



The Signpost Weekly

December 30, 2018

First Sunday after Christmas

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Calendar

Sunday, December 30

- 8 and 10:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Formation - How do the different Gospels tell the Christmas story?
- 10 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, December 31

New Year's Eve

- 9 a.m. Yoga

Tuesday, January 1

☆ New Year's Day

Thursday, January 3

- 7 p.m., Evening Eucharist/Bible Study

Sunday, January 6

☆ Epiphany

- 8 and 10:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Formation
- 10 a.m. Sunday School

Sunday January 13

ANNUAL MEETING

ONE SERVICE

10 a.m.

2019

A Visit from Rabbi Peter Levy from Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry.



While we haven't landed on a precise day yet, we are coordinating with Rabbi Peter Levy for him to come on a Sunday. This will be an exciting time to learn about Jewish faith, tradition, experience and perspective. Our youth group has also been invited to go to a Friday Shabbat service. Please keep your eyes and ears open

for this wonderful chance to connect.

2019 ANNUAL MEETING 10 a.m. Jan. 13

Our 2019 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 10 a.m.

January 13, 2019

As is our custom, we will have one service on that day at 10 am. New members of the Bishop's Committee, Delegates to Convention and Assessors will be voted in. A week before the meeting you will receive a PDF of the new Annual Report via email.

"Hard copies" of the report will also be available at church. This is a very important meeting for the church, one you will want to attend

The 12 Days of Christmas Continue

The Christmas season begins on December 25 and runs until Epiphany (Jan 6). As you come to church over the next couple weeks you will notice that we still continue in the time of Christmas. In the church,



12 days of Christmas is a very real thing and our celebrations continue. While lighter in tone, we will be focusing on the importance of the

Incarnation (Jesus the Son of God becoming human

Such Great Music-

Thank you to Nick Pothier, the choir and many musical talents who contributed to such a wonderful experience of Advent and Christmas. From lyric, heartfelt solos at Lessons & Carols to instrumental winds at Bethlehem to cheery full voiced choirs to enthusiastic trumpets at the 9 p.m. service, this has been a Christmastide of special music to remember. This truly celebrated the expectation and birth of Christ into our world.

Epiphany Sunday January 6

On January 6 we will have a slight adjustment to our church school schedule. While we usually have Children's Sunday on the 2nd Sunday of the month, we will change Children's Sunday in January to be on the first Sunday of the month. This is so that we can celebrate Epiphany with the Magi/Three Wise Kings. It's such a rich holiday and lends itself to a child focus, so the 10:15 service will feature a very special children's Sunday to celebrate the search and gifts of the Magi to the baby Jesus.

Almighty God,
you have poured
upon us the
new light of your
incarnate Word:

Grant that this
light, enkindled in
our hearts, may
shine forth in our
lives;

Through Jesus
Christ our Lord,
who lives and
reigns with you,
in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God,
now and
for ever. Amen.

and dwelling among us) and next Sunday we will conclude the 12 Days of Christmas with the arrival of the Magi and the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the baby Jesus.

The 12 Days of Christmas can also be something you continue at home by being sure to do something celebratory every day (even if it's small like eating a cookie or going for walk on a favorite trail) and taking a moment with it to pray and give thanks.

Stewardship

We've had a great level of participation

from the parish this year in our Stewardship Drive. More details will be to you just after the first of the year. For now, we want to say a big "Thank You" to all those who have pledged support for 2019. If you are still thinking of pledging, a pledge is truly welcome any time of year



Narcan Training

I've been trying to coordinate a Narcan training for people in the parish who have expressed an interest. Is there anyone else in the parish who could use this training? If someone in your family struggles with addiction to opioids, Narcan training is something which could be helpful in the event of an overdose. If you would like to be included in such a training, please e-mail me, Fr. Zac, vicarstchristophers@gmail.com

2018 Pledge Receipts for the Week Ending Dec. 26

- Rec'd, \$2,333 (budget, \$2,308)

YTD actual rec'd \$118,351 (budget \$117,692)

Prayers of the People

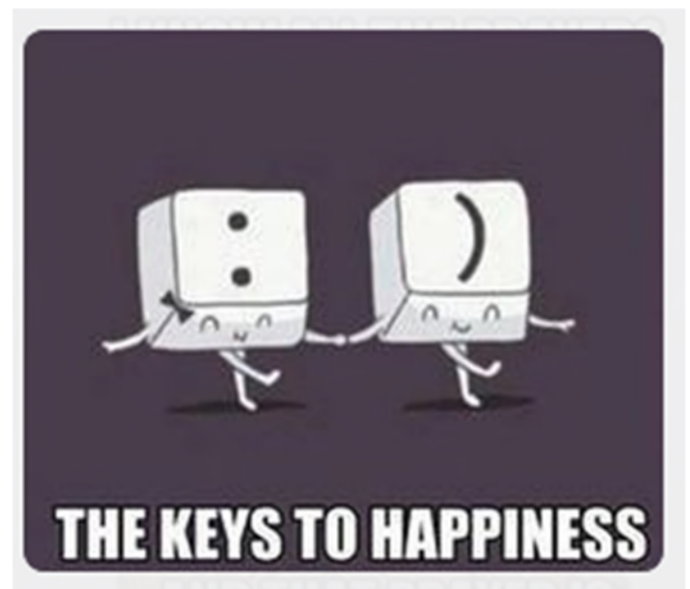
Prayers for the repose of **Joy Noyes**, and healing prayers for her husband, **Al**, and their 3 sons. Ingrid and Mark Chapman ask for your prayers for their daughter **Lisa**. Please pray for **Nick**, Anne Darrah's cousin's husband; please pray for **Angie McCurdy** and her family; please pray for **Lincoln**, Christine Collins' cousin's young son who is ill; and for **Aaron, Alex & family** in their time of grief. Prayers for **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**.

Attendance

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve
4 p.m. Family Service 65

9 p.m. Carols and Worship 72
Christmas Day - 9



... and a smile!



"So, papa, how do you like the new iPad we got you?"

<http://www.snotr.com/video/8965/>

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."