

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2021 ~ 12:05PM **Officiant:** The Rev. Paul J. Hartt, Rector **ORDER OF SERVICE** + Processional Hymn **150** Forty days and forty nights Aus der Tiefe Blessed be God who forgiveth all our sins. Celebrant: His mercy endureth forever. **People:** The Collect for Ash Wednesday Prayer Book, Page 264 **First Reading** Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm Psalm 103:8-14 The Epistle 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Anthem Hide not thou thy face from us, Farrant **O** Lord + The Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 The Homily + Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent Prayer Book, Page 264 **Imposition of Ashes** (said by all kneeling) Psalm 51 Prayer Book, Page 266 A Litany of Penitence Prayer Book, Page 267 The Peace + Hymn 143 The glory of these forty days Erhalt uns. Herr Solemn Collect (+All Standing)

~ <u>Parish Notes</u> ~

Virtual Coffee Hour: Our Zoom Coffee Hour is successfully underway and will continue each and every Sunday at 11:45AM. Grab a cup of coffee and join in! The Zoom app is necessary and readily available. You may also call in to the meeting if you don't have internet and still want to join in. Each week the Zoom link and the Call-In Meeting ID and Password are emailed to you. Please let us know if you would like to be added to our email list.

Vestry Election Results: Deborah Spath was elected Junior Warden for her first two-year term, Ashley Closson was elected for her second three-year vestry term, Maria Holden was elected for her first three-year vestry term and Malcolm Moran was elected for his first three-year vestry term. Congratulations to all!

Angels in Training: On the 3rd Saturday of every month St. Peter's Church is committed to preparing take out meals and goody bags to the people at the St. Francis Mission Soup Kitchen (formerly known as Grace and Holy Innocents). The need is getting bigger each week. We invite you to join Laura Rulison, our Director of Christian Education, this Saturday, February 20th from 11AM to 1PM, in helping with this outreach program that is in such desperate need of volunteers. For information or to let her know you are coming please call Laura at (518)368-4284.

OUTREACH GIVING CONTINUED: A huge thank you to everyone that sent in money and/or gift cards to support our efforts at the St. Francis Soup Kitchen and the South End Children's Café during the holidays, your generosity was over the top. And although the holidays are over, these organizations still need our help. The people that come to the Soup Kitchen are in desperate need of socks. The cold, wet winter is here and many of them walk the streets. Also, the families that depend on the South End Children's Café for food each week are still hungry. The Café has some outdoor cabinets that are filled with food donations and families can go and take what they need. I have stopped down to the Café to donate canned goods and bread for these cabinets but they do empty out pretty quickly. I am asking you to find it in your hearts to continue to donate \$10 gift cards, until at least March, to help purchase socks for the men, women and children of the Soup Kitchen and to purchase food to fill the outdoor cabinets at the Café. I will do all of the shopping for these items. Monetary donations are also being accepted. Please send your check or Walmart, Target, Price Chopper or Hannaford gift cards to: St. Peter's Church, 107 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. I want to thank all of you who have helped with this community outreach. You have made such a big impact on so many families. You continue to amaze me with your generosity and giving hearts...thank you! If you have any questions, please call me at (518)368-4284. Again, thank you and blessings ~ Laura

CROP Hunger Walk 2021!: St. Peter's is participating, yet again, in the John U. Miller Memorial CROP Hunger Walk in Albany, which will take place on Sunday, May 2nd. CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk events held in cities and towns across the US to raise funds to respond to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster around the globe. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised are returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts. As last year, Albany's 2021 Walk will be a virtual event. Participants can walk in their own neighborhood on May 2nd or any time during the month of May. Please contact Maria Holden (<u>msholden1@aol.com</u>) if you would like to join the St. Peter's team of walkers. And in the coming months, you can expect detailed information about how to contribute to the CROP Walk and support our team. Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world and our own community. Ending hunger is possible, and it is possible in our lifetime. Please consider joining the St. Peter's Team and contributing to CROP Walk 2021 in the coming months.

Readers for the Online YouTube Video Services: We are looking for members of St. Peter's who would like to participate in the taped readings for our Online YouTube Video Services. If you are interested please call the church office at (518)434-3502 for more information.

Sunday Service Videos: Every Sunday a filmed Sunday Service from inside St. Peter's Church with Fr. Hartt or Mtr. Sue is available for your viewing. Each service also contains music from the St. Peter's Choir. Every Sunday, St. Peter's parishioners are emailed the YouTube video link for each service through a Constant Contact email from the church. Each video is also published on the church website on Sunday morning for that day as well as on the St. Peter's Church Facebook page. The weekly leaflet and readings for each Sunday are also available on the church website as well. Click on the "Info Center" tab and then click on "Weekly Leaflet" or "Weekly Readings" and then click on the appropriate date for each. Both the leaflet and readings can be printed out so that you may follow along.

Children's Videos: Every Sunday we feature a Sunday School Lesson video and a Children's Homily video for you to watch from home. The YouTube Video Links are emailed to you every Sunday along with the Sunday Service video. Please let us know if you would like to be added to our email list. The videos are also available on the church website home page under the St. Peter's Church Facebook section. Blessings until we can be together again at Church. If you have any questions, please call Laura Rulison at (518)368-4284.

Please remember in your prayers: Betsy Ballard, Ruth Bornt, Sharon Bornt, Fred Buse, Inga Carpenter, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Moriah, Morris Daly, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, Lucille Esposito, Tony Esposito, Donna Hershey, Liam, Doreen Johnson, Christy Judge, Mark Lundberg, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Donna Ohlman, Grant Ohlman, Deej Patterson, Vicky Pautler, Bill Purdy, Edmund Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Eileen Smith, Frank Spath, Sonya, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Carol Tripp, Christer Westin, Christina Wright, Aunt Rosie and Family.

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