

*You are cordially invited
to a WINGS Tea Party*



*on Wednesday, August 20, 2014
from 6 to 8pm*

*on the lovely terrace of Carolyn Villanova
251 Douglas Hook Road, Chepachet*



Hats and white gloves optional!

(Carpooling from St. Thomas' at 5:30pm)

*Join us as we celebrate the gifts of summer
And of one another!*



There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall which will help us determine how many tables to set up. Also, please indicate whether you can contribute some tea sandwiches or dessert sweets, so our tea trays may present a wide variety of scrumptious offerings. WINGS members still have fond memories of the last tea, held two years ago, and expect that this one will be equally delectable! Come join us—all women are welcome!



St. Thomas Men's Club, which was organized several years ago, has already provided direction and support for many church activities. Calling all men!! Who is a member of the Men's Club? Why, ALL the men of the parish are members!

On August 11th we will gather together. Bring your calendars and get ready to brainstorm. What would you like to do as a group? Go bowling? Play cards? Talk about your hobbies? Read and discuss a book? Work on a project? Go to a hockey game? The sky is the limit!

Get your ideas ready to bring to the next Men's Club meeting, planned for Monday, August 11th from 7 to 8pm. Also note that the group is now meeting on the second Monday of each month. Hope to see you there!

(Psst – a “Guy’s Night Out” is in the works featuring a steak fry and card night – come and find out more!)



Friday night at the Movies!

Take an opportunity to relax and have some old-fashioned fun with your church family. Enjoy a night at the movies on Friday, August 1st at 6:30pm (the movie will be suitable for all ages!)

We will provide popcorn and lemonade and a few other treats. In order to avoid the setting sun, we will watch the movie in the Parish hallí ..so you don't need to bring chairs or bug spray!



Join us – and feel free to bring friends along for the fun!

And Saturday Carnival Games:



Fun on the lawn---1:30-5:30---Treats and Surprises!---Games, Silliness
Fun for all ages!---Followed by “Mass on the Grass” at 5:30pm



Saturday, September 13th we will be having a "Welcome back to Sunday School party!" Stay tuned for details in our next newsletter. And put your thinking cap on to think of other children who would love to be a part of our Sunday School classes. Our first day of Sunday School will be Sunday, September 14th. The students and teachers will begin their classes that day, starting at 9:30am

Calling all teens! Would you like to be a youth helper in the Sunday School this year? Do you have community service hours to fulfill for the Honor Society? Consider helping out in a classroom on Sunday mornings. And we are always looking for a few good men or women to help out with our Sunday School program! Please see Susan+ if you are at all interested in finding out more about helping out each week OR once a month. Currently our classes are from children in Pre-K through 7th grade.

MINISTRY BRIEFS

--The **THURSDAY SPIRITUALITY GROUP** will take a summer break during the month of August, resuming their meetings in September. In the meantime they will be conducting a survey of parishioners to determine whether a change of day or time for the meetings might be helpful. Watch for it this month!

--The St. Thomas **BAZAAR** is only 16 weeks away! The **PENNY SOCIAL** committee is looking for donations of items such as gift certificates and new items, especially men's items, with a value of \$20 or more. If you would like to join our team, there's a place for you! See Deb Farrar for details.

--The **BAZAAR CRAFTERS** wish to thank everyone who has donated yarn, cloth, old Christmas decorations, and other items to the group. They are being re-purposed into lovely, creative items which will be offered for sale at the Bazaar. If you have some odds and ends of craft materials sitting unused at home, we would love to have them! See Sharon Thompson with your donations.

"Mass on the Grass"

5:30pm Saturday August 16, 2014



Bring a blanket or your favorite chair (or don't bring a thing - there will also be chairs already set up!) We will gather on the grass to sing some songs with the guitars, hear the Word of God, and break bread together. Why not bring your spouse, grandkids or neighbors to get a chance to introduce them to some of the awesome people at St. Thomas?!

If it rains, we will simply move our casual worship inside. The service will have been preceded by a fun Carnival, (see article elsewhere in this newsletter)

Plan on joining us for a lovely, relaxed Eucharist. And come as you are!



BABY NEWS!!



During the month of July the St. Thomas family was blessed by the arrival of four new babies!

On July 22, twins were born to JUSTIN AND KAITLYN TURCOTTE. Lilianna Grace, weighing 5 pounds, 10 ounces, arrived just minutes before her brother, Dillon Gray, who weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces. The twins join Olivia, who is very excited about being their big sister.

Also on July 22, JACKI AND CONRAD ZAHN became grandparents with the birth of Fisk Harold Sweeney. Fisk weighed in at 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

And on July 30, LAURA AND JARED TANCRELLE celebrated the arrival of Reid Joseph Tancrelle, who weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces. Proud grandparents are PHILIP AND KAREN PARE.

Congratulations to all parents and families of these wonderful babies! Ask their parents and grandparents for details and pictures and join their happiness.

WINGS Fall Retreat

We have a date for our 4th WINGS RETREAT! The dates are September 26th - 28th at ECC - the Episcopal Conference Center - in Pascoag, RI. We will arrive between 4 pm and 6 pm on Friday and leave after lunch on Sunday. The cost will be \$150.00 and includes 6 meals, 2 nights stay and the use of all of the facilities. A \$100. deposit will hold your place, with the balance due at the retreat. We have some scholarship money available, just ask Susan+ if you need some help. Drop this form with your payment off at the office, mail it in to the church or put it in the plate at a service.

It is first come first served - there is a limit of 24 people. WINGS - Women In Need of Growing Spiritually - includes ALL women of our parish. Put this date on your calendar now, and prepare to join us for this wonderful WINGS event.

After all, we *are* a blessing one to one another! †



Name: _____ phone # _____

Email _____

Amt. of deposit _____ date _____ remaining balance _____

I would like to room with: _____

I would like to carpool from St. Thomasø yes _____ no _____

I would be willing to drive from St. Thomasø yes _____ Iød rather not! _____

Special concerns: _____

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Marcelino DeSantiago 2	Norman Martin 9	Brenna Wilson 24
Phyllis Spaziano 2	June Heywood 10	Jennifer Derosier 25
Jeff Doris 4	Ginny Martin 19	Kelly Almieda 26
Gregory Young 4	Emma Archambault 20	Joe Amaral 26
Anna Rivera 5	Jake Bowen 20	Marion Barton 27
Stephen Smith 5	Dan Kelley 20	Tina Caldwell 27
Phyllis Barton 6	Larry Murdoch 20	Fred Leigh 27
Kevin Fournier 6	Michael Wedda 23	Lauren Barnes 28
Barry Wenskowicz 7		Gigi Uttely 29



AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Louie and Ruth Lambert 2
Richard and Beverly Connor 14
Forrest Crooks and Kelly Villanueva 14
Dan and Michelle Kelley 17
Donald and Carol Parker 21
Barry and Diane Wenskowicz 25
Harold and Nancy Nelson 26
Gregory and Kristin Young 26



AUGUST PRAYER LIST

Jason Martin, Elaine Passano, Matthew A.
Christine, Debbie, Karen Nichols, Katherine
Judy, Mary, Gail Gass, Carla, John G.
Lori and Jerry, Mary and Lionel, Clare R.
Diane Gledhill, Edward Lowrey
Vic, Alice Gardner, Katerina, Matthew B.
Steven DeSumma, Landon Chadwick, Bob
Dennis, Diane, Ron Kilduff
Braxton, Joan W., Meredith, Bud L.
Fred Presciutti, Donald K., Tammy Roy
Marissa, Mary Catherine, Judy
Jake, Rick H., Paul S., Ayden
Martin Shephard, Beth D., Frank Z.
James M., Paul H., Marion W., Vivian M.
Georgia Huntley, Deb, Megan, Judy B.

Please call the office if you would like to
add someone to the Prayer List. Their
name will remain on the list for six weeks,
or longer if appropriate. Just call Joan in
the office for help. (949-2260) For
immediate prayer, contact Jean Marz at
934-0463 to access the Prayer Chain.



MILITARY PRAYER LIST

*Almighty God, we commend to Your gracious care all
men and women who are called to service their
countries; grant them safety and Your everlasting peace.*

Steven Grant
Timothy Reul

Matthew Koehler
Jay Bonin

Daniel Riordan
Michael Rotondo

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Thomas Merton's Prayer (*From "Seeds of Contemplation: Thoughts in Solitude"*)

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that my desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.+

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:30pm Movie Night	2 5:30—HE
3 8:00 HE Youth Sunday 9:30 HE	4	5 7:00—8:30pm Adult Formation	6 9:00 HE & Healing service 9:30—noon Crafting group	7	8	9 5:30—HE
10 8:00 HE 9:30 HE	11  7:00pm Men's Club	12 7:00—8:30pm Adult Formation	13 9:00 HE & Healing service 9:30—noon Crafting group 7:00pm Health Ministry Team meeting	14 6:30pm Vestry	15 	16 1:30-5:00 Carnival! 5:30 "Mass on the Grass"
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24 8:00 HE 9:30 HE	25 6:30-8:00 pm Order of St. Luke meeting 8:00 Healing Service	26 7:00—8:30pm Adult Formation	27 9:00 HE & Healing service 9:30—noon Crafting group	28	29	30 5:30—HE
31 8:00 HE 9:30 HE				Coming in September! 	<i>"Blessing of the Backpacks"</i> Sept. 21st 10am service	