



THE Cornerstone

October 2021

Newsletter of St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church
107 State Street, Albany, New York

Dear St. Peter's Parishioners,



Many of you knew Carly Crewell who passed away on June 28, 2021. Carly was well known for her friendly demeanor and smiling face. She was an ambassador of God's teachings and did her best to spread the word to anyone who would listen. Carly would take the time to speak with everyone at either service she attended. She took great pleasure sending cards to parishioners from St. Peter's for any reason. One thing that made Carly extremely happy was when she received stamps for her correspondence from people within the church.

I had known Carly since she and Al walked into St. Peter's Church on that Christmas Eve many years ago. When Carly chose to dedicate herself to the Julia Chapter of the Daughters of the King at St. Peter's, I was blessed to have the opportunity to assist with other Daughters in Carly's training. We all knew then that Carly was a special and exceptional individual. She seemed to have a "pipeline to God in heaven." Whenever she was asked the question, "How are you today?" Her response was always, "I am blessed." She would then go on to speak of her Lord!

After Carly's passing, I spoke with a variety of church members, and everyone seemed to echo the same sentiment as to how much they will truly miss the cards from Carly. Therefore, I asked God how I could continue her magnificent tradition that seemed to positively affect so many parishioners over the years. With permission and endorsement from the Vestry, I have enlisted volunteers named "Carly's Messengers." Any support from the congregation will be gratefully received and appreciated. We will always welcome anyone who chooses to be of assistance with Carly's Cards. As one person reaching out to so many to spread the word of Jesus by utilizing only a card and/or a smile, "Carly's Messengers" are confident that Carly's dedication and outreach at St. Peter's Church along with her memory will live on!

Susan J. Smith

Carly's Cards



St. Peter's News

Vestry Meeting

The October Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12th at 5:15pm. The meeting will be held on the Second Floor Room (as the last meeting).

Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King will meet on Sunday, October 17th (following church services) at the University Club.



Offering Envelopes for 2022

We are in the process of preparing a final list for the printers of those parishioners who wish to receive weekly Offering Envelopes for the 2022 calendar year. Next year, you will receive your contribution envelopes quarterly instead of the entire year all at once. This allows us to update our list as needed in addition to saving over \$250 in postage. Please review your envelopes for accuracy in your name and address. Should you wish to make any changes, or if you do not presently receive Offering Envelopes but would like to, or if you would like to discontinue your envelopes, please send your changes and/or information to Janice Chenot at office@stpeterschurchalbany.org or call the church office at (518)434-3502. In order for you to receive your first quarter contribution envelopes by the first of the year, your changes must be received by **Sunday, October 24th.**

We wish to thank all our volunteers for their service here at St. Peter's.

If you would like to volunteer, please call Ruth at the church office (518) 434-3502.



COFFEE HOUR

Volunteers are needed for many Sunday's. There is a sign up sheet in the kitchen near the Pumpelly room, or you can call the office (518)434-3502 to sign up as well.

Please take a moment to review the sign up sheet, and if you could find **ONE** Sunday to commit to helping with coffee hour, it would be greatly appreciated. Having fellowship after our time of worship with our church family is important, and it depends on **you** all.



What is your Ministry?

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is seeking anyone who would like to learn how to prepare the altar for Communion services. You will work with an experienced member while learning what all our beautiful stuff is and where it goes on the altar. You will also learn how to care for our things. A manual with step-by-step photographs is available for handy reference, as is ongoing mentoring. If you'd like to know more please contact Sharon DeBonis at (518) 237-1871 or scdebonis@verizon.net, or I'm in church on any Sunday.

*If you are interested in learning more about the Altar Guild, will be having a lunch meeting after the 10:30AM service on Sunday, October 17th, at which we will review the basics of setting and clearing the altar, as well as the care and handling of our lovely things. Anyone who is interested or even mildly curious is welcome to sit in, with no obligation. There will be sandwiches served.

NEEDED: LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Beyond the circumstance of how we began our involvement as a Lay Eucharistic Minister is the reality that we have been called by God to do so!

If at any time during your walk with Christ Jesus, were you questioning, "What Can I Do for God?" **This is the time!** Jesus' words to His first disciples apply to us as well:

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you!" (John 15:16)

By our obedience to that call, and by our active involvement in the ministry to which He has called us, we are sharing in the ministry of the Body of Christ, the Church.

