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THE LEAFLET

1712 St. Peter's Church 2018

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 23, 2018

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:

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 God's Blessings

THE USHERS at the 8:30AM Service are Clark Daggett and Fred Lincoln

THE USHERS at the 10:30AM Service are Chris Grill, Mark Lundberg and Michele Lundberg

~ **Parish Notes** ~

Coffee Hour: Please join us for coffee hour today 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. Thank you to those that have promptly completed and returned their pledge card.

Interior Restoration Project: If you have made an Interior Restoration Project pledge for 2018, now is the time to send your payments in as we will be winding down Phase One of the project by the beginning of the new year. Thank you to those that have already donated and/or completed their pledges.

Christmas Eve Choral / Family Service: Tomorrow, 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. Meet us in the Pumpelly Room for your piece. Questions? Please call Laura Rulison at (518)368-4284.

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

Christmas Day Service: Tuesday, December 25th ~ Holy Communion at 9AM.

Church Office Closed: In observance of Christmas and New Year's, the church office will be closed on Tuesday, December 25th, Wednesday, December 26th and on Tuesday, January 1st, 2019, respectively.

Top of the Hill: There will be no meeting of The Top of the Hill this Wednesday, December 26th or next Wednesday, January 2nd. Regular meetings will resume on Wednesday, January 9th at 8:45AM.

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.

Women's Shelter-Volunteers Needed: The Women's Shelter here at St. Peter's Church, in support of the Capital City Rescue Mission (CCRM), operates from December 1st, 2018 to March 31, 2019. This ecumenical effort is seeking **women volunteers only** for evening hours, 7PM until approximately 11PM; or overnight from 7PM until 7AM the following morning. Volunteers provide the ministry of hospitality engaging guests in conversation, playing board games, working puzzles, and assisting with healthy snacks from the kitchen. Come alone or team up with a friend or family member, acting as an extra pair of hands for the CCRM staff and providing a welcoming "home" environment to the guests. Additionally, we are accepting donations for the shelter's use including monetary donations, coffee, sugar, fruit juice, microwaveable popcorn, danish/muffins, bread, peanut butter, fresh fruit, milk and creamer. To sign up to volunteer please contact Mary Malone, Director of the Women's Emergency Winter Shelter at (518)527-5025 or email at mmmalone2017@gmail.com. You may also visit the Capital City Rescue Mission website at: <https://www.capitalcityrescuemission.org/>. Please join us in showing Jesus' love to our guests.

Please remember in your prayers: Peter Adams, Abdu Aghzafi, Tom Arnold, Betsy Ballard, Ruth Bornt, Sharon Bornt, Georgia Sue Carlin, Inga Carpenter, Charles, 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, George, Moriah, Bill Purdy, Barbara Richardson, Edmund Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Carol Tripp, Hillary Tucker, Christer Westin, Christina Wright, Aunt Rosie and Family.

Birthdays: 12/28 ~ Farrell Leon

OFFICE HOURS

MON. - FRI. 9:00 AM ~ 5:00 PM

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 23rd

8:30AM Holy Communion and Homily

10:30AM Morning Prayer and Sermon, Sunday School, Child Care

No Confirmation Class

Monday, December 24th ~ Christmas Eve

4:30PM Christmas Eve Service with Crèche

9:30PM Choral Prelude

10:00PM Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion

Tuesday, December 25th ~ Christmas Day

9:00AM Holy Communion

Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26th

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No Top of the Hill

Thursday, December 27th

No Choir Rehearsals

Friday, December 28th

No Organ Concert

EVENTS FOR CHRISTMAS/JANUARY

- **Christmas Eve Service with Crèche:** Monday, December 24th ~ 4:30PM
All children participating in the Crèche procession should arrive by 4PM.
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