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THE LEAFLET

1712 St. Peter's Church 2022

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 18, 2022 ~ 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:

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Priest: Our King and Savior draweth nigh.
People: O 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 & 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 SERMON

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SERMON ~ THE REV. CHRISTINA HUNTER, PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

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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.*

(+ALL STANDING)

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

~ **Parish Notes** ~

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 2023 have been mailed out to all parishioners. If you did not receive a pledge card please call the church office or you can grab one from the back of the church. 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.

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.

Christmas Poinsettia/Hanging of the Greens Donation Form: The deadline to submit your requests is today, Sunday, **December 18th** (See Insert).

Christmas Giving Tree: Today is the deadline to return the gifts for the St. Francis Mission and the South End Children's Café. If you took an ornament from the Christmas tree please give your wrapped gift, with the paper ornament attached, to Laura Saffares, Pat Shortall or Janice Chenot or leave it under the tree in the Pumpelly Room. Thank you for giving these children a very 'Merry Christmas'.

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

Christmas Day Service: Sunday, December 25th there will be a Holy Communion service at 9AM.

CHRISTMAS AT THE DAMIEN CENTER: On Sunday, December 25th, the Outreach Committee and the parishioners of St. Peter's will be hosting a turkey dinner at the Center. Service will start at 1PM. We welcome any assistance in serving the meal itself, or in preparing a side dish or dessert in advance. If you have a favorite side dish for turkey (maybe one you usually make for Thanksgiving?), or a favorite dessert, here's your chance to showcase it for a new audience. Our guests will be some of the members of the Center for whom the Center is home. We are expecting 25-30 people. If you are interested, or have questions, please speak to Sharon DeBonis at church or contact her at (518) 237-1871 (home), (518) 669-5054 (cell/text) or scdebonis@verizon.net

Church Office Closed: In observance of Christmas and New Year's, the church office will be closed on Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd, 2023, respectively.

Annual Parish Meeting: On Sunday, January 29th, 2023 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.

Please remember in your prayers: Betsy Ballard, Ruth Bornt, Sharon Bornt, Fred Buse, Inga Carpenter, Gina Chenot, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Morris Daly, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, James Dykeman, Donna Hershey, Fred Hershey, Doreen Johnson, Christy Judge, Mark Lundberg, Diana Martin, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Sonya, Donna Ohlman, Grant Ohlman, DeeJ Patterson, Vicky Pautler, Bill Purdy, Edmund Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Moriah, Eileen Smith, Susan Smith, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Carol Tripp, Christer Westin, Christina Wright.

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

Anniversaries: 12/19 ~ Raymond & Dorothy Roohan; 12/22 ~ Terrence & Barbara Kelly

OFFICE HOURS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 18th

8:30AM Holy Communion and Sermon
10:30AM A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Sunday School and Child Care
11:30AM Hanging of the Greens immediately following the service
1:00PM Ham Luncheon in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 21st

8:45AM Top of the Hill

Thursday, December 22nd

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

Saturday, December 24th ~ Christmas Eve

4:30PM Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion with Crèche Procession
9:30PM Choral Prelude
10:00PM Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion

Sunday, December 25th ~ Christmas Day

9:00AM Holy Communion

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 7:45PM until "lights out" (no later than 11PM) on the 2nd floor of the Guild House (next to the church) or overnight until 6AM the next morning.

To volunteer through the Mission, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator!
Hope Smith Office (518)462-0459 ext. 237 vcoordinator@albanymission.com

To volunteer through St. Peter's, please call or email one of the following:
Ruth Manss: Office (518)434-3502 x 5 or email receptionist@stpeterschurchalbany.org

Mtr. Christina Hunter: Office (518)434-3502 x4 or email priest@stpeterschurchalbany.org

Jim Chenot: Cell (518)669-3096

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 Choral Service with Crèche:** Saturday, December 24th ~ 4:30PM
All children participating in the Crèche procession should arrive by 4PM.
- **Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion Service:** Saturday, December 24th ~ 10PM
Prior to this service the choir sings carols beginning at 9:30PM
- **Christmas Day Holy Communion Service:** Sunday, December 25th ~ 9AM
- **Annual Parish Meeting:** Sunday, January 29th, 2023 following the 10:30AM service