As a Eucharistic Minister, one's first and primary ministry is to the Lord Himself. Lay Eucharistic Minister's are needed at St. Peter's Church. Are you interested in finding practical ways of communicating God's loving care? Then there is a place for you as a Lay Eucharistic Minister at St. Peter's.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers are trained and vested properly by the Church. In the beginning of your involvement, you will shadow others to understand and feel confident with your role as a LEM. An additional note for anyone questioning if they are qualified, your Love for God is the only qualification necessary. However, keep in mind that being a Lay Eucharistic Minister is tremendously gratifying.

Please contact Ruth in the church office at (518)434-3502, when you are prepared to serve Christ!

Ushers Guild

The Ushers Guild is looking for a few volunteers. If you are interested, please call Ruth in the church office (518)434-3502.

Sunday School & St. Francis Mission

Supplies for Back-to-School

Thank you! To everyone who donated bookbags and school supplies for the children at Grace and Holy Innocents. We served so many children. Once again thank you for your support, your donations are greatly appreciated. Blessings ~ Laura



St. Francis Mission Soup Kitchen

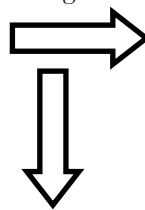
Saturday, October 16th ~ 11AM to 1PM

On the 3rd Saturday of every month St. Peter's Church is committed to preparing take out meals and goodies bags to the people at the St. Francis Mission Soup Kitchen, (formerly known as Grace and Holy Innocents) located at 498 Clinton Avenue, Albany, NY 12206. We invite you to join Laura, our Director of Christian Education, in helping with this important outreach program that is in such **desperate need** of volunteers. Help is needed to organize clothes and personal supplies, and also to serve take out meals. For information please call Laura at (518)368-4284.

Thank you ALL for your donations, your time and for helping me continue the ministry of feeding and clothing our community. ~ Laura

Prayer Pretzels

A big thank you to Ms. Caitlin for coming up to teach the Sunday school children "Jesus loves me ". The children had so much fun. We look forward to all the new songs that will be coming this year. Join us on the last Sunday of the each month for church school songs.





CHOIR

Choir rehearsals are on the following schedule:

Thursdays: 5:30pm- 7:00pm

Sundays: 9:30am rehearsal for the 10:30am service

We are eager to welcome boys and girls age 8 to grade 8 to join the Treble section of the choir. Please contact Neil Keen at (518)339-0137 for further information.



Coming Soon in November

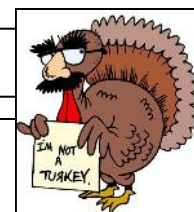


Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Peter's

Saturday, November 13th, 2021

Beginning at 5:00pm

Dinner Served at 5:30pm



Please join us for our Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner as we celebrate the holiday together. St. Peter's will again supply the turkeys and we are looking for volunteers who are interested in cooking a turkey and bringing it already sliced to the dinner. For those who cannot help with the turkeys we ask you to please sign-up to bring one of the other many Thanksgiving side dishes or desserts. There are two sign-up sheets located near the baptismal font in the church: one sheet is to let us know what side dish or dessert you will be bringing and the other sheet is to let us know how many of you are coming. You may also call the church office at (518)434-3502 to let us know.

We also ask you to please bring a donated food item (canned goods, rice, cereal, etc.) to be included in our traditional Thanksgiving Altar display. These items will then be donated to our local food pantry for distribution. For more information or to help with the dinner (set-up, cooking or clean-up) please contact Janice Chenot at (518)786-1070 or jchenot@hotmail.com.

Other Happenings



Albany Diocese Daughters of the King Assembly

October 30, 2021 9:00am – 3:30pm, with Registration at 8:30am

Christ the King Center, Greenwich, NY—Great Hall & Chapel

Rev. Judith Malioneck will be our Speaker

Our Chaplain, Rev. Jean DeVaty will be our Celebrant

This will be a HYBRID retreat. Join us In-person or remotely.

