



SAINT THOMAS TIDINGS



The days are slowly getting longer, and the temperature is most consistently above freezing. I am beginning my fourth month with St. Thomas. I have enjoyed getting to know the winter crowd that have been attending. I look forward to meeting in person and getting to know people as they return from warmer climates. I am also looking forward to working with everyone to build up our team of Worship leaders, readers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers and to get to hear other people's voices from the pulpit as Lay Preachers. Keep your eyes open for emails and Facebook posts about upcoming trainings and conversations about these great opportunities to share in the worship experience. I ask you all to pray about what you might be called to do and that the Holy Spirit helps us grow and welcome new people to share in our ministry. Please contact me or the office if you are interested in these opportunities. clergy@stthomasportclinton.org

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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.**



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 S community.
- **Vestry Meeting:** March 19th at 4pm
- **Knitting Ministry:** Postponed until weather gets warmer
- **Ladies Lunch:** March 12th at Casa Las Palmas at noon
- **Soup and Spirituality:** Thursdays 6:00-7:30pm



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

February 2025 Vestry Meeting

1. John highlighted several items: new boiler, new Altar frontal, and investments are positive.
2. Rev Barb said there will be a confirmation/reception/reaffirmation services held at Grace Episcopal Church on April 19th at 10am
3. Dana Riley said the food program is doing fine and she will be planning a trip to the Toledo Food Bank.

St. Joseph, Husband of Mary



Prayer to St. Joseph
O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, so that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

O St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me.

Pray for us!

Meaningful March

March 1, 1961 - President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps, an organization sending young American volunteers to developing countries to assist with health care, education and other basic human needs.



March 4, 1681 - King Charles II of England granted a huge tract of land in the New World to William Penn to settle an outstanding debt. The area later became Pennsylvania.

March 6, 1836 - Fort Alamo fell to Mexican troops led by General Santa Anna. The Mexicans had begun the siege of the Texas fort on February 23rd, ending it with the killing of the last defender. "Remember the Alamo" became a rallying cry for Texans who went on to defeat Santa Anna in the Battle of San Jacinto in April.

March 10, 1862 - The first issue of U.S. government paper money occurred as \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills began circulation.

March 12, 1994 - The Church of England ordained 32 women as its first female priests. In protest, 700 male clergy members and thousands of church members left the church and joined the Roman Catholic Church which does not allow women priests.

March 18, 1974 - The five-month-old Arab oil embargo against the U.S. was lifted. The embargo was in retaliation for American support of Israel during the Yom Kippur War of 1973 in which Egypt and Syria suffered a crushing defeat. In the U.S., the resulting embargo had caused long lines at gas stations as prices soared 300 percent amid shortages and a government ban on Sunday gas sales.

March 23 1775 - Patrick Henry ignited the American Revolution with a speech before the Virginia convention in Richmond, stating, "I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!"



March 30, 1981 - Newly elected President Ronald Reagan was shot in the chest while walking toward his limousine in Washington, D.C., following a speech inside a hotel. The president was then rushed into surgery to remove a 22-caliber bullet from his left lung. "I should have ducked," Reagan joked. Three others were also hit including Reagan's Press Secretary, James Brady, who was shot in the forehead but survived. The president soon recovered from the surgery and returned to his duties.

This Month's Birthdays:

Dana Riley-1st

Ron Thomas & Ron Uebbing -17th



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Special Days in March

March 2- Read Across America Day

March 3 – National Anthem Day

March 6- Employee Appreciation Day

March 8 – Daylight Saving Time

March 12 – Working Moms Day

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

March 20 – First Day of Spring

March 23 – National Puppy Day

March 28 – National Black Forest Cake Day

March 31- Crayon Day



Zodiac: Pisces – February 19th – March 20th

Aries – March 21st – March 31st

Birthstone: Aquamarine & Bloodstone

Birth Flower: Daffodil & Jonquil

- **Weather Folklore:**

- March comes in like a lion, out like a lamb
- A dry March will bring a wet, fruitful May

1Medium Head Cabbage - 4lbs Medium Potatoes (8) -2c Whole Milk

-1c Chopped Green Onions - 1 ½ tsp Salt - ½ tsp Pepper

- 1/4c Butter (Melted) - Minced Parsley -Crumbled, cooked Bacon

1. Place cabbage and 2 cups water in a large saucepan; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, until cabbage is tender, about 10 minutes. Drain, reserving cooking liquid; keep cabbage warm in a separate dish.
2. In same pan, combine potatoes and reserved cooking liquid. Add additional water to cover potatoes; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cook, uncovered, until potatoes are tender, 15-20 minutes. Meanwhile, place milk, green onions, salt and pepper in a small saucepan; bring just to a boil and remove from heat.
3. Drain potatoes; place in a large bowl and mash. Add milk mixture; beat just until blended. Stir in cabbage. To serve, drizzle with butter; top with parsley and bacon.



Lord, we come to you with great expectations for the month of March. We yearn for the water of life to refresh our heart and soul as we yearn for fresh rain to fall upon the flowers of Spring. As the days get longer, help us to linger longer in your presence and have a deeper fellowship with you. Drench our prayer life with your Spirit and comfort our hearts in times of distress and sadness. I pray these things in the name of Jesus, Amen.