



# The Signpost Weekly

December 9, 2018  
Second Sunday of Advent

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## Calendar

### Sunday, December 9

- ☆ First/Second Sunday of Advent
- ☆ Children's Sunday
- ☆ Ministry Minute – Pam Vazquez
- ☆ **2019 Pledge Drive Concludes**
- 8 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m., Adult Formation – Prayer
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Worship Service - We will be reflecting on stories about St. Nicholas.



"Who knows... I might even make an appearance."

### Monday, December 10

- 9 a.m. Yoga
- Bishop's Committee Meeting to be rescheduled.

### Tuesday, December 11

- 9 a.m., Morning Prayer
- 9:30 a.m., Exodus Bible Study

### Thursday, December 13

- 7 p.m. Eucharist/Bible Study

### Sunday, December 16

- ☆ Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete- Rejoicing Sunday)
- 8 and 10:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Formation
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 7 p.m. Lessons & Carols

**Adult Formation @ 9:15 - Rescheduled from Last Week:** For Advent, Br. David and Ann Gerns will be leading us in exploring prayer. There are many traditions and ways of praying in the Christian tradition. This Sunday Br. David will be guiding us with some ancient Benedictine forms of prayer and approaches to Christian Spirituality. St. Benedict's holy life transformed the way Europe approached spiritual life after the Roman Empire collapsed and this witness and Christian spirituality have endured to be practiced by Benedictine communities across the world. Please come learn more! Next week Ann Gerns will be guiding us in taking a look at another enduring tradition which emerged at about the same time: Celtic Christian Spirituality- another highlight.

**Last Sunday's Youth Group Christmas Caroling and Party** ... a BIG thank you to the teens and volunteers who went to Roy Jeffrey's retirement

home. You sounded great, and it brought real joy to Roy and the residents there. Our kids had such a *positive* impact. To everyone who went, thank you for bringing the joy of the Advent & Christmas Seasons there.



**St. Nicholas & the 10:15 Service this Sunday.** You might have heard before that our cultural story of Santa Clause has its roots in the real, Saint and Bishop Nicholas. We'll be talking about him at the 10:15 service this Sunday - and you never know, he might even make an appearance like he did last year.

**Update on Buildings-** There is lots of good news when it comes to the buildings and grounds of the church. Our restrooms and plumbing are now working as normal- it was an easy fix for someone with a roto-roooter tool. Thus church is as normal this Sunday. Thank you so much for bearing with our closure last Sunday.

You might also notice this Sunday that the entrance walkway looks a little different. Repairs were made to remedy the uneven concrete slabs, which had posed a difficult barrier for those with walkers or wheelchairs. Paying for the repair of this sidewalk was made possible at the urging of the property committee and a number of generous parishioners who said they wanted to help, along with our friends in AA who took up a special collection. Drainage issues over time are the cause of all the problems in the foyer entrance area, and will be resolved with the installation of a proper guttering system, completing this project. A huge thank you to all those who made this repair possible.

The heat in the parish house is still on a temporary fix and Bob Leonard, Senior Warden, has

been diligently pursuing bids to address the damage. We will have more positive news about this soon. If you have any questions, contact Bob.

A special thanks too is in order to Bob Leonard, who has been coordinating all of these property activities this week. Thank you Bob!

## Lessons & Carols, 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 16.

We are blessed to have an abundance of musical talent in our parish. On the 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete- Rejoicing Sunday), we will be rejoicing in the music of Advent and in the many musical talents being shared at this parish. If you had to miss it last year, it was a real highlight of the year. Lessons & Carols is like a prayerful Christmas concert with readings from Scripture and pauses for prayer. It makes space for the preparation of our hearts for Christmas. Hope you can make it this year.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS @ ST. CHRISTOPHER'S LESSONS & CAROLS Sunday, December 16  
A Holiday Music event, featuring the St. Christopher's Choir & solos



## Blue Christmas, Thursday December 20, 7 p.m.

While Christmas is so often a treasured time, some years are particularly difficult due to a loss or difficulty. Sometimes too, if there is a deep loss or absence of a loved one we have experienced, holidays like Christmas can cause this loss to feel particularly pronounced. If this is the case for you, we have a service to make space for these more difficult feelings. All are welcome

**Christmas Pageant @ 4 p.m., December 24 (Children can be fitted for a costume if they arrive at 3:30)-** Christmas Eve is less than 3 weeks away. We have another Christmas pageant this year, which is low on stress for family and high in fun and participation.

As part of the 4 p.m. service we will have a pageant where children can dress up and participate, and in which no line memorization is required, but where they just will have to follow a couple simple cues. This was a lot of fun last year and we'll be back again with a new pageant this year. Hope you can be a part of this fun and festive celebration of God's love for the world through the gift of Jesus.

## A Special Notice about End of Year Spending

As you might imagine with the many repairs which have been needed these last weeks at St. Christopher's and with our tight budget, we need to be mindful about further spending as the year ends. If you or a ministry you are part of in the church is considering spending some funds, please check in with Brenda Getchell (Treasurer) first about what amount is feasible and to help her in planning and allocating funds. Thank You.