\$30 per person “In-person”

\$20 for individual link to Virtual Program**

\$30 for multiple people sharing the link to view the Program together**

**This fee helps cover the cost of AV Technicians & equipment, & includes a \$5 contribution to our collection

Our collection will support activities at Triennial not covered by registration fees

The reservation form is attached. Please register in advance so we can prepare materials

For a registration form visit:

https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.doknational.org/resource/resmgr/events/Albany_Assembly_2021.pdf

For more information contact Jennifer Firth at jennuz@aol.com



Capital City Rescue Mission

JOIN US IN-PERSON FOR OUR ANNUAL BANQUET AT THE MARRIOTT ALBANY

Thursday, October 21 at 6:00 PM

Reservation necessary

\$35.00/ticket

Online Auction


Preview: Oct 21 - 9:00AM

Bidding Begins: Oct 21 - 9:00PM

Bidding Ends: Oct 25 - 9:00PM

To learn more please visit : <https://capitalcityrescuemission.org/restoring-hope/>

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			
3 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am - Holy Communion	4	5	6
10 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am - Holy Communion	11 Columbus Day Office Closed	12 5:15pm - Vestry Meeting	13
17 Twenty - first Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am - Holy Communion 11:30am - DOK meeting	18 St. Luke the Evangelist	19	20
24 Twenty - second Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am - Holy Communion	25	26	27
31 Twenty - third Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am - Holy Communion HALLOWEEN			

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2
	7 5:30pm - Full Choir	8	9
	14 5:30pm - Full Choir	15	16 11:00am - Angels in Training
	21 5:30pm - Full Choir	22	23 St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of our Lord Jesus Christ
	28 St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles 5:30pm - Full Choir	29	30

St. Peter's Rectors who became Bishops



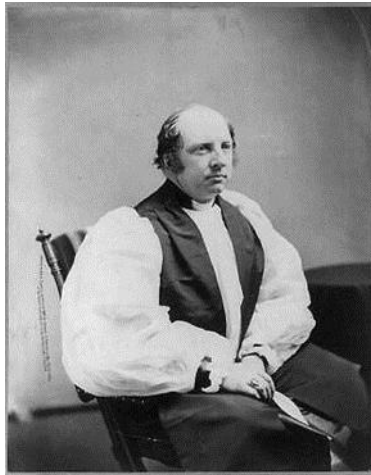
Right Reverend Horatio Potter

The first reactor from St. Peter's Church to become a bishop was Reverend Horatio Potter. Potter graduated from Union College in 1826, and after being ordained a deacon was ordained a priest in 1828. From 1828 to 1833 he was a Professor of Mathematics and Natural Sciences at Washington College. After accepting a call on May 11, 1833 he was consecrated as rector of St. Peter's Church. There he gained the respect and regard of his parishioners. On Wednesday November 22, 1854 in Trinity Church in New York City he was consecrated as Bishop of the Diocese of New York. He Remained Bishop of New York performing most of his duties until three years and eight months before he died on January 2, 1887.

In 1860, Bishop Potter established St. Stephen's College at Annandale on Hudson, NY (later named Bard College). Although the idea of building a cathedral, to be named the Cathedral of St. John the Divine was formulated in 1828, no action was taken until 1872 when Potter's Diocesan Convention gave the idea its unanimous support. In spite of obtaining a charter and Bishop Potter being chairman of the Board of Trustees, building activity awaited the episcopate of Henry C. Potter (his nephew).

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine and the Cathedral Close represent the center of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. The complex consists of the Cathedral Church and six buildings that form the Close, including the Leake & Watts Orphan Asylum, Faith House, the Choir School, Synod House, the Deanery and the Bishop's House. At another location Potter also instituted the Community of St. Mary in 1865. This was the first religious community to be established since the days of the monasteries in England.

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine remains unfinished. Begun in 1892, there were several stylistic changes and work interruptions. Completion of the nave was delayed until 1941. A fire in 2019 led to a renovation in 2000 and a rededication in 2008. The cathedral remains one of the largest and most beautiful in the world.



Right Reverend William Croswell Doane

William Croswell Doane was born in Boston on March 2, 1832. After his ordination as a priest in 1856 he became involved in the Oxford Movement which sought to restore the richness of practice in the liturgy. He served in several parishes before he accepted a position as rector of St. Peter's Church in 1867.

From St. Peter's he was selected as Bishop of the newly created Albany Diocese in 1869. He was consecrated as the Bishop of Albany, at St Peter's Church on the Feast of Purification on February 2, 1869. He remained the Bishop of the Albany Diocese until his death in 1913.

