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THE LEAFLET

1712 St. Peter's Church 2018

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 9, 2018

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light these two candles of Advent to proclaim the fire of God's judgment that the world may prepare for the coming of the Lord.

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 4)

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

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

THE GREENS ON THE MAIN ALTAR are given to the **Glory of God**
and in thanksgiving for the life of Barbara Claire, born 2 days after Pearl Harbor
given by her sister Edith Allen

THE USHERS at the 8:30AM Service are Bernie Burnell and John Davis

THE USHERS at the 10:30AM Service are William Collins, Kevin Creagan and Jeff Russom

~ **Parish Notes** ~

Coffee Hour: Please join us for coffee hour after the 8:30AM and 10:30AM Services. All are welcome.

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 2019 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. 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.

Christmas Pageant: The Sunday School will present the annual Christmas Pageant today during the 10:30AM service. After the pageant, Laura will take the children upstairs to the Sunday School rooms to make goody bags for the people of the Soup Kitchen. All are welcome to join.

Blessing Bags: All are invited to join the DOK today following the 10:30AM service to help assemble Blessing Bags. These bags are given to assist and offer comfort to the women who stay in our overflow shelter.

Giving Tree: St. Peter's Parish is partnering with St. David's Parish, East Greenbush, to provide Christmas gifts to recently relocated Burmese families. A Christmas Giving Tree is located in the Pumpelly Room and is decorated with paper ornaments indicating the recipient's age, gender, size and gift idea. Items of need are winter jackets, sweaters, boots, toys and gift cards. Please take one or more of the ornaments. The ornament should be attached to the wrapped gift and returned under the tree no later than next Sunday, December 16th. Instructions are printed on the ornament as well.

ANGELS IN TRAINING: This month the Angels in Training will feed the homeless at Grace and Holy Innocents this Saturday, December 15th from 11AM to 1PM. Please consider helping for these 2 hours and give back to those less fortunate.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: The annual Hanging of the Greens in which we decorate the church for Christmas with pine and balsam will take place immediately following the 10:30AM service next Sunday, December 16th. The traditional ham luncheon will be served at 1PM. We ask you to please dress comfortably and bring a dish to share. We are looking for cooks, servers, set-up and clean-up help. We hope that you will join us for this long-time festive tradition.

Christmas Poinsettia/Hanging of the Greens Donation Form: The deadline to submit your requests is next Sunday, **December 16th** ~ See Insert

HOLIDAY SHOPPING: St. Peter's Church memorabilia is available for your holiday purchase. Choose from 2 beautiful Christmas Tree ornaments, a Coffee Mug, Refrigerator Magnets, or a selection of prints of our First Church. Excellent stocking stuffers or hostess gifts. See Diana Martin to make your purchases.

Christmas Eve Choral / Family Service: Monday, 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 Day Service: On Tuesday, December 25th there will be one Service of Holy Communion held at 9AM.

Annual Parish Meeting: On Sunday, January 27th, 2019 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: Peter Adams, Abdu Aghzafi, Tom Arnold, Betsy Ballard, Ruth Bornt, Sharon Bornt, Georgia Sue Carlin, Inga Carpenter, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Morris Daly, Nancy Dennis, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, Liam, Missy, James Dykeman III, Doreen Johnson, Mark Lundberg, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Moriah, Bill Purdy, Barbara Richardson, Edmund Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Carol Tripp, Christer Westin, Christina Wright, Aunt Rosie and Family.

Birthdays: 12/11 ~ Michael Barnes; 12/12 ~ Lynne Jonquieres, Carol Pitsas;
12/13 ~ Caitlin Cehowski; 12/14 Caleb Westin; 12/15 ~ Kareem Chatman

Anniversaries: 12/15 ~ Tim & Sara Mastro

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 9th

8:30AM Holy Communion and Homily
10:30AM Morning Prayer and Sermon with Christmas Pageant, Child Care
11:45AM DOK assembling Blessing Bags
11:45AM Confirmation Class

Monday, December 10th

5:00PM - 6:15PM Treble Make-up Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 11th

4:30PM Outreach Committee Meeting
5:15PM Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, December 12th

8:45AM Top of the Hill
12:05PM Holy Communion

Thursday, December 13th

5:00PM - 6:30PM Treble Choir Rehearsal
5:30PM - 7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 14th

12:30PM Organ Concert

Saturday, December 15th

11:00AM - 1:00PM Angels in Training at Grace and Holy Innocents

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

- **Christmas Pageant:** Today, December 9th during the 10:30AM service
- **Outreach Committee Meeting:** This Tuesday, December 11th at 4:30PM
- **Vestry Meeting:** This Tuesday, December 11th at 5:15PM
- **Lessons and Carols:** Next Sunday, December 16th during the 10:30AM service
- **Hanging of the Greens:** Next Sunday, December 16th following the 10:30AM service with ham luncheon served at 1PM.
- **Christmas Eve Service with Crèche:** Monday, December 24th ~ 4:30PM
All children participating in the Crèche procession should arrive by 4PM.
- **Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion Service:** Monday, December 24th ~ 10PM
Prior to this service the choir sings carols beginning at 9:30PM.
- **Christmas Day Holy Communion Service:** Tuesday, December 25th ~ 9AM