## 2018 Pledge Receipts for the Week Ending Dec. 3, John Svitak Reports

- Rec'd, \$1562 (budget, \$2,308)
- YTD actual rec'd \$108,904 (budget, \$110,769)

Please note: Several of us are behind in our pledges. If you would like to know the status of your 2018 pledge gifts, please contact Nancy Hickey; [nancy@howielegal.com](mailto:nancy@howielegal.com) or 603-329-7840

## Prayers of the People

Prayers for **Carolyn Timbie** and for the repose of her **Father**, who passed away Wednesday. 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**.



## Parish Cycle of Prayer:

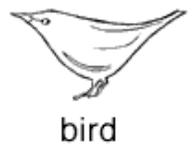
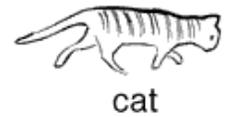
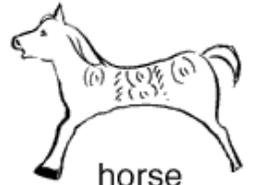
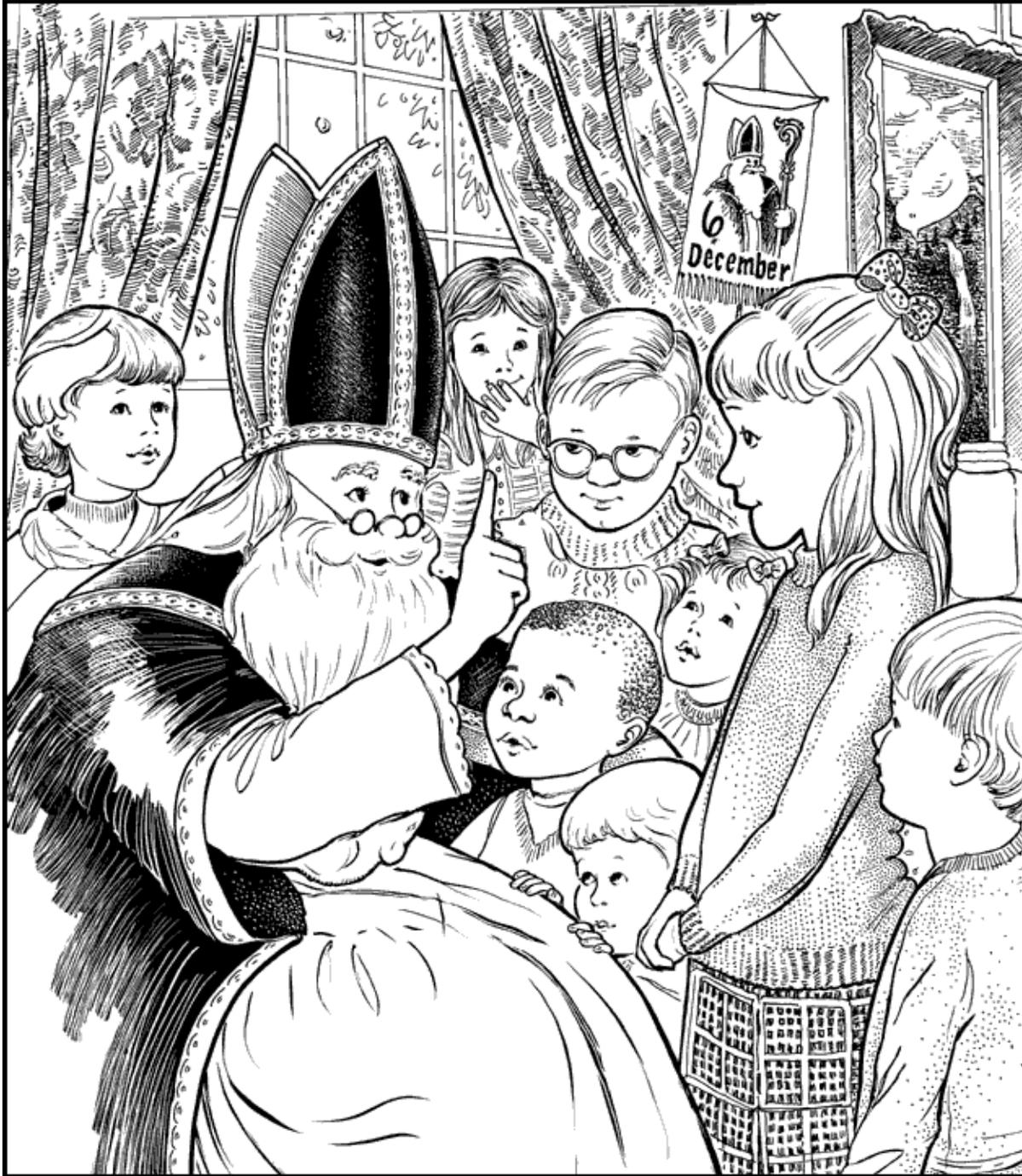
Br. David and Ann Gerns; Brian and Sue Gleason; Skip and Lois Gilman; Brenda Getchell

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*"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."*

# St. Nicholas Day

Can you find these hidden pictures in the big picture?



SAINT

NICHOLAS

