



The



Signpost



Weekly!

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 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
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### Calendar

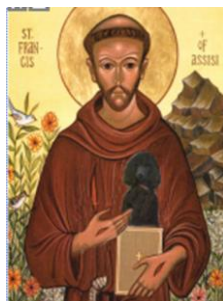
<b>Saturday, October 6</b> 9-2 p.m., YARD SALE	<b>Monday, October 8</b> 9 a.m. Yoga
<b>Sunday, October 7</b> <b>St. Francis Day -</b> <b>Blessing of the</b> <b>Animals after both</b> <b>services</b>	7 p.m. – Bishop's Committee
• 8 and 10:15 a.m. Worship Service	<b>Tuesday, October 9</b> • 9 a.m., Morning Prayer • 9:30 a.m., Exodus Bible Study
• 9:15 a.m. Inquirer's Class, Sacraments	<b>Thursday, October 11</b> • 7 p.m. Eucharist/Bible Study
• 10 a.m. Sunday School	

### St. Francis Day, Pets & Animals, Blessings & Nature

“The Scottish poet Kenneth White, in his poem writes, *‘I open the book and the words fly out of the page.’ The book that he is referring to is Creation.*”  
 -J. Philip Newell

Every year we have the option to recognize and celebrate St. Francis in some way in early October around his saint's day. One of the most important examples St. Francis left us was the way that love of Creation, nature and animals fits into our Christian life. In St. Francis' Day it was common to divide what was holy (church, prayer, sacraments, Scripture) and what was profane or common (animals, agriculture, nature, everyday things and issues).

St Francis in his life broke up this tendency to put animals and nature as not being spiritual or holy. Whether it was caring for songbirds, wolves, rabbits or doves- the care St. Francis took with animals drew people's attention to the importance of animals. His example made people notice that animals are loved by God and are part of the Creation we are charged to care for. So over time it has become the custom of the church to remember St. Francis



by blessing animals, since he reminded us how they are loved by God.

St. Francis likely saw the world in the way the poet wrote above. In the stories we have of St. Francis, he responded to the natural world seeing God at work in the sun, the moon, light and shadows and in his fellow human beings. When others would pass by lepers and people with other contagious diseases- St. Francis recognized them as people who were part of God's Creation and loved by God. We sometimes forget too that he crossed over to the Muslim world to connect and share the love of Christ with people who were supposed to be his enemies too.

Wherever St. Francis went he was always opening the book of God's creation and marveling at the words which flew off the page. When we remember St. Francis, we remember the marvel, wonder and respect which he had for God and for the people and animals he met.

### From The Music Committee:

The Music Committee (Nick Pothier, Maureen Dadekian, Natalie Gallo, and Katie Waymouth) met recently to discuss music for upcoming special services: the Bishop's Visit on 10/21, All Saints Sunday on 11/4, Taizé service on 11/18, and Lessons and Carols on 12/16. *If anyone has a request for particular music or wishes to perform a song or instrumental piece for any of these services, please let one of us know. In fact, if anyone has a particular music request or offering for any service, we want to know!*

### October Healing Prayer and Reiki Opportunities

The Healing Team would like to remind the St. Christopher's Family that Healing Prayer and Chair Reiki are currently available at the following times:

- Thursday Service-Oct. 11 Chair Reiki is offered at 6:30-7:00 pm, prior to the start of the 7:00 pm service. Chair Reiki will be given in our new "sitting room" on the main floor.

- Healing Sunday-Oct. 14-at 8 a.m. service (2nd Sunday each month, alternating between the 8 am & 10:15 am services). Healing Prayer is offered during Eucharist, and Chair Reiki is available after the service at the beginning of Coffee Hour. Chair Reiki will be given in our new "sitting room" on the main floor. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Healing Team: Barbara Hughes, Jane Roth, Edie Swenson, Joyce Ryan, Corinne Dodge, Deb Carpenter, Ann Gerns, Lynn Allen.

