



December 2024



Simon The Zealot

Simon the Zealot is one of the most obscure apostles of Jesus. Although he is listed as one of the 12 there is little written about him. The "Zealot" part of his name is ambiguous, possibly identifying with a Jewish sect known as the Zealots, who were advocating revolution and waiting for a Messiah to violently overthrow Rome. Saint Jerome and other Biblical scholars believed that he might have been present with Jesus at the wedding in Cana, Jesus' first miracle. As an apostle of Jesus, Simon the Zealot would have been sent to spread the gospel, just as the other apostles were. Some legends explain that Simon preached in Egypt, then partnered with Judas, the brother of Jesus. There are numerous accounts of Simon the Zealot's death, but the earliest records come centuries after his death. Some scholars wrote that he was martyred in Iberia, others say he was crucified in Samara, and still others say it was Persia. One account even says he was sawed in half, but they don't say where it happened. Perhaps he just died of old age in Edessa as an Eastern tradition claims



SAINT THOMAS TIDINGS

Merry Christmas



Prayers of The People

Pray for anyone who suffers from any kind of grief, trouble or illness especially Larry, Annette, William, Brian, Theresa, Nancy, Bill, Mike M., Diane, Nana Jo, Patricia K, Fr. John, Alec, David, Michael, Steve, Sue, Linda, Donna and Catherine: Deliver them from their distress. Pray for those serving in our armed forces especially, Mitchell, Michael, Ethan, Emily, Alan, Chris and Chelsey, the 200th Red Horse Squadron, and the 983rd Combat Engineer Battalion. Protect, guide and comfort them and bring them home safely when their work is done.

Prayer For Peace In The World

Lord, Healer of the Nations, from the noise of war and the drumbeat of vengeance, give us undiminished determination to wage peace. Out of brokenness, violence, and destruction let us plant seeds of hope. Out of chaos, confusion, and hatred, let us build bridges of love. Out of distrust, disunity, and distance, let us walk together in harmony. Heal our divisions, make us whole, and Bring us peace. Amen. -Pastor Beverly



November 2024 Vestry Meeting

- Pastor: Lessons and Carols will be December 29th at 10am
Larry: John and Larry will look inside the church for lead pipes.
Dana: The reverse advent will start after Thanksgiving to collect food items. Dana reports that we are doing great and have some funds remaining.
Mike: The Mission Statement has been approved. Decisions on where to include it (i.e webpage, bulletins, social media) were also discussed.
John: The plate offering and total revenue is above the budget Y-T-D.

Upcoming Events

- Ministry Opportunities
Here are some ways to serve St. Thomas and our community.
Ladies Luncheon: Tuesday December 17th at The Orchard Market at 12pm
Men's Breakfast: Next meeting will be Thursday, December 12th at Ala Carte After Hours on Madison Street, at 8:30 am in downtown Port Clinton
Community Meal: December 19th at 5:00pm
Longest Night Service: December 20th at Fireland's Presbyterian Church at 7:00pm

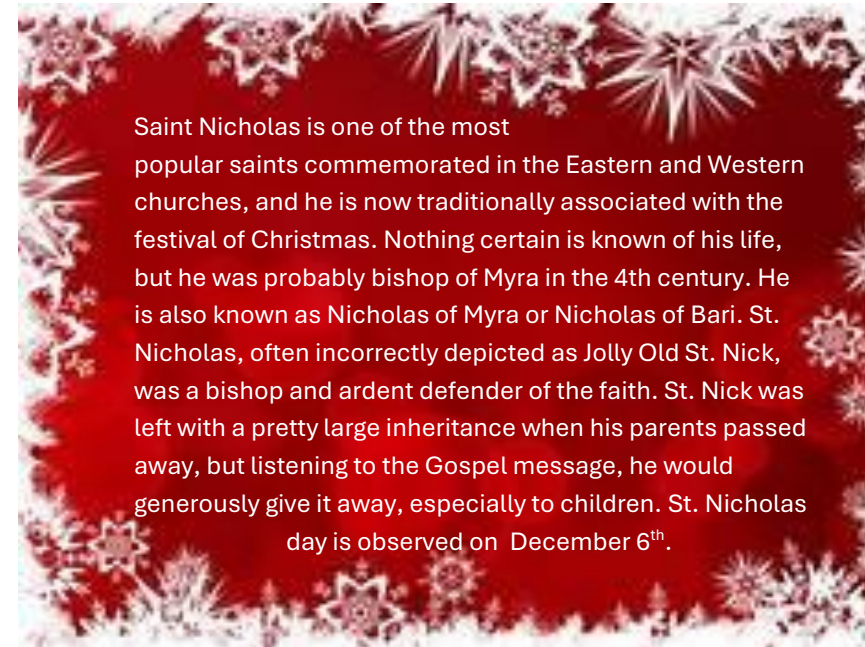
Unto Us a Child is Born



Join us every Sunday at 10am for service or livestream is available at Episcopalportclinton.org


