



January 2025



Epiphany



We celebrate Epiphany on January 6th, which is twelve days after Christmas. This is when according to tradition the magi, or three wise men visited Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. Epiphany seldom falls on Sunday, so we celebrate it on the nearest Sunday, which this year is January 5th. Epiphany is a Greek word meaning “to reveal” or “to make known.” It was the designation given by early Christians to celebrate the revealing of God’s love in the form of the Christ Child. The annual festival celebrated Jesus as God Son who would save the world. Epiphany is the day that we believe God stepped into the world and announced that he was going to make all things new. God made known through his Son that God hadn’t abandoned his people. God was not silent or distant. God had heard the cry of his people. It’s a reminder of God’s unending love for humanity and the world he created. We can start this New Year focused on God’s love for us as we make those New Year’s resolutions, or work on our relationships with family and friends, and work towards a better life with Christ as our guide. God is with us. He is revealed to us. And that should bring us great joy.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him.” Matthew 2:10-11

Prayers of The People

Pray for anyone who suffers from any kind of grief, trouble or illness especially **Larry, Annette, William, 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



Upcoming Events

- **Ministry Opportunities**
- *Here are some ways to serve St. Thomas and our community.*
- **Ladies Luncheon:** Wednesday, January 15th Bistro 163 at 12pm
- **Men’s Breakfast:** Next meeting will be Thursday, January 9th at Ala Carte After Hours on Madison Street, at 8:30 am in downtown Port Clinton
- **Community Meal:** January 16th at 5:00pm




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

December 2024 Vestry Meeting

Pastor: Lessons and Carols will be at the Dec 29th service. Vacation days scheduled for Dec. 25-27
Larry: Our boilers life is ending. We are looking into options.
Dana: Dana reported that we are doing fine.
Mike: Community meal is back up and running, a pamphlet for the membership drive/open house is in the works.
John: The new computer is up and running, monthly contributions are up.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton led a remarkable life as the 1st native-born American saint. After her husband’s death, she converted to Catholicism and established the first Catholic girl’s school in the nation. She also founded the Sisters of Charity. Her legacy continues to inspire countless individuals in their pursuit of faith, education and social justice.



Born: August 28th, 1774
Died: January 4th, 1821
Cannonized: September 14th, 1975 by Pope Paul VI
Feast Day: January 4th

January Junctions



January 1st – New Year’s Day is the most celebrated holiday around the world.



January 1st, 1776 – During the American Revolution, George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag of America.

January 17th, 1714 – A patent was issued for the first typewriter designed by British inventor Henry Mill.



January 10th, 1984 – The U.S and Vatican established full diplomatic relations after a break of 116 years.

January 15th, 1973 – Golda Meir became the first Israeli Prime Minister to visit the Pope.

January 17th, 1773 – The ship *Resolution*, sailing under Captain James Cook, became the first vessel to cross the Antarctic Circle.

January 20th, 1945 – Franklin Delano Roosevelt was inaugurated to an unprecedented fourth term as president of the United States. He had served since 1933.



January 21, 1954 – The *USS Nautilus*, the world’s first nuclear powered submarine, was launched at Groton, Connecticut.

January 23, 1849 – Elizabeth Blackwell was awarded her MD by the Medical Institute of Geneva, New York, thus becoming America’s first woman doctor.

January 24, 1972 – Japanese soldier Shoichi Yokoi was discovered on Guam after he had spent 28 years hiding out in the jungle not knowing WW2 had long since ended.

January 25, 1947 – Infamous Gangster Al Capone, who once controlled organized crime in Chicago, died in Miami at age 48.



January 26, 1788 – The British established a settlement at Sydney Harbor in Australia as 11 ships with 778 convicts arrived, setting up a penal colony to relieve overcrowded prisons in England.

January 27, 1945 – The Russian Army liberates Auschwitz death camp.

January 28, 1915 - The U.S Coast Guard was created by Congress.



This Month’s Birthdays

Debbie Barnes – 4th
Mike Mabee – 19th
Karen Clemons – 30th



Pots De Creme



Ingredients:

- 1 Large Egg - 2 TBSP Sugar - Dash of Salt
- ¾ Cup Half and Half Cream - 1 TSP Vanilla Extract
- - 1 Cup Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips
- Optional: Whipped Cream & Assorted Fresh Fruit



Directions:

1. In a small saucepan, combine the egg, sugar and salt. Whisk in cream. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture reaches 160° and coats the back of a metal spoon.

2. Remove from the heat; whisk in chocolate chips and vanilla until smooth. Pour into small dessert dishes. Cover and refrigerate, 8 hours or overnight. If desired, garnish with whipped cream and fruit.



Special Days In January



January 1st – New Year’s Day

January 3rd – National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day

January 4^h – Earth reaches perihelion, where we are closest to the sun.

January 4th/5th- Quadrantid Meteor Shower

January 5th – Twelfth Night

January 6th – Epiphany

January 13th – Full Wolf Moon

January 20th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 29th – Chinese Lunar New Year

Zodiac: Capricorn: December 22-January 19

Aquarius: January 20-February 18th

Birthstone: Garnet

Birth Flower: Carnation & Snowdrop

Weather Folklore: Fog in January brings a wet spring.

A favorable January brings us a good year.

If grass grows in January, it will grow bad the whole year.

A summerish January brings a winterish spring.

The first 12 days of the year is said to be indicative of the following 12 months.

