

Happy Easter

SAINT THOMAS TIDINGS



Prayers of The People

Pray for anyone who suffers from any kind of grief, trouble or illness especially, **Paul, Bonnie, Debbie, Mary, Mark K., Linda, Donna, Al, Ginger, Marilyn, 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,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Happy Easter everyone. Spring is here! This time of year often feels full of possibility, hope and new life. It is a time for us to remember the gift of salvation that we all receive because God loves us so much that he sent Jesus to the whole world. I want to encourage everyone to look at this time of year as a chance to dream about the ways we can share God's love in our community and the world. I am excited to be preaching at the Community Good Friday Service at Trinity United Methodist Church. I look forward to meeting and seeing everyone who is returning for the summer. Please contact the office or send me an email to set up a time for us to get to know each other.

Peace be with you+.

Rev. Barb



For Peace Among the Nations (Book of Common Prayer, 1979, p.816)

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Upcoming Events

- **Ministry Opportunities**
- *Here are some ways to serve St. Thomas and our community.*
- **Vestry Meeting:** April 16th at 4pm
- **Knitting Ministry:** Postponed until weather gets warmer
- **Ladies Lunch:** April 21st at The Farm Stand at noon
- **Maudy Thursday Service:** April 2nd 6pm



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

March 2026 Vestry Meeting

1. John highlighted several items: carpet cleaning expenses, landscaping gift of \$3000. Utilities are lower than budget.
2. Rev Barb went through the Holy Week schedule. She will be attending a clergy conference in May.
3. In Dana R's absence Rev Barb reported our filled bag count is good.

A question from Reverend Barb

As we are planning for the summer, I am looking for some input from all of you about our Sunday worship time in the summer. I have been told it has been changed to 9am in the past. I would like to hear from people if they think this is still something we should do. Please email me your thoughts about moving the service time to 9am during the summer or leaving it at 10am so that I can make an informed decision. clergy@stthomasportclinton.org.

For the Beauty of the Earth (BCP p. 840)

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. Amen.

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Adventurous April

April 1, 1865 - During the American Civil War, Confederate troops of General George Pickett were defeated and cut off at Five Forks, Virginia. This sealed the fate of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's armies at Petersburg and Richmond and hastened the end of the war

April 2, 1513 - Spanish explorer Ponce De Leon sighted Florida and claimed it for the Spanish Crown after landing at the site of present-day St. Augustine, now the oldest city in the continental U.S.

April 6, 1896 - After a break of 1500 years, the first Olympics of the modern era was held in Athens, Greece.

April 9, 1865 - After over 500,000 American deaths, the Civil War effectively ended as General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant in the village of Appomattox Court House.

April 11, 1968 - A week after the assassination of Martin Luther King, the Civil Rights Act of 1968 was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

April 18, 1775 - The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes occurred as the two men rode out of Boston about 10 p.m. to warn patriots at Lexington and Concord of the approaching British.

April 21, 1918 - During World War I, the Red Baron (Manfred von Richtofen) was shot down and killed during the Battle of the Somme.

April 27, 1865 - On the Mississippi River, the worst steamship disaster in U.S. history occurred as an explosion aboard the *Sultana* killed nearly 2,000 passengers, mostly Union soldiers who had been prisoners of war and were returning home.

April 30, 1967 - Boxer Muhammad Ali was stripped of his world heavyweight boxing championship after refusing to be inducted into the American military. He had claimed religious exemption.



This Month's Birthdays:

Cindy Bolte- 2nd



BBQ Bacon Chicken Bake



-Cooking Spray -8 Slices Bacon -3/4c. BBQ Sauce

- 4 Skinless, Boneless Chicken Breast Halves

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Spray a 9x13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.
2. 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.
3. Bake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes; spread barbeque 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 a breast reads at least 160 degrees F (70 degrees C), 10 to 15 more minutes.

Special Days in April

April 1st – April Fool's Day

April 4th – World Drummer's Day

April 5th – Happy Easter!

April 6th – Army Day

April 10th – National Siblings Day

April 13th – International Special Librarians Day

April 16th – National Orchid Day

April 21st – World Creativity and Innovation Day

April 24th – Help Animals Day

April 28th – Global Pay It Forward Day

April 30th – National Animal Advocacy Day



Zodiac: Aries – March 21st – April 19th

Taurus – April 20th – May 20th

Birthstone: Diamond & White Sapphire

Birth Flower: Daisy & Sweet Pea

• Weather Folklore:

- April showers bring May flowers
- If it thunders on All Fool's Day, it brings good crops of corn and hay