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Saint Nicholas is one of the most popular saints commemorated in the Eastern and Western churches, and he is now traditionally associated with the festival of Christmas. Nothing certain is known of his life, but he was probably bishop of Myra in the 4th century. He is also known as Nicholas of Myra or Nicholas of Bari. St. Nicholas, often incorrectly depicted as Jolly Old St. Nick, was a bishop and ardent defender of the faith. St. Nick was left with a pretty large inheritance when his parents passed away, but listening to the Gospel message, he would generously give it away, especially to children. St. Nicholas day is observed on December 6th.

## December Declarations

**December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1955** - The birth of the modern American civil rights movement occurred as Rosa Parks was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her seat to a white man. 


**December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1982** - The first permanent artificial heart was implanted in 61-year-old Barney C. Clark by Dr. William De Vries at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City. Clark, survived 112 days after the implantation.


 **December 4, 1791** - The *Observer*, now the oldest Sunday newspaper in the world, was first published in Britain.


**December 6, 1865** - The 13th [Amendment](#) to the U.S. Constitution was ratified abolishing slavery. 

**December 8, 1980** - Former *Beatle* musician John Lennon was assassinated in New York City. 

**December 13, 1862** - During the American [Civil War](#), the Battle of Fredericksburg occurred in Virginia as the Union Army of the Potomac under General Burnside suffered a costly defeat, losing 12,653 men after 14 frontal assaults on well entrenched Rebels on Marye's Heights. "We might as well have tried to take hell," a Union soldier remarked. Confederate losses were 5,309. "It is well that war is so terrible - we should grow too fond of it," stated Confederate General Robert E. Lee during the fighting.

 **December 15, 1939** - *Gone with the Wind* had its world premiere in Atlanta, introduced by producer David O. Selznick and featuring appearances by Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable.

**December 16, 1773** - The [Boston Tea Party](#) occurred as colonial activists disguised as Mohawk Indians boarded British ships anchored in Boston Harbor and dumped 342 containers of expensive tea into the water. 

**December 21, 1846** - Anesthesia was used for the first time in Britain during an operation at University College Hospital in London performed by Robert Liston who amputated the leg of a servant. 

**December 24, 1814** - The Treaty of Ghent between America and Britain was signed, officially ending the War of 1812.

**December 30, 1803** - The *Stars and Stripes* flag was raised over New Orleans as the United States took formal possession of the territory of Louisiana, an area of 885,000 square miles, nearly doubling the size of the U.S.

## This Month's Birthdays

Renee Stine – 7<sup>th</sup>  
Tyler Rodrigue-Hejhal – 18<sup>th</sup>  
Pastor Bob Butcher – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
John Bolte – 24<sup>th</sup>



## This Month's Anniversary

Dwight & Alice King – 28<sup>th</sup>



Happy Anniversary



## Creamy No-Bake Eggnog Pie



### Ingredients:

- **1 ½ cups Heavy Cream** - **¼ cup Powdered Sugar**
- **1 box Instant Vanilla Pudding** - **2 cups Eggnog, cold**
- **1 Graham Cracker Pie Crust (premade)**

### Directions:

1. In a large bowl, beat the heavy cream with the powdered sugar for 1 minute until stiff peaks form. Cover with plastic wrap and set aside.
2. In another large mixing bowl, add the eggnog and the vanilla pudding. With an electric mixer, mix for 1-2 minutes until the pudding thickens.
3. Spoon 2 cups of the whipped cream into a large bowl with the pudding mixture. Fold in the whipped cream until just combined. Add the eggnog mixture to the graham cracker pie crust. Add the rest of the whipped cream on top to decorate if you would like. Place the pie in the refrigerator for at least 4 hours before serving. Sprinkle with nutmeg to serve if you would like.



## The Month Of December

December is the 12th month (and last month) in our modern-day Gregorian calendar and was initially the 10th month of the Roman calendar (until 153 BC). Hence, "December" comes from the Latin *decem*, meaning "ten." The month of December originally consisted of 30 days. After January and February were added to the calendar (around 700 BCE), December was shortened to 29 days. Then, two days were added to December in the subsequent Julian calendar, making it 31 days long. The month of December brings the winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere on December 21<sup>st</sup>. This is the shortest day of the year (the day with the least amount of daylight). December's traditional birthstones are Turquoise, Zircon, and Tanzanite. December's birth flowers are the Holly and the Paperwhite Narcissus. The zodiac signs are Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 21) and Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)

