



SAINT THOMAS TIDINGS



Prayers of The People

Pray for anyone who suffers from any kind of grief, trouble or illness especially **Margret, Michelle, Tim, Bonnie, Mary, Mark K., Danielle, Mark, Linda, Donna, Patty, Joe, Al, Ginger, Barry, Laura, Marilyn, Nancy, Bill, Diane, Nana Jo, Patricia K, Alec, David, Michael, Sue, 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



Thoughts From Pastor Barb:

Beloved people of St. Thomas,

I pray everyone is staying safe and warm this January. Mother nature has been keeping us on our toes with the snow and cold, it is hard to believe February is here. As we prepare to enter the season of Lent we are looking towards the spiritual discipline of giving something up or taking something on. This Ash Wednesday I am encouraging everyone to attend service with our Methodist or Lutheran brothers and sisters or with one of our Episcopalian churches in a nearby community as we will not be having an Ash Wednesday service. Nearby service times and locations will be posted on our Facebook page. Beginning on Thursday, February 19, we will be hosting Soup and Spirituality every Thursday during Lent from 6pm-7:30pm. Whoever wishes to attend will join together in a simple meal of soup and bread, discussion about different aspects of Faith and the Bible, concluding with a brief service of Compline. I look forward to this time of Faith exploration with all who attend.



Upcoming Events

- **Ministry Opportunities**
- *Here are some ways to serve St. Thomas and our community.*
- **Vestry Meeting:** February 19th at 4pm
- **Knitting Ministry:** Postponed until weather gets warmer



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

December 2025 Vestry Meeting

1. John reviewed the financials and noted that we are above budget on income and below budget on expenses.
2. Deacon Barb highlighted several items: The church has been cleaned for the ordination. Morning pray will be on the 2nd & 4th Sundays and Eucharist on the 1st & 3rd Sundays.
3. Larry said the basement was cleaned out, and the sanctuary had several upgrades done.
4. Dana Riley said we can do eight food bags per week.

ST. VALENTINE PRIEST AND MARTYR



Known as the patron saint of couples for his defense of Christian marriage in Rome, he lived during one of the most difficult periods of Christian persecution in the early Church. St. Valentine was imprisoned and martyred on February 14th in the year 270. He is the inspiration behind the modern-day celebration of Valentine's Day.



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Fabulous February

February 2, 1848 - The war between the U.S. and Mexico ended with the signing of the [Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo](#). In exchange for \$15 million, the U.S. acquired the areas encompassing parts or all of present-day California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Texas. The treaty was ratified on March 10, 1848.

February 8, 1910 - The Boy Scouts of America was founded by William Boyce in Washington, D.C., modeled after the British Boy Scouts.

February 10, 1942 - The first [Medal of Honor](#) during World War II was awarded to 2nd Lt. Alexander Niningner (posthumously) for heroism during the Battle of Bataan.



February 11, 1929 - Italian dictator Benito Mussolini granted political independence to Vatican City and recognized the sovereignty of the Pope (Holy See) over the area, measuring about 110 acres.

February 14, 1849 - Photographer [Mathew Brady](#) took the first photograph of a U.S. President in office, [James Polk](#).



February 15, 1933 - An assassination attempt on newly elected U.S. President [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#) occurred in Miami, Florida. A spectator deflected the gunman's aim. As a result, Chicago Mayor Anton Cermak was shot and killed instead. The gunman, an Italian immigrant, was captured and later sentenced to death.

February 17, 1865 - During the American Civil War, [Fort Sumter](#) in South Carolina was returned to the Union after nearly a year and a half under Confederate control. The fort had been the scene of the first shots of the war.

February 22, 1956 - In Montgomery, Alabama, 80 participants in the three-month-old bus boycott voluntarily gave themselves up for arrest after an ultimatum from white city leaders. Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks were among those arrested. Later in 1956, the U.S. Supreme Court mandated desegregation of the buses.

February 28, 1994 - NATO conducted its first combat action in its 45 year history as four Bosnian Serb jets were shot down by American fighters in a no-fly zone.



This Month's Birthdays:

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Sue Homsy – 21st



Brown Sugar Salmon



- 6 Tbsp. Dark Brown Sugar -1Tbsp Dijon Mustard -1 Tbsp Fish Sauce
-1Tbsp Fresh lime Juice - ½ Tsp Berbere, Baharat, or Garam Masala Spice
- 1 Tbsp Neutral Oil - 4(6oz) Skin On Salmon Fillets - Kosher Salt

1. Place a rack in upper third of oven; heat broiler to high. In a small bowl, combine brown sugar, mustard, fish sauce, lime juice, and spice mix until combined and smooth. Reserve 2 tablespoons glaze for serving.
2. Drizzle oil onto a foil-lined sheet tray, spreading to edges with a pastry brush or paper towels. Season salmon on all sides with salt and arrange on prepared tray, skin side down. Pour half of remaining glaze over salmon.
3. Broil salmon 5 minutes. Remove tray from oven and pour remaining glaze over. Continue to broil until salmon is cooked through and glaze is slightly sticky, 5 to 6 minutes more.
4. Transfer salmon to a platter. Spoon reserved 2 tablespoons glaze over.

Special Days In February

February 1st – Spunky Old Broads Day

February 2nd – Candlemas

February 6th – Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony

February 9th – National Pizza Day

February 12th – International Darwin Day

February 14th – Valentine's Day

February 16th – President's Day

February 20th – Love Your Pet Day

February 23rd – International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day

February 26th – National Chili Day

February 28th – Public Sleeping Day



Zodiac: Aquarius – January 20th – February 18th

Pisces – February 19th – March 20th

Birthstone: Amethyst & Jasper

Birth Flower: Violet & Primrose



Weather Folklore:

- "If February give much snow, a fine summer it doth foreshow".
- "Fogs in February mean frosts in May".

Valentines Day Prayer

Thank you God for
Those who love me unconditionally
Teach me to
Express love well
And to love myself
Send me strength to love
when times are tough
Standing on your promise that Love
endures all things.
Amen

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