## Evangelism Focus of the Week



### 'Episca-what?'

Increasingly often, people in our wider communities aren't too sure what the Episcopal Church

is. You've probably been asked by someone before: 'what is the Episcopal Church?' or "Why do you go to an Episcopal church?" There's probably a strong reason why you do chose to go to St. Christopher's and that you find something compelling about the Episcopal Church. In many ways the Episcopal Church is a unique and wonderful part of the Body of Christ and which invites people into lives of spiritual curiosity, engagement with the inspired Word of God and with the ancient traditions of the church. There is a lot to share with our friends, neighbors and the wider world.

Thankfully, there are so many ways to share the good news of where God is active in the Episcopal Church and at St. Christopher's. You could follow the Episcopal Church on Facebook or Instagram and share a post with your friends that you think might connect. You could invite a friend to an event or a service at church. Or if a deep topic comes up in conversation with a friend, you could share how something like communion, a Bible verse or a particular holiday in the church speaks to the topic. All you have to do is be just a little bit brave and listen for the right way or opportunity.



**Men's, women's and children's indoor and outdoor, WINTER clothing**

**drive**, for the next three Sunday's, **October 7, 14 and 21**, clean and in good condition for the guests served by the Sunshine Soup Kitchen in Derry. . "Clothing Donations" collection bins are in the foyer to accept your gifts. .

[Corinne Dodge](#)

### An Update from John Svitak

Most of you should get a letter by early next week showing your donations to St. Christopher's so far this year. If you don't receive one and would like to, contact Nancy Hickey at [nancy@howielegal.com](mailto:nancy@howielegal.com) or 603-329-7840.

**Need help with early Christmas shopping** (for family, stocking stuffers, teacher & hostess)? How about scents to make your home welcoming for the upcoming holiday seasons? Check out the link to find candles, snacks, wrapping paper & stocking stuffers - link: [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com), and proceeds will help St. Christopher's. If you open the link and do not find yourself on St Christopher's page then click on "Start Shopping" box in the middle of the page and enter group# 999984255, this will take you to St. Christopher's. We encourage you to share the online link with all your friends and family. The more orders received the more it benefits our church.

**Important Note:** All online orders ship direct to home. For online orders: customers are charged \$7.99 for orders under \$100 and for orders over \$100, a 6% shipping fee will be charged (6% of order subtotal). Catalog's for those who do not wish to shop online will be available on October 12th. For additional information, see attached flyer or contact Robin Flynn at [r.j.flynn@comcast.net](mailto:r.j.flynn@comcast.net) or Maggi Heyer at [mheyler121@hotmail.com](mailto:mheyler121@hotmail.com).

### Prayers of the People

Prayers for the **Collins family**, for the extended **Lawrence family** and for the repose of **Eva Lawrence** (Christine's grandmother) Thank You.to everyone who has been keeping me in their prayers. Agape, Deb Carpenter; Ingrid and Mark Chapman ask for your prayers for their daughter **Lisa**. Please pray for **Nick**, Anne Darrah's cousin's husband; please pray for **Angie McCurdy** and her family; please pray for **Lincoln**, Christine Collins' cousin's young son who is ill; and for **Aaron, Alex & family** in their time of grief. Prayers for healing and relief from pain for **Pat Williams**; for **Zach**, a relative of a parishioner; prayers for **Noelle Schreiber**; **Ellie McCabe**; prayers for **Bob Gleason**, **Lucille Gigeure**. For Dave Darrah's brother, **Tom**; for **Deb**; for **Roy Jeffrey**; **Ann Donovan**; **Kate**; **Brayden**; **Matty**; **Ian**; prayers for **Howie**; for **Cheryl**; for **Ryan**; for **Jacqueline**; for Natalie's brother **Lorin**; for Mark and Ingrid's son **Eric**.

**Serving in the Military:** Pray for Pam Vazquez's son, **Army 2nd Lt. Nicholas J. Vazquez**, for Del's cousins, **Daniel, Matthew and Sandra**.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Theresa and Justine Altsher; Muriel Andernacht; David, Kim, Brianna, David, and Julia Marie Angelini; Tara, Mark, Anthony, and Angelo Aniello.

**Attendance:** Tuesday, 9/24, 9 a.m., 8; Thursday, 9/27, 7 p.m., 12; Sunday, 9/30, 8 a.m., 15; 10:15 a.m., 45

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