Doane's primary concern as Bishop was the construction of the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany. The Cathedral plan was to be a complex to include a convent, cloister, hospital and school. The Saint Agnes School for Girls was established in 1870, the convent and hospital in 1874. In the late 19th century he founded the Boys' Choir School (now defunct) and the Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys (which is active today.) The cathedral was dedicated unfinished in 1888.

Thus both cathedrals were large cathedral complexes. Each was the center of its respective diocese. Both have been the center of special activities appropriate for their large size. And today both remain unfinished.



**MINUTES FOR THE VESTRY MEETING
ST. PETER'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
June 8th, 2021**

Present: J. Chenot, D. Spath, A. Closson, N. Creagan, C. Gordon, F. Hershey, M. Holden, M. Moran, J. Russom, G. Scala

Absent: M. Lundberg

Opening Prayer Led by J. Chenot.

Approval of the Vestry Meeting Minutes, May 11th, 2021

The May 11th, 2021 minutes were approved on a motion by C. Gordon and seconded by M. Holden. The motion was unanimously approved by the vestry.

Sr. Warden's Report –J. Chenot

Father and Jeffrey Hartt returned safely to their retirement nest in Florida. Many thanks again to everyone who had a hand in their Celebration Sunday Service, followed by a small reception at Martell's Restaurant.

Last month we had our first search committee meeting which was very productive. We will have multiple meetings during the summer, but feel like we have started off in a positive direction.

As mentioned, supply ministers are scarce and harder to come by as many have left our diocese in the past year and continue to do so. Many churches have had to call Deacons in for supply, as we have had to do. We were very fortunate with such a short notice to have Deacon Richard Erickson from St. Paul's in Kinderhook the first Sunday in June. We had a Morning Prayer service with a small choir and the service was well attended. Deacon Rick loved our church and is looking forward to helping us in any capacity as we move forward with our search.

The Rectory is all set for the Hunters. They will be coming up late this Friday and will be ready for this coming Sunday Service. They will be here from this coming Sunday till the end of July. We hope everyone will begin coming back to church in person to support St. Peters, the Hunters and each other, as we work through this transitional period.

I want to thank those who have been in contact with me with their thoughts and suggestions as we move forward. Your phone calls and emails are very much appreciated. I want to thank Ruth Manss in advance for her support that will be needed in the office as we beginning our search. I also want to thank Janice Chenot for her support in the office, volunteering her time for over 10 years now. She has been able to help me work with the supply ministers regarding our liturgy and service traditions.

Finally, I want to thank the vestry for all their support. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful vestry and pray we will soon be looking at candidates in the near future that may possibly be our future Rectory.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer.

Jim

Sunday Attendance - The Average Sunday Attendance is 87.1.

Finance – G. Scala - Treasurer's Report

Offerings for the month of May were \$23,922. Year-to-date offerings are \$79,499. This compares to \$88,612 at this time in May 2020.

Investment accounts were mixed for the month, Merrill Lynch was down -0.50% and Key was up +0.46%. Year-to-date Merrill Lynch is up +7.18% and Key is up +6.54%. George reported that we continue to wait on Key to process the agreed upon distributions and put us on a permanent distribution schedule going forward at 5% per year. He will continue to monitor and discuss with Key going until resolved. Expenses are \$60,341 under budget through May.

To date we remain at 38 pledges for a total pledge amount \$106,894.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Scala

Property –

The church hired someone to clean the rectory once Father Hartt moved out in order to get it ready for the Hunters to arrive. The cleaner identified many areas throughout the rectory that should be addressed and fixed.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by M. Moran and seconded by A. Spath, then was approved unanimously by the vestry.

Closing prayer was led by J. Chenot.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christie J. Gordon

Clergy & Staff

Neil K. Keen, F.A.G.O.....Organist & Choirmaster
Laura Rulison.....Director of Christian Education
James P. Shortall.....Sexton
Wayne Hill.....Assisting Sexton
Ruth Manss.....Office Manager
Janice Chenot.....Office Volunteer
E. Constance Powell.....Historian & Archivist

Vestry

James Chenot.....Senior Warden
Deborah Spath.....Junior Warden
George Scala.....Treasurer

Ashley Closson, Nancy Creagan, Christie Gordon,
Fred Hershey, Maria Holden, Mark Lundberg,
Malcom Moran, Jeff Russom

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Services

Sunday

Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

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