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THE LEAFLET

1712 St. Peter's Church 2019

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*THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 2019 ~ 8:30AM*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light these four 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 7)

O come, Desire of nations,
bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace.

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

+ PRELUDE	ES IST EIN ROS ENTSRUNGEN	JOHANNES BRAHMS
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	102 ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY	IRBY
+ OPENING AFFIRMATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323
+ KYRIE ELEISON		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 324
COLLECT FOR THE DAY		SEE INSERT
THE FIRST LESSON		ISAIAH 7:10-17
THE PSALM		PSALM 24
THE EPISTLE		ROMANS 1:1-7
+ THE HOLY GOSPEL		MATTHEW 1:18-25

SERMON ~ THE REV. SUSAN WALDRON, ASSOCIATE 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
THE PEACE		
OFFERTORY HYMN	56 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL	VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL
SANCTUS/BENEDICTUS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 339

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sins. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

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

+ RECESSIONAL HYMN

100 JOY TO THE WORLD!

ANTIOCH

POSTLUDE

IN DULCI JUBILO

J. S. BACH

(+ALL STANDING)

THE USHER at the 8:30AM Service is Fred Lincoln

~ Parish Notes ~

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

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.stpeterschurhalbany.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 Giving Tree: Today is the deadline to return the gifts for the men of the Overflow Shelter. If you took an ornament from the Christmas tree please give your wrapped gift, with the paper ornament attached, to Pat Shortall or Janice Chenot or leave it under the tree in the Pumpelly Room. Thank you for giving these men a very 'Merry Christmas'.

Hanging of the Greens: The decorating of the church will take place today immediately following the 10:30AM service and the traditional ham luncheon will be served at 1PM. We hope that you will stay for this long-time festive tradition.

Hanging of the Greens Donations: Although the deadline to have a memorial included in the Christmas Memorial Leaflet has passed, it is not too late to donate towards the rising cost of decorating this beautiful church for Christmas. This year, the cost of the wreaths, greens and poinsettias was in excess of \$5,000. We hope that you will consider a contribution so that we can continue this long time tradition of beautifying our church for all to enjoy.

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 Eve Choral Service: Tuesday, December 24th at 10PM. Prior to this service the choir will sing a choral prelude at 9:30PM.

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 and New Year's, the church office will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th, Thursday, December 26th and on Wednesday, January 1st, 2020, respectively.

Waldron/Troiano Wedding: All are invited to attend Mtr. Sue and Jimmy Troiano's wedding next Sunday, December 29th at 10:30AM.

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, Missy, Edmund Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Eileen Smith, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Carol Tripp, Liam, Christer Westin, Christina Wright, Aunt Rosie and Family.

Birthdays: 12/28 ~ Farrell Leon

Anniversaries: 12/22 ~ Terrence & Barbara Kelly

OFFICE HOURS

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 22nd

8:30AM Holy Communion and Sermon

10:30AM A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Sunday School and Child Care

Hanging of the Greens immediately following the 10:30AM service

1:00PM Ham Luncheon

Tuesday, December 24th ~ *Christmas Eve*

4:30PM Christmas Eve Service with Crèche

9:30PM Choral Prelude

10:00PM Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 25th ~ *Christmas Day*

9:00AM Holy Communion

Office Closed

Thursday, December 26th

Office Closed

No Choir Rehearsals

5:30PM Spath/Closson Wedding Rehearsal

Friday, December 27th

No Organ Concert

5:30PM Spath/Closson Wedding

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

- **Lessons and Carols:** Today during the 10:30AM service
- **Hanging of the Greens:** Today immediately following the 10:30AM service. The traditional ham luncheon will be served at 1PM and we ask you to please bring a dish to share.
- **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
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