



**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, Linda, Danielle, Linda, Pam, Donna, Patty, Joe, Al, Ginger, Barry, Laura, Stephanie, Marilyn, Nancy, Bill, Diane, Nana Jo, Patricia K., Alec, David, Michael H., 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 200<sup>th</sup> Red Horse Squadron, and the 983<sup>rd</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion. Protect, guide and comfort them and bring them home safely when their work is done.**

**From Rev. Barb**

What does it mean to be Bivocational? When I was called to St. Thomas it was as a part-time, Bivocational Priest. When I was going through my discernment process, I knew that I felt called to be a priest and I continued to feel called to work as Therapist. While both vocations can be full-time, I felt called to be placed somewhere that would benefit from having someone who was not solely reliant on their Church for their income. While this may seem unusual it is becoming more common as the Episcopal Church and other Churches live into the reality of the Church's place in society today. As a Bivocational priest I get to empower the members (lay people) of the congregation to discern how they are called to do their own ministry in the church. Lay people not just permitted but encouraged to do many roles in ministry that may have seemed to be the domain of the ordained priest in the past. With some training and licensing lay people can preach, lead worship, and provide pastoral care to each other and the community. They can take the consecrated elements to people who are not able to come to church. As the ordained priest, I will still do these things at times and when needed. When I am here, I will celebrate the Eucharist and provide guidance and supervision for the lay ministers of our church. It does mean that some Sundays are Morning Prayer which is a beautiful and ancient service that can be very spiritually fulfilling and still allows the community to gather in the love of God and strengthen each other in our daily lives.

**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:** May 21, 4pm
- **Knitting Ministry:** Postponed until weather gets warmer
- **Ladies Lunch:** May 19<sup>th</sup> @ Ala Carte, 11:30

A Simple Touch

Lord, I only need  
a simple touch today:

A ray of sun,  
Or drop of rain,  
Coo of dove,  
rustling leaf,  
water cleansing my face,  
cat crushing my leg,  
warm mug in my hand,  
solid ground under foot.

In the simple  
You are here  
Loving me today.

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Join us every Sunday at 10am for service  
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Celtic Nature Prayers: Prayers from an Ancient Well

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Prayers Compiled by Lucie Stone

## Mindful May

**May 2, 2011** - U.S. Special Operations Forces killed Osama bin Laden during a raid on his secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. The raid marked the culmination of a decade-long manhunt for the elusive leader of the al-Qaeda terrorist organization based in the Middle East.

**May 5, 1865** - Decoration Day was first observed in the U.S., with the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves from the Civil War with flowers. The observance date was later moved to May 30th and included American graves from World War I and World War II, and became better known as Memorial Day.

**May 9, 1862** - During the American Civil War, General David Hunter, Union commander of the Department of the South, issued orders freeing the slaves in South Carolina, Florida and Georgia. He did so without congressional or presidential approval. The orders were countermanded by President Abraham Lincoln ten days later.

**May 14, 1607** - The first permanent English settlement in America was established at Jamestown, Virginia, by a group of royally chartered Virginia Company settlers from Plymouth, England.

**May 18, 1980** - Mount St. Helens volcano erupted in southwestern Washington State spewing steam and ash over 11 miles into the sky. This was the first major eruption since 1857.

**May 21, 1881** - The American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton. The organization today provides volunteer disaster relief in the U.S. and abroad.

**May 30, 1783** - The *Pennsylvania Evening Post* became the first daily newspaper published in America.

**May 31, 1889** - Over 2,300 persons were killed in the Johnstown flood in Pennsylvania. Heavy rains throughout May caused the Connemaugh River Dam to burst sending a wall of water 75 feet high pouring down upon the city.

## This Month's Anniversaries

Chris & Krystal Hilton - 19<sup>th</sup>

Dan & Dana Riley - 22<sup>nd</sup>

## Cheesy Hamburger Rice Casserole



-1lb Ground Beef -1 (10.5oz) Can Cream of Mushroom Soup

-1/2c Long Grain White Rice -1(14.5oz) Can Diced Tomatoes w/ Juice

-3/4c Shredded Mozzarella Cheese -Salt & Pepper to taste

1. Crumble the ground beef into a skillet over medium-high heat. Cook and stir until evenly browned. Drain off grease, and stir in the cream of mushroom soup, tomatoes, and uncooked rice. Cover, and simmer over low heat, stirring occasionally, until rice is tender, about 15 to 20 minutes.
2. Preheat the oven's broiler. When the rice is done cooking, transfer the contents of the skillet into a 9x9-inch casserole dish. Cover with a layer of cheese.
3. Broil until the cheese is melted and toasty. Season with salt and pepper to taste and enjoy!

## Special Days in May

May 1<sup>st</sup> - General Prayer Day

May 5<sup>th</sup> - National Foster Care Day

May 7<sup>th</sup> - National Day of Reason

May 8<sup>th</sup> - Victory in Europe Day

May 10<sup>th</sup> - Happy Mother's Day

May 14<sup>th</sup> - Ascension Day

May 19<sup>th</sup> - Celebrate Your Elected Officials Day

May 20<sup>th</sup> - National Rescue Dog Day

May 24<sup>th</sup> - National Brother's Day

May 27<sup>th</sup> - National Senior Health & Fitness Day

May 31<sup>st</sup> - National Fisherfolks Day

**Zodiac:** Taurus - April 20<sup>th</sup> - May 20<sup>th</sup>

Gemini- May 21<sup>st</sup> - June 20<sup>th</sup>

**Birthstone:** Emerald & Agate

**Birth Flower:** Lily of the Valley, Hawthorn

- **Weather Folklore:**

- Mist in May, heat in June makes harvest come right soon.
- A swarm of bees in May is worth a load of hay.