

## August Newsletter 2018

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. —Romans 12:2*

One of the most difficult task we have as Christians is figuring out how to apply our faith to situations in the world around us. Too often the cares and concerns of this world muddy the waters, and it can be difficult to discern what is True and what it is that God would have us believe and do. Some people at St. Thomas have expressed a desire to come together as a church to discuss various topics that trouble or perplex us. Forum on the Fourth will be an opportunity to gather to do just that—come together as a church to discuss a current event from a faith perspective. *What is happening? What is at stake? How are we, as Christians, to respond?* These are the kinds of questions we will contend with as we seek to come to a greater understanding of how our faith can, does, and should influence our views.

So how will this work? On the first Sunday of every month, a member of St. Thomas will be selected at random to find a news article dealing with a specific topic. The topic can be as simple as liability issues involved in fixing an ill neighbor's fence to as complex as euthanasia. On the second Sunday, the article will be distributed to the entire parish to read and consider. We will then come together after the service on the fourth Sunday to discuss the article and the topic at hand. This will be a time of openness that is free of judgement, where we seek to understand each other and grow in knowledge of our faith.

The first Forum on the Fourth will take place (ironically) on the third Sunday of August, the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please plan on coming with a kind, open, and discerning heart.

Peace,  
Megan

### August Birthdays

2 Jen Cunningham	16 Morgan Walsh
5 Evans Goodling/Maverik Foster	19 Renee Bergandino
7 Paula Olenginski	24 Doris Stillman
10 Justin Bergandino	25 Lydia DembiReid
29 Alex Olenginski	

### New Address!

Megan and Dennis (and Lydia!) have moved and their new address is:

944 Wayne Ave.

Wyomissing, PA. 19610

**August 5**

Reader.....Pat Mast  
Intercessor.....Jackie Laverty  
Chalice.....Evans & Barbara Goodling  
Ushers.....Jim & Arlene Hathaway  
Refreshments.....Mast/Goodling  
Healing.....Barbara Goodling  
Counters.....Goodling

**August 12**

Reader.....Evans Goodling  
Intercessor.....Barbara Goodling  
Chalice.....Stan & Sally Stalnaker  
Ushers.....Ken & Helen Harclerode  
Refreshments.....Cook/McEwen  
Healing.....Barbara Goodling  
Counters.....Bob & Peg Cook

**August 19**

Reader.....Amy Smith  
Intercessor.....Terry McEwen  
Chalice.....Pat Mast/Jackie Laverty  
Ushers.....Evans & Barbara Goodling  
Refreshments.....Stalnaker  
Counters.....Sally Stalnaker/Jen Cunningham

**August 26**

Morning Prayer  
Intercessor.....Arlene Hathaway  
Ushers.....Jim & Arlene Hathaway  
Refreshments.....Price/Cunningham  
Counters.....Goodling

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