

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE - NOVEMBER 21, 2018

7:30PM ~ HOLY COMMUNION and HOMILY

Prelude	NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT	MAX REGER
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	290 Come, ye thankful people, come	ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR
+ OPENING AFFIRMATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323
+ COLLECT FOR PURITY		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323
+ SUMMARY OF THE LAW		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 324
+ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS	S-202	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 324
COLLECT OF THE DAY		See Insert
FIRST LESSON		DEUTERONOMY 8:1-3, 6-10, 17-20
PSALM		PSALM 65:9-14
THE EPISTLE		JAMES 1:17-18, 21-27
+ Hymn	291 WE PLOW THE FIELDS, AND SCATTER	WIR PFLUGEN
+ THE HOLY GOSPEL		MATTHEW 6:25-33
Sermo	n ~ The Rev. Susan Waldron, Associate Re	CTOR
+ THE NICENE CREED		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 327
A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 837
THE GENERAL CONFESSION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 330
ABSOLUTION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 332
THE PEACE		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 332
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	THOU VISITEST THE EARTH	MAURICE GREEN
+ SANCTUS/BENEDICTUS	S-114	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
Agnus Dei	S-158	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
COMMUNION HYMN	302 FATHER, WE THANK THEE	Rendez a Die u
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 339
THE BLESSING		
+ RECESSIONAL HYMN	397 Now thank we all our God	NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
POSTLUDE	TRIUMPHAL MARCH	S. KARG-ELERT

(+ All Standing)

Food items on the altars have been donated by the congregation to assist the *Regional Food Bank* and local people in need. The altar decorations are given in loving memory of Jan D'Agostino by the St. Peter's Flower Guild

~ Parish Notes ~

Newcomers: If you are interested in receiving more information about St. Peter's Church please feel free to call the church office or fill out an information card that is located in your pew. If you would like to be added to the church directory please call the church office.

Youth Sunday: Youth Sunday with Children's Chapel will take place this Sunday, November 25th during the 10:30AM service.

WINTER CLOTHING COLLECTION: During the month of November, St. Peter's will be collecting gently used coats for people of need at the soup kitchen. Please drop off your donations in the front office or upstairs in the Sunday School rooms. All sizes are needed for men, women and children. As always, thank you for your support.

Advent: Advent begins on Sunday, December 2nd. Advent calendars will be distributed and Advent wreaths and candles will be available to the congregation.

Service of Remembrance: On Thursday, December 6th at 7PM an ecumenical prayer service will be held to gather and remember our departed loved ones. Each remembrance will be signified by the lighting of a candle and an ornament placed on our Remembrance Tree. A reception follows the service in the Pumpelly Room. We thank Judy Burns for coordinating this annual prayer event.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH: On Sunday, December 2nd at 3PM St. Peter's Choir will present a performance of Handel's *Messiah*, accompanied by a chamber orchestra. All are welcome to this performance. There is no charge for admission. Mark your calendar now for this seasonal favorite.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: The annual Hanging of the Greens in which we decorate the church for Christmas with pine and balsam will take place immediately following the 10:30AM service on Sunday, December 16th. The traditional ham luncheon will be served at 1PM. We ask you to please dress comfortably and bring a dish to share. We are looking for cooks, servers, set-up and clean-up help. We hope that you will join us for this long-time festive tradition.

Giving Tree: St. Peter's Parish is partnering with St. David's Parish, East Greenbush, to provide Christmas gifts to recently relocated Burmese families. On Sunday, December 2nd, a Christmas Giving Tree will be located in the Pumpelly Room and will be decorated with paper ornaments indicating the recipient's age, gender, size and gift idea. Items of need are winter jackets, sweaters, boots, toys and gift cards. We hope that you will consider taking one or more of the ornaments. The ornament should be attached to the wrapped gift and returned under the tree no later than Sunday, December 16th. Instructions will be printed on the ornament as well.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING REMINDER!: St. Peter's Church memorabilia is available for holiday purchases. Choose from 2 beautiful Christmas Tree ornaments, a Coffee Mug, Refrigerator Magnets, or a selection of prints of our First Church. Excellent stocking stuffers or hostess gifts. See Diana Martin to make your purchases.

Please remember in your prayers: Peter Adams, Abdu Aghzafi, Tom Arnold, Betsy Ballard, Ruth Bornt, Sharon Bornt, Georgia Sue Carlin, Inga Carpenter, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Morris Daly, Nancy Dennis, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, Liam, Missy, James Dykeman III, Doreen Johnson, Mark Lundberg, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Moriah, Bill Purdy, Barbara Richardson, Edmund Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Denise Thomson, Carol Tripp, Christer Westin, Christina Wright, Aunt Rosie and Family.

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ADVENT/DECEMBER

- Advent Calendars: Will be given out on Sunday, December 2nd
- Advent Wreaths & Candles: Available on Sunday, December 2nd
- Handel's Messiah: Sunday, December 2nd at 3PM
- Service of Remembrance: Thursday, December 6th at 7PM
- Christmas Pageant: Sunday, December 9th during the 10:30AM service
 - Outreach Committee Meeting: Tuesday, December 11th at 4:30PM
- Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, December 11th at 5:15PM
- Lessons and Carols: Sunday, December 16th during the 10:30AM service
- Hanging of the Greens: Sunday, December 16th following the 10:30AM service with ham luncheon served at 1PM.
- Christmas Eve Service with Crèche: Monday, December 24th ~ 4:30PM All children participating in the Crèche procession should arrive by 4PM.
 - **Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion Service:** Monday, December 24th ~ 10PM Prior to this service the choir sings carols beginning at 9:30PM.
 - Christmas Day Holy Communion Service: Tuesday, December 25th ~ 9AM

Overflow Homeless Shelter: The St. Peter's Overflow Homeless Shelter will open for its 10th season on Saturday, December 1st to augment the ministry of the Capital City Rescue Mission to Albany's Homeless. Again this year, we will be housing up to 10 women each evening. We are currently receiving donations of food items and financial support and are also scheduling volunteers (women volunteers only) to offer hospitality during the evening hours; the hours for this are from 7PM until 11PM on the 2nd floor of the Guild House (next to the church). To sign up to volunteer, please call Judy Burns at (518)441-7538 or email stpeterschurch.albany@gmail.com. Food items needed include: coffee, tea, sugar, popcorn and snacks, cereal (hot and cold), peanut butter, bread, fresh fruit, milk and juice along with fresh baked items. These can be dropped off to the church office any weekday, or brought to church on Sundays and given to Ian. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

