



Cornerstone

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Newsletter of St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church

107 State Street, Albany, New York

From the Rector

Knowing Your History

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20,21.)

Firstly, I pray that your summer was joyful and refreshing. It is perhaps not said often enough that our spiritual well-being requires times of refreshment. Inherent in the very notion of keeping the Sabbath is God's own commandment that we rest. Such rest is meant to be a foretaste of our heavenly rest and creates a time for communion with our Creator. Often when I think about our Lord, I ponder the labor that He endured for us. But then I am greatly comforted to think of Christ at rest and with His blessed saints.

In terms of blessed saints and even some scoundrels, I want to make a pitch for an educational offering for this fall and January and February of next year. Several years back, I offered a series on the Prayer Book that placed our worship in its historical and theological context. At that time, it became clear that church history is not a strong point for most of us. Even those who have been to seminary find that they need to dig deeply afresh into Christian history. The Church is not an abstraction. It exists in space and time, even as our Lord existed in space and time. Church history truly matters in taking hold of the Faith.

While the family was away on vacation in Florida, I stumbled on a fine book on church history written by the scholar Mark Noll, *Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity*. Among the book's many virtues is how it doesn't get lost in the weeds. In fact, it is riveting reading. As the title suggests, the book focuses on the decisive moments in Christian history and does so at sufficient depth to warrant being taken seriously by scholars and novices alike. The book also has study questions at the close of each chapter.

Turning Points has 13 chapters as well as an important introduction. We would work through the book in a corresponding number of sessions. Given the worthwhile Introduction and 13 "turning points," it makes sense to split our discussion classes into seven for the fall and seven for the start of next year. The classes should take about ninety minutes to do justice to the material.

We rightly delight in Saint Peter's as an historic church. Yet our past 300 years did not come out of nowhere. I believe that Professor Noll's book will help us better honor our forebearers in the Faith. We will also come to understand the investment the Church has in various doctrines and forms of polity. Mostly, we will come to marvel at the gift we have been given in the Church of history.

The proposed schedule is inside your Newsletter. At our first session, we can discuss other possible times to meet if Wednesday proves inconvenient for the majority. I hope that this offering speaks to you, as even our own history is held by the saints before us.

God bless, Fr. Hartt+

From the Associate Rector

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. (1 Peter 3:8)

Like most of you, I am discouraged by the recent events in our world with people displaying anger, hate and violence towards one another. I'm not going to get political here, but I am going to get Biblical. Starting at the beginning of time, we have had brother at enmity with brother. Cain and Abel is our first example of such strife, with many more to follow. Lately, we have had plenty of worldly examples to reckon with. Although each is unique, they are common as well: brother is at enmity with brother.

Our faith has something to say about this: *Our Lord said to Cain "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper? And the Lord said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand."* (Genesis 4:9-11)

From the beginning, our Lord was displeased with brother at enmity with brother. He still is today. In fact, I would say that unity is one of the highest callings of Christians. To be clear, the word 'unity' used in the Bible conveys unanimity, agreement, oneness. This is a high calling indeed.

To maintain unity forces us to look at our similarities rather than our differences. It forces us to focus on sameness. In church, we can do this theologically, certainly. But we can also do this practically. I believe that much of today's strife would be resolved if people focused primarily on human sameness – on our similarities over differences.

In the verse, I quoted above from Peter's letter, he offers some other sound advice: that we also have sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. I need not define these words for you. I believe you know their meanings well. But just as 'unity' requires action, these do as well. They will require action within us as well as action towards others.

If you are discouraged over the recent events in our world, might you pray about displaying these qualities recommended by Peter? Who in your circle are you in disagreement with? Rather than differences, can you focus on your similarities? Can you have sympathy or even empathy for what others have experienced? Can you display brotherly affection and love towards others? Can you keep your heart tender and protect it from absorbing harm? Lastly, what is there for you to learn from another? A humble mind stays open and stays teachable. I have read that one of the largest obstacles to agreement today is that most people converse with the objective to convince the other person rather than to listen to him or her. A humble mind knows there is much to learn and is willing to attentively listen.

In church, a couple of weeks ago, we heard a passage from the prophet Isaiah wherein God states, "My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples." (Isaiah 56:7). The people of St. Peter's can truly be a light to the world today by exemplifying those traits commended by Peter and by providing - by being - the space for all peoples to gather in prayer. We know our church is truly a sanctuary. It is a sanctuary of relationship, a sanctuary of peace, and a sanctuary of hope. It is a sanctuary from the hurt in the world. It is a sanctuary of love. It is a sanctuary for all peoples.

We gather together on Sunday, many peoples with many differences, and focus on our unity - our sameness - our oneness - found in Jesus Christ our Lord. Perhaps this is the Christian's mission to the world today, especially where brother is at enmity with brother. Come to St. Peter's and soak up the peace and bring it out into the world. Bring the Unity the world is so hungry for.

Yours in Christ,

Mother Sue+

Daughters of the King

We are a group of women that commit to praying daily for the needs of the church and supporting the clergy and ministries of St. Peter's. We meet on the second Sunday of each month following the 10:30am service in the Vestry room. All interested women of the parish are invited to join us at our September meeting on Sunday, September 10th.

Outreach

The September Outreach meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12th at 4:30pm. Please join us to learn about Outreach ministries and hospitality events being planned!

Vestry Meeting

The September Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12th at 5:15pm.

Parish Picnic: September 24th!

The annual parish picnic will be held at The Rectory, 8 Loudon Heights South, Loudonville 12211 on Sunday, September 24th after the 10:30AM service. Chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass for the meal or a dessert. A free will offering will be taken with a suggested donation of \$10.00 per family. Driving directions to the rectory will be available in the rear of the sanctuary.



Coffee Hour

Volunteers are needed for coffee hour following the 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday services. To sign up to volunteer for the 10:30am coffee hour please insert your name on the sign-up board or call Carly Crewell at 956-4166. To sign up to help with the 8:30am coffee hour, please call Michele Vennard at 274-4989. Help is always needed with set-up and clean up, as well as volunteering to bake something for either coffee hour.

Healing a Woman's Soul Benefit

An evening to benefit Healing a Woman's Soul (HAWS), entitled