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THE LEAFLET

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*THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 22, 2020*



The neighbors and those that had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."

(John 9:8-11)

Thou art Peter and upon this rock I

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it

***IN THE TRADITIONAL OBSERVANCE OF LENT
THERE WILL NOT BE ANY FLOWERS OR GREENS PLACED ON ANY OF THE ALTARS***

ALL CHURCH SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED THROUGH THE END OF MARCH

~ Parish Notes ~

Newcomers: If you are interested in receiving more information about St. Peter's Church or if you would like to be added to the church directory please feel free to call the church office.

Lectionary Readings: Today's Lectionary Insert was mailed out to all parishioners and is also available on the church's website at: www.stpeterschurchalbany.org. Click on "Info Center", and then "Readings" and then today's date.

Prayer Book and Bible at Home. Family Devotions are a great comfort. Our Tradition encourages the use of the Prayer Book and Bible in this way. The Service of Morning Prayer begins on page 41. You can also go online to hear a spoken Daily Office at: <https://www.missionstclare.com/english/spoken/spoken.html>

WEBCAST SERVICES: The Episcopal Diocese of Albany will be webcasting a Sunday Service of Holy Communion with Sermon. Fr. Hartt has been asked to be the preacher today, Sunday, March 22nd. You can access this service and those going forward from the Diocese at <https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/> Please scroll down to the section called "MEDIA" and click on "Worship Video" for the particular date.

Resources for Home Worship: The Episcopal Diocese wants to encourage you to worship from home while this health crisis unfolds and to do so they have compiled a resource list for you. By no means does this list provide all available resources, but it does give you a number of options to guide you in your home worship. You may also reach out to your parish clergy for ideas and suggestions. These resources can be found on the Albany Diocese's website at: <https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/worship-resources-during-covid-19-pandemic/>

LENTEN EVENSONG: The remaining March Lenten Evensong services, which are held every Friday evening during Lent beginning at 5:45PM, have been cancelled. We will keep you updated as to whether or not the last Lenten Evensong service, scheduled for April 3rd, will be held.

The Last Supper: Due to no church services through the end of March, the Last Supper for the Sunday School children, originally scheduled for Sunday, March 29th, is cancelled.

Easter Egg Coloring: We will keep you updated as to whether or not the Easter Egg Coloring will take place on Sunday, April 5th.

Easter Lily Requests: Parishioners and friends wishing to place lilies on the altar at Easter to honor, show thanks, or remember loved ones are asked to complete the form that was sent to you in your March Newsletter and return it to the church office with your donation no later than Palm Sunday, April 5th. Suggested donation is \$25.

Chrism Mass: The Chrism Mass originally scheduled for Monday, April 6th at 6PM has been cancelled.

GOOD FRIDAY MUSIC: Tentatively, our choir, accompanied by orchestra, will sing Bach's great *St. Matthew Passion* on Good Friday, April 10th at 1:15PM following the Noon liturgy. This Oratorio-Passion sets 'the biblical text of St. Matthew's Passion narrative, interspersed with hymns of the day and arias which set poetic commentary by Christian Friedrich Henrici (known as Picaner). Together they present a powerful telling of the story of Christ's Passion. There is no charge for admission, and listeners are welcome to enter and leave as their schedules permit.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt: Tentatively, all are welcome to join the Sunday School children on Saturday, April 11th for the annual St. Peter's Easter Egg Hunt. The festivities will begin at 11AM at the Rectory located at 8 Loudon Heights South, Loudonville, NY 12211. Please be sure to bring a basket and a friend!

PARISH SURVEY: We want to hear from you! The Vestry's Strategic Growth Committee has launched a parish survey to help us build on our strengths and build our congregation. Tell us what you love about St. Peter's Church and what you would like to see changed. The web version of the survey is available at: <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07eguoodxmk58979sd/start>. Or you may complete the paper copy of the survey that was included in your March newsletter. The deadline for survey responses is this Friday, March 27th. We thank you for your time.

Please remember in your prayers: James Adams, Peter Adams, Tom Arnold, Betsy Ballard, Ruth Bornt, Sharon Bornt, Liam, Fred Buse, The Rev. Thomas Burr, Inga Carpenter, Terry Chenot, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Morris Daly, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Moriah, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, Donna Hershey, Doreen Johnson, Gordon Lattey, Mark Lundberg, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Vicky Pautler, Bill Purdy, 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: 3/22 ~ Brenna Nielsen; 3/23 ~ Jared Russom; 3/24 ~ Catherine Gabriels; 3/25 ~ Ariana Saffares; 3/28 ~ Jennifer Powell

Anniversaries: 3/25 ~ James & Monica Barnes

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 22nd

No Church Services, Sunday School, or Child Care

Wednesday, March 25th

No Top of the Hill
 No Holy Communion Noon Service

Thursday, March 26th

No Choir Rehearsals

Friday, March 27th

No Organ Concert
 No Lenten Evensong

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 5th: Palm Sunday
 8:30AM ~ Holy Communion Service
 10:30AM ~ Choral Holy Communion Service

April 6th: 12:05PM ~ Noon Holy Communion

April 7th: 12:05PM ~ Noon Holy Communion

April 8th: 12:05PM ~ Noon Holy Communion

April 9th: Maundy Thursday
 7:30PM Holy Communion ~ Stripping of the Altar

April 10th: Good Friday
 12:00PM ~ Liturgy
 1:15PM ~ *The St. Matthew Passion* by J. S. Bach
 performed by The St. Peter's Choir with Chamber Orchestra

April 11th: Holy Saturday
 8:00AM ~ Service
 11:00AM ~ Egg Hunt at the Rectory

April 12th: Easter Sunday
 8:30AM and 10:30AM ~ Choral Holy Communion Services