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# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 9, 2018

Services of Holy Eucharist 8am and 10:00am

The Rev. JANET LOMBARDO, INTERIM RECTOR

#### **LECTIONARY READINGS**

Baruch 5:1-9
or Malachi 3:1-4
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6
Canticle 4 or 16

#### SCHEDULED PARTICIPANTS

L.E.M. 8am Jackie Keating, 10am Linda Loucony

Lector: 8am Peter Campbell, 10:00 Dick Burke

Acolyte: 8am Jackie Keating, 10:00am Dave Tyler

Ushers: 8am Dave Randall, 10:00am Dave Guinta, TBD

Counting: Dave Guinta, Dave Tyler

Coffee Hour: Sandy Thomas, Ann Elkins

Altar Guild: Sandy Thomas

Bread Ministry for December: Jackie Keating

The Rev. Janet Lombardo is our Interim Rector and will be with us at St. John's as we search for a new Rector.

She will be in the office on Thursdays, from 9am to 12:30pm and can be contacted through her email, janetlombardo1@gmail.com.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## IT TAKES A TEAM!

Lots of exciting things are happening with St. John the Baptist and we need YOU to help make it all happen. Might you be interested in being on Vestry or our new Building Committee? Also, if you have input, concerns, comments or suggestions for the project, please e-mail Pastor Janet

at: janetlombardo1@gmail.com



## **Christmas Flowers**

Beautiful flowers may now be ordered to honor a loved one and decorate our worship space at Christmas. Flower Envelops will be in the pews this Sunday or checks can be mailed to: St John the Baptist, Attn: Jane Daniell, PO Box 249, Sanbornville, NH 03872. Please send your dedication as soon as possible to be added to the memorial list.



StJB's EpiscoGolf 2018 Delivers

By Maureen Gilum mgillum.m@gmail.com

While all the golf fun was had last August, the real benefits of EpiscoGolf to many local kids appropriately came around Thanksgiving. The outreach mission of EpiscoGolf, sponsored by the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist (StJB), is to better the quality of life for underprivileged children by providing grants to children's organization and charities. It is a non-denominational community outreach program providing grants regardless of religion, race or gender.

Fortunately, StJB's 23rd Annual EpiscoGolf children's charity golf tournament, held last August 15, 2018 at Province Lake Golf Club, was another major success. The event drew more than 100 golfers and raised about \$10,500. Once again, this year's EpiscoGolf was championed by: Jim 'Hap' Horrigan, Chairman; Jim 'Jimbo' Keating; and Peter and Loretta Campbell.

"We're all in this for our local kids," shared Peter Campbell, EpiscoGolf Treasurer, "the charities selected and funds distributed are aimed at assisting children in need."

Nearly a dozen local children's charities were the recent and grateful recipients of EpiscoGolf's 2018's funds. These funds helped with many wonderful student enrichment programs, homework clubs, transportation, kid's sports programs and Christmas gifts – all to foster and support hundreds of local children. Many, as shown below, address basic hunger.

#### Wakefield Food Pantry

Children of Incarcerated Parents (ChiPs), Child Advocacy Center of Carroll County Gerry's Food Pantry, Rochester Homeless Center of Strafford County Secret Santa, Wakefield and Brookfield End 68 Hours of Hunger, Milton Salvation Army Kid's Club, Rochester School's Out Program, Ossipee The Nick Recreation Park

Families in Transition, Rochester

"It's just great to be part of this," shared Howie Knight, Wakefield Food Pantry's (WFP) President, "we're so grateful to be one of the long-standing beneficiaries of the annual golf tournament." Knight further detailed, "Since 2006, we've received more than \$12,400 in donations from St John's EpiscoGolf, which remarkably equates to some 36,000 meals for children & families."

With it's vision of 'hunger-free communities', the WFP (www.wakefieldnhfoodpantry.org), serves children and families from Wakefield, Brookfield, Effingham, Milton NH and Newfields, ME, every Wednesday (10 am to 1 pm; and 5-7 pm) at 1500 Wakefield Road.

In keeping with the thankfulness of the season, Jimbo concluded, "We owe a big debt of gratitude to a lot of loyal and generous people for EpiscoGolf's continued success – our sponsors, golfers, and dedicated volunteers."

Stay tuned for more information on St John the Baptist's (www.stjohntb.org) 24th annual EpiscoGolf, slated for August 21, 2019, to once again help many local children.

#### **StJB Thrift Store in the Rear View Mirror**

This photo shows the final wrap-up: Ann Elkins Tina
Firicano & Maureen Gillum with the momentous last
item (a glittery blue dress) to be bagged for the
Salvation Army from the now-empty StJB Thrift
Store in the old parish hall. Huge thanks again to all
who kept this shop running for more than the last
decade - especially Ann Elkins and her dedicated
crew...with prayers for a new incarnation of this
ministry soon!





If you have not yet returned you **Annual Pledge Cards** please bring of mail as soon as possible. Mailing address: St John the Baptist, Attn: Jane Daniell, PO Box 249, Sanbornville, NH 03872.

## **Christmas Schedule**

This year we will have ONE Christmas service on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24 at 5:00 PM. Have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

## Please Stay Safe...

With winter weather upon us, Pastor Janet reminded us all: please use common sense in attempting to get to Sunday services in inclement weather.

When in doubt, please stay safe.









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