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1712 St. Peter's Church 2019

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*THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 15, 2019*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light these three candles of Advent to proclaim
the great humility of God our Savior.

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 6)
O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

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

~ Pageant and Child Care ~

PRELUDE	NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND	J. S. BACH
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	71 HARK! THE GLAD SOUND! THE SAVIOR COMES	BRISTOL
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH		
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT		
OPENING AFFIRMATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323
+ KYRIE ELEISON	HAROLD DARKE IN F	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 324
COLLECT FOR THE DAY		SEE INSERT
THE FIRST LESSON		ISAIAH 35:1-10
THE PSALM		PSALM 146
THE EPISTLE		JAMES 5:7-10
+ HYMN	74 BLEST BE THE KING WHOSE COMING	VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
+ THE HOLY GOSPEL		MATTHEW 11:2-11
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	THE WILDERNESS (EXCERPT)	S. S. WESLEY
(Children Return from Sunday School)		
+ SANCTUS/BENEDICTUS	DARKE	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
AGNUS DEI	DARKE	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
COMMUNION HYMN	67 COMFORT, COMFORT YE	PSALM 42
COMMUNION MOTET	GABRIEL'S MESSAGE	ARR. PETTMAN
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 339
THE BLESSING		
+ RECESSIONAL HYMN	68 REJOICE! REJOICE, BELIEVERS	LLANGLOFFAN
POSTLUDE	FUGUE ON THE MAGNIFICAT	J. S. BACH

(+ALL STANDING)

THE GREENS ON THE MAIN ALTAR are given to the **Glory of God**
and in thanksgiving for God's Blessings

THE USHERS at the 8:30AM Service are Robin LaPlante and John Sterrett

THE USHERS at the 10:30AM Service are Sherry Bishko, Moses Kama and Frank Spath

~ **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.

Pledge Cards: Pledge cards for 2020 have been mailed out to all parishioners. If you did not receive a pledge card please call the church office. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please take a minute to complete your card and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate during the service. Pledges can also be made on the St. Peter's website at www.stpeterschurchalbany.org by clicking on the "Get your pledge card" button. You may also call the church office and we would be more than happy to complete a card for you. Thank you to those that have promptly completed and returned their pledge card or pledged online.

Christmas Pageant: The Sunday School will present the annual Christmas Pageant today during the 10:30AM service. Then the children will be making goody bags for the children of Grace and Holy Innocents. Volunteers are welcome.

Christmas Poinsettia/Hanging of the Greens Donation Form: The deadline to submit your requests is tomorrow, Monday, **December 16th** ~ See Insert

ANGELS IN TRAINING: This month the Angels in Training will feed the homeless at Grace and Holy Innocents this Saturday, December 21st from 11AM to 1PM. Please consider helping for these 2 hours and give back to those less fortunate.

Christmas Giving Tree: This year, St. Peter's Parish will be providing Christmas gifts for the Men in our Overflow Shelter. A Christmas Giving Tree is located in the Pumpelly Room and is decorated with paper ornaments indicating various clothing items. We hope that you will consider taking one or more of the ornaments. The gift you select should be returned to St. Peter's wrapped (with gift tag attached) no later than next Sunday, December 22nd. As always, we thank you for your extreme generosity!

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 next Sunday, December 22nd. 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.

Christmas Eve Choral / Family Service: Tuesday, December 24th at 4:30PM. All the children of St. Peter's are invited to join in the procession of the Crèche. Each child will carry a piece of the manger to be put together before the service. Please meet in the Pumpelly Room for your piece. Questions? Give Laura Rulison a call at (518)368-4284.

Christmas Day Service: On Wednesday, December 25th there will be one Service of Holy Communion held at 9AM.

Church Office Closed: In observance of Christmas, the church office will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th and on Thursday, December 26th.

Overflow Shelter: The Overflow Shelter is now open at St. Peter's and they are scheduling volunteers to stay for a few hours during the evening or overnight. Volunteers support the Mission staff and act as an extra pair of hands serving the men. The hours of service are from 8PM until "lights out" (no later than 11PM) on the 2nd floor of the Guild House (next to the church) or overnight until 6:30AM the next morning. To sign up to volunteer, please call Ruth or Mtr. Sue in the church office at (518)434-3502 or email the church at: stpeterschurch.albany@gmail.com.

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

Birthdays: 12/15 ~ Kareem Chatman; 12/19 ~ John DeBonis; 12/21 ~ Nancy Guest

Anniversaries: 12/15 ~ Tim & Sara Mastro; 12/19 ~ Raymond & Dorothy Roohan

OFFICE HOURS

MON. - FRI. 9:00 AM ~ 5:00 PM
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 15th

8:30AM Holy Communion and Homily
10:30AM Holy Communion and Sermon with Christmas Pageant, Child Care

Wednesday, December 18th

8:45AM Top of the Hill
12:05PM Holy Communion

Thursday, December 19th

5:30PM - 7:00PM Treble & Full Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 20th

12:30PM Organ Concert

Saturday, December 21st

11:00AM - 1:00PM Angels in Training at Grace & Holy Innocents

Annual Parish Meeting: On Sunday, January 26th, 2020 the Annual Parish Meeting will be held immediately following the 10:30AM service. We invite you to grab a cup of coffee and join us in the church.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

- **Christmas Pageant:** Today during the 10:30AM service
- **Angels in Training:** This Saturday, December 21st at 11AM
- **Lessons and Carols:** Next Sunday, December 22nd during the 10:30AM service
- **Hanging of the Greens:** Next Sunday, December 22nd following the 10:30AM service with ham luncheon served at 1PM.
- **Christmas Eve Service with Crèche:** Tuesday, December 24th ~ 4:30PM
All children participating in the Crèche procession should arrive by 4PM.
- **Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion Service:** Tuesday, December 24th ~ 10PM
Prior to this service the choir sings carols beginning at 9:30PM.
- **Christmas Day Holy Communion Service:** Wednesday, December 25th ~ 9AM
- **Waldron/Troiano Wedding:** Sunday, December 29th during the 10:30AM service
- **Annual Parish Meeting:** Sunday, January 26th following the 10:30AM service