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St. Peter's Church

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 3, 2017

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light this first candle of Advent to proclaim the coming of the
Light of Christ into the darkness of our lives.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest and People:

Grant us, Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy City, where dwells the true and never-failing Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: Our King and Savior now draws near.

People: Come let us adore Him.

ADVENT HYMN #56 (stanza 1)

O come, O come Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Thou art Peter and upon this rock I

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it

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8:30 A.M. ~ HOLY COMMUNION AND HOMILY

10:30 A.M. ~ HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

~ Sunday School and Child Care ~

+ PRELUDE	WACHET AUF	J. S. BACH
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	61 SLEEPERS, WAKE	WACHET AUF
CHILDREN’S HOMILY ~ LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH		
~ Children are invited to come forward to the “crossing” for the Children’s Homily ~		
OPENING AFFIRMATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323
+ KYRIE ELEISON	HERBERT HOWELLS, <i>COLLEGIUM REGALE</i>	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 324
COLLECT FOR THE DAY		SEE INSERT
THE FIRST LESSON		ISAIAH 64:1-9a
THE PSALM		PSALM 80:1-7
THE EPISTLE		1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9
+ HYMN	58 LO! HE COMES, WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING	ST. THOMAS
+ THE HOLY GOSPEL		MARK 13:24-37
SERMON ~ THE REV. PAUL J. HARTT, RECTOR		
+ THE NICENE CREED		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 327
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 328
THE GENERAL CONFESSION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 330
ABSOLUTION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 332
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	AND HE SHALL PURIFY	G. F. HANDEL
~ Children Return from Sunday School ~		
+ SANCTUS/BENEDICTUS	HOWELLS	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
AGNUS DEI	HOWELLS	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
COMMUNION HYMN	332 O GOD, UNSEEN YET EVER NEAR	ST. FLAVIAN
COMMUNION MOTET	O SAVIOR REND THE HEAVENS ON HIGH	K. VISZLA
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 339
THE BLESSING		
+ RECESSIONAL HYMN	73 THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS	ST. STEPHEN
POSTLUDE	NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND	J. S. BACH

(+ All Standing)

THE ADVENT WREATH is given to the **Glory of God**
and in memory of Donald Cramer Martin given by Diana Martin

THE USHERS at the 8:30AM Service are Clark Daggett and Fred Lincoln

THE USHERS at the 10:30AM Service are Sharon DeBonis, Julie Hotmer Drao, George Saide and Catherine Schunk

~ **Parish Notes** ~

Coffee Hour: Please join us for coffee hour after the 8:30AM and 10:30AM Services. All are welcome.

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.

Healing Prayers: Today is the first Sunday of the month and prayers for healing will be offered *during* Holy Communion in the Tower Altar at the rear of the church. If you desire prayers and/or anointing, please join us in the Tower Altar after you have received Holy Communion.

Advent: Advent begins today. Advent calendars will be distributed and Advent wreaths and candles will be available to the congregation.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal: Today all children that want to participate in our Annual Christmas Pageant should report to the Sunday School rooms to get your parts, try on costumes and do a little rehearsing. The pageant will be performed during the 10:30AM service next Sunday, December 10th. Please have the children arrive in costume at 10AM on the 10th.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH: Today at 3PM the St. Peter's Choir will present a performance of Handel's *Messiah*, accompanied by a chamber orchestra. There is no charge for admission and all are welcome to this performance.

Christmas Project: St. Peter's Parish is partnering with St. David's Parish, East Greenbush, to provide Christmas gifts to two recently relocated Burmese families for a total of 18 individuals. A Christmas tree is located in the Pumpelly Room. It is 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 for Wal-Mart. Please take 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 17th. Instructions are printed on the ornament as well.

Service of Remembrance: This Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30PM. 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.

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 17th. 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. Please contact Geoffrey Hoderath at ghoderath@nycap.rr.com if you are available to help. We hope that you will join us for this long-time festive tradition.

Blessing Bags: To assist and offer comfort for the women who stay in our overflow shelter the Daughters of the King will be assembling Blessing Bags next Sunday, December 10th. These are small (quart size) bags of good will and hospitality that are given to people who may need some cheer and comfort. Please consider bringing an offering of women's care products such as tooth paste, tooth brush, a comb, scented lotion, hair rubber bands, mints, candies, wipes, granola bars, travel deodorant, lip balms, band aids, cotton swabs, small cracker packets, Slim Jim snacks, feminine pads/wipes, small tissue packets, small note pads and pens can also be useful. Products that contain alcohol such as mouth wash and hand sanitizer should not be included (hand sanitizer wipes are ok).

ADVENT IV SUNDAY: On Sunday morning, December 24th, please note that there will only be one morning service to celebrate Advent IV. This service will be a regular Sunday morning 8:30AM Holy Communion service. The 10:30AM service will not be held. Christmas Eve services will be held later that day at 4:30PM and 10PM.

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

Birthdays: 12/3 ~ Richard Sweeney; 12/5 ~ Zachary Benson; 12/7 ~ Denis Leon; 12/8 ~ Fr. Paul Hartt

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MON. - FRI. 9:00 AM ~ 5:00 PM

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 3rd

8:30AM Holy Communion, Homily and Healing Prayers
10:30AM Holy Communion, Sermon and Healing Prayers, Sunday School, Child Care
12:00PM Confirmation Class
3:00PM Handel's *Messiah*

Monday, December 4th

5:00PM - 6:15PM Treble Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 5th

1:00PM Friends of St. Peter's

Wednesday, December 6th

8:45AM Top of the Hill
12:05PM Holy Communion
6:30PM Service of Remembrance

Thursday, December 7th

5:00PM - 6:30PM Treble Choir Rehearsal
5:30PM - 7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 8th

12:30PM Organ Concert

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ADVENT/DECEMBER

- **Advent Calendars:** Will be given out today Sunday, December 3rd
- **Advent Wreaths & Candles:** Available today Sunday, December 3rd
- **Handel's Messiah:** Today Sunday, December 3rd at 3PM
- **Service of Remembrance:** This Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30PM
- **Christmas Pageant:** Next Sunday, December 10th during the 10:30AM service
- **Outreach Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, December 12th at 4:30PM
- **Vestry Meeting:** Tuesday, December 12th at 5:15PM
- **Lessons and Carols:** Sunday, December 17th during the 10:30AM service
- **Hanging of the Greens:** Sunday, December 17th following the 10:30AM service with ham luncheon served at 1PM.
- **Advent IV:** Sunday, December 24th ~ 8:30AM Holy Communion Service
- **Christmas Eve Service with Crèche:** Sunday, December 24th ~ 4:30PM
All children participating in the Crèche procession should arrive by 4PM.
- **Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion Service:** Sunday, December 24th ~ 10PM
Prior to this service the choir sings carols beginning at 9:30PM.
- **Christmas Day Holy Communion Service:** Monday, December 25th ~ 9AM