will be here when she leaves for Virginia. She expects Father John & Deacon George to do the Mike Mabee Funeral. Carson may be back to visit after 9-7-25. John B. & Larry J. wrote a letter regarding Pastor Beverly’s departure and it will be delivered to the congregation.
2. John reported noted that we are below budget on expenses. We expect Ernie Matajasic to be here through September.
3. Larry reported the backflow pressure valve on one of the boilers has been fixed. L&D cannot do the lawn, TruGreen still needs to finish their work. We have a cleaning lady candidate coming this Friday. Dana R. fixed the ladies restroom toilet.
4. Dana reported that she has funds for the food pantry operation and that it is going well.

23 September St Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest

Memorial



Born in Pietrelcina in Campania (Italy), he joined the Capuchin community at Morcone. Ordained in 1910, he moved six years later to San Giovanni Rotondo in the Gargano peninsula. Bearing the wounds of Christ’s Passion on his body (known as stigmata), he became famous for his ministry in the confessional, his spiritual direction and miracles. In 1956 he opened the ‘Home to Relieve Suffering’ near his friary. He was canonised in 2002.

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Swingin' September

September 1st 1939 – At 5:30am, Hitler's armies invaded Poland starting WW2 in Europe.

September 5th 1997 – Mother Teresa died in Calcutta at the age of 87.

September 8th 1883 – The Northern Pacific Railroad across the U.S was completed.

September 13th 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 U.S National Anthem.

September 14th 1975 – Elizabeth Ann Seton became the first American Saint.

September 15th 1944 – The first entry of American troops into Hitler's Germany occurred as elements of the U.S. 7th & 5th Corps reached the southwestern frontier of Germany.

September 16th 1976 – The Episcopal Church in the U.S. approved the ordination of women priests and bishops.

September 22nd 1862 - President Abraham Lincoln issued a preliminary Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves in territories held by Confederates as of January 1, 1863.

September 23rd - Autumn (Sept. 23-Dec. 21) begins in the Northern Hemisphere with the autumnal equinox, at 1:37 a.m. EDT. In the Southern Hemisphere today is the beginning of spring.

September 25th 1789 - The first U.S. Congress proposed 12 Amendments to the Constitution, ten of which, comprising the Bill of Rights, were ratified.



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

September 30th 1966 - Nazi war criminals Albert Speer and Baldur von Schirach were released from Spandau prison after serving 20 years. The prison, originally built for 600 inmates, was left with only one prisoner, former Deputy Führer Rudolf Hess.

This Month's Birthdays:

Rev. Beverly Collinsworth- 1st Jack Huston & Bonnie Thomas – 9th

Vicki Gust- 19th



Dan Riley – 22nd

This Month's Anniversaries:

Larry & Marie Janes – 1st



Tom & Karen Clemons – 4th

Bill & Lee Anne Caswell – 14th

John Rodrigue & Sue Hejhal – 25th

Easy Pumpkin White Chocolate Cake Bars



Ingredients: -1 Box Angel Food Cake Mix -2 ½ cups Pumpkin Puree

-1 tsp Pumpkin Pie Spice -1cup Cinnamon Baking Chips

-Powdered Sugar optional for dusting

Directions: Preheat oven to 350. Grease a 9x13 baking pan. In a large bowl, combine cake mix, pumpkin puree, and pumpkin spice using a spatula. Pour batter into baking pan and spread evenly. Sprinkle with cinnamon chips (if using). Bake for 20-25 minutes or until cake is set in the center. Cool completely. Cut and dust with powdered sugar if desired.

Special Days In September

September 1st – Labor Day

September 7th – Grandparents Day

September 11th – Patriot Day

September 17th – Constitution Day

September 21st – International Day of Peace

September 22nd – Autumnal Equinox

September 29th – Michaelmas



Zodiac: Virgo – August 23rd – September 22nd

Libra – September 23rd – October 22nd

Birthstone: Peridot, Spinel, and Sardonyx.

Birth Flower: Gladiolus & Poppy

- **Weather Folklore:** *Heavy September rains bring drought.*
- *September dries up ditches or breaks down bridges.*
- *Married in September's golden glow, smooth and serene your life will go.*
- *If the storms of September clear off warm, the storms of the following winter will be warm.*
- *Fair on September 1st, fair for the month.*

To Pastor Beverly,

May God bless your next chapter as richly as He has blessed us through you.

Best Wishes,

St. Thomas