



# THE SIGNPOST WEEKLY

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
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## Calendar

### Sunday, February 8

- Eucharist Service, 8 and 10:15 a.m.
- Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 10 a.m.
- Music Team, after the 10:15
- Family Promise Guests Depart

### Monday, February 9

- NO Yoga with Miriam, 9 a.m.
- Viewing and Calling Hours for Nancy Hollinrake, 10 a.m. – 12 Noon
- Funeral Service, 12 noon
- Bishop's Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, February 10

- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m. with babysitting.
- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m.
- Yoga with Miriam, 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday, February 12

- Eucharist and Adult Ed., 7 pm

### Sunday, February 15

- Eucharist Service, 8 and 10:15 a.m.
- Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 10 a.m.

## Bring Last Year's Palms to Church

It's time to bring your old, dried-up palms to church. We use them to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday, so we must have them by Feb. 15. There will be a basket on the one of tables in the vestibule to put them in. Thanks much!

## Dear Parishioners,

This week we are mourning the death of one of our own, [Nancy Hollinrake](#). I am sure there are many in the parish who didn't know her, however if you are from around these parts, you or your parents or kids might have had her as a teacher in your early grades. Nancy was a devoted teacher, mother, wife. She was a love and true Christian who in spite of her disabilities continued to find ways of reaching out to others, to lend a hand or kind word. I admired her greatly, and so I mourn along with her family and the parish. The connection of each and every



one of us with St. Christopher's is important; we are all "family." Nancy loved your children and you because you are family and that is what family does. And so as your schedules take you in several directions each day please know that we are a supportive community that loves you and your children, and that you count greatly. My prayers are with you. *Miriam*



## Bishop's Visitation

The Bishop will be with us February 22, the First Sunday in Lent, for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation. Reaffirmation is when a person is ready to publically recommit themselves to Christ; this assumes the person has already been Confirmed or Received. If you are interested or have any questions, please let me know right away as I've begun to get the paperwork ready. *Miriam*

**Memorial and Honor Giving Has Just Gotten a Whole Lot Easier!** Select [this link](#) to make [Memorial and Honor Donations](#) can now be made online on the church website.

We hope that the simplicity and convenience of being able to make memorial and honor donations online will be helpful to you.

## Online Giving

St. Christopher's now offers online giving options.

You can securely make your pledge payments online, as well as make **memorial or honor donations.**

## Lent is Around the Corner!

First we hope to have a Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper [Feb. 17] sponsored by the youth group, details to come. Ash Wednesday is on Feb. 18. There will be two services—Children's Service at 4:30 pm, and later service at 7:30 pm. Ashes will be distributed at both services. *Miriam*

## Lenten Prayer Challenge!

Last year's challenge was a success; this year we

*Bishop Rob invites us all to "... reflect on how we might wish to create, restore or renew the sense of our church as 'a movement,' a Way to live, rather than an institution to be maintained."*

hope to make it even better. The challenge is to use the prayers we will provide you and commit yourself to pray them every day. In addition this year we are asking that folks keep a simple daily journal of thoughts, ideas, and reflections that will

come up as you pray. We also hope to include in your prayer packet a set of Anglican Prayer Beads with instructions of how to use them. Please sign up for the challenge—sign-up is on the round table in the vestibule. *Miriam*

Set us free, O God,  
from the bondage of  
our sins, and give us  
the liberty of that  
abundant life which  
you have made  
known to us  
in your Son  
our Savior,  
Jesus Christ;  
Who lives and  
reigns with you, in  
the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.  
Amen

**A Special “Soupah Bowl” Collection Update and Thank You from Lori Parrillo.** “To our generous parish, we collected \$1,328.88 for Team Matty. Included in the total was \$222.52 from Pollard Elementary School that Matty attends, and about \$40 from Logan O’Leary’s Sunday School classmates. Thank you to everyone for their very generous support of the O’Leary Family!”  
*Lori Parrillo*

**Just a friendly reminder regarding nametags – PLEASE WEAR ONE!** If we’ve missed anyone, or you’d like to request a new name tag, or make a change, please indicate it on the Request for Name Tag form posted in the foyer.

**St. Anne’s Ecumenical Food Pantry**  
The New Hampshire Food Bank just celebrated its 30th anniversary. Our Food Pantry benefits from the NH Food Bank and could not do nearly as much as it does without their help. As of January 2015, the NH Food Bank serves over 400 registered programs such as ours throughout the state. It distributed over 11 million pounds of food in 2014, an increase of 29% from 2013. The Ecumenical Food Pantry received 45,987 pounds of food that represents a savings of \$76,338.42 over the course of the year. This past year the Food Bank completed

its Hunger Study in which 90% of the agencies it supports participated. The valuable data collected from the surveys that provided the findings of the “Hunger in America” study. These findings will help the Food Bank to better understand the needs of the communities in New Hampshire and increase its capacity to meet these needs. It is an important tool in developing programs for our state’s needy population. The Food Bank wants to thank the many donors, supporters and volunteers who have made its success possible. Thanks to all who donate supplies and money to the Food Pantry. Your generosity enables us to fulfill our mission to prevent hunger of the neediest in our communities.

**Prayers of the People.**  
Please pray for the soul of **Nancy Hollinrake**, may she rest in peace, and for Les, her husband, and all the members of the Hollinrake and Golas families. Please pray for Christine Collins’ stepbrother, **Capt. Justin Knox** who is in the Army and has been deployed to Kosovo on special assignment, and for her friend **Christine**; for **Arthur Mueller, Matty O’Leary; Greta and Jim**; for **Linda**, mother of Ruth Ann Cooper who has been diagnosed with cancer; for **Ryan**; for Corinne Dodge’s friend, **Mariellen**; for **Carol Sienkiewicz**; for Jeff and Katie Waymouth’s daughter, **Ginny** and family; for **Jacqueline Parent**, for strength and peace; for Jean Porter’s grand-nephew **Tyler**; for Natalie Gallo’s brother, **Lorin Bielski**; for Mark and Ingrid Chapman’s son **Eric** who with God’s grace is in safe hands.

**Serving in the Military:** Please pray for Del Dooling’s cousins, **Daniel Canfield, Matthew** and **Sandra Maloy**, for **Paul Gagne**.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Keith, Tracy, Julia, Peyton, Kirsten, and Reed Acker; Alexandra and Ian Handel; Lynne Allen; Jeremy, Candace and McKenna Jane Allen.

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Attendance For Prior Week</b>
1/29, Thursday, 10	1/20, Tuesday, WBS, 9
2/1, Sunday,	1/22, Thursday, 10
8 a.m., 23,	1/25, Sunday,
10:15 a.m., 65	8 a.m., 24, 10:15 a.m., 50