



Prayers of The People

Pray for anyone who suffers from any kind of grief, trouble or illness especially **Mary, Mark K., Danielle, Mark, Linda, Donna, Patty, Joe, Al, Ginger, Barry, Laura, Stephanie, 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.



Thoughts From Pastor Barb:

Beloved people of St. Thomas,

This past month has been a flurry of activity and emotion. I want to thank you all for the warm welcome and all the work that went into hosting my ordination service and celebrating the birth of our Savior. In my sermon this past week, I ask us all to consider what the “Work of Christmas” is for each of us. As we enter into a new calendar year, I am excited to learn more about that work. I know a large part of my work is going to be getting more familiar with St. Thomas and the Port Clinton community and learning about all the gifts and needs that are present. Beginning in January I will have office hours at St. Thomas on Tuesdays from 9am-1pm and Thursdays from 4pm-8pm. I will also of course be present on Sundays before and after the 10am Worship Service. As I navigate what it means to do Bivocational Ministry this schedule may change as I also have to balance out time for my therapy practice in Toledo. I ask that we all pray for each other as we live into these changes and chances of our work together.

With Love,

Rev. Barb

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SAINT THOMAS TIDINGS

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:** January 14th at Ala Cart at 12pm
- **Vestry Meeting:** January 22nd at 4pm
- **Knitting Ministry:** January 6th & 20th at noon
- **Annual Meeting:** January 11th following service



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

Happy New Year 2026



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. Thomas Aquinas Jan 28

Born in Aquino, Italy, St. Thomas' brilliance led him to be a professor at 23. He taught that there is a harmony to faith & reason since both came from God. He was one of the Church's great theologians & philosopher & is a doctor of the Church.



Jovial January



January 1st- The most celebrated holiday around the world.

January 3, 1924 - British Egyptologist Howard Carter found the sarcophagus of Tutankhamen in the Valley of the Kings near Luxor after several years of searching.

January 7, 1782 - The first U.S. commercial bank opened as the Bank of North America in Philadelphia..



January 10, 1776 - *Common Sense*, a fifty page pamphlet by Thomas Paine, was published. It sold over 500,000 copies in America and Europe, influencing, among others, the authors of the Declaration of Independence.

January 15, 1559 - Elizabeth Tudor, daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, was crowned as Elizabeth I in Westminster Abbey.

January 18, 1966 - Robert Clifton Weaver was sworn in as the first African American cabinet member in U.S. history, becoming President Lyndon B. Johnson's Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.



January 20, 1945 - Franklin Delano Roosevelt was inaugurated to an unprecedented fourth term as president of the United States. He had served since 1933..



January 22, 1905 - Five hundred protesting Russian workers were killed by the troops of Czar Nicholas II in St. Petersburg. The event became known as "Bloody Sunday" and marked the beginning of the violent revolutionary movement of 1905 which ultimately failed. A second revolutionary movement in 1917 succeeded and the Czar abdicated.



January 24, 1972 - Japanese soldier Shoichi Yokoi was discovered on Guam after he had spent 28 years hiding out in the jungle not knowing World War II had long since ended.



January 27, 1973 - U.S. involvement in the [Vietnam War](#) ended as North Vietnamese and American representatives [signed an agreement](#) in Paris..

January 31, 1943 - German troops surrendered at Stalingrad, marking the first big defeat of Hitler's armies in World War II.



This Month's Birthdays:

Debby Barnes – 4th



Karen Clemons – 30th



Mozzarella, Red Pepper & Bacon Skewers



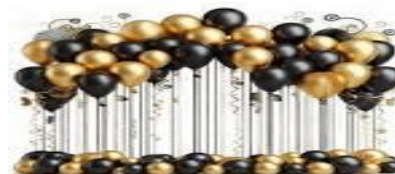
-6 Whole Roasted Red Peppers (2 24oz jars), cut into 32 strips

-32 Fresh Basil Leaves - 11 Slices Cooked Bacon, cut into thirds

- 32 cherry sized mozzarella balls -2tbsp Extra-Virgin Olive Oil

-Kosher Salt - Freshly Ground Pepper

Directions: Top pepper strips with basil, bacon, and mozzarella, dividing evenly. Roll pepper around filling and secure with wooden pick. Arrange on a platter and drizzle with oil. Season with salt and pepper.



Special Days In January

January 1st – New Years Day!

January 9th - National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

January 15th – Bagel Day

January 17th – Kid Inventor Day

January 20th – National Penguin Day

January 24th – International Day of Education

January 27th – International Holocaust Remembrance Day

January 30th – Martyr's Day



Zodiac: Capricorn – December 22nd – January 19th

Aquarius – January 20th – February 18th

Birthstone: Garnet, Rose Quartz

Birth Flower: Carnation & Snowdrop

Weather Folklore: If January calends be summerly gay,
It will be winterly weather till the calends of May.

Gracious God, as we enter this new year, I seek Your abundant blessings and prosperity. You are the source of every good gift, and I look to You for provision. Bless the work of my hands and the plans of my heart. Grant me success in my endeavors, not for my own glory, but that I might be a blessing to others. Help me to be a good steward to all You provide, using resources wisely and generously. May my prosperity be not just in material things, but in spiritual growth, strong relationships, and a life that honors You. Guide me to opportunities that align with Your will and give me the courage to pursue them. Let this year be one of abundance in all areas of life, that I might reflect Your goodness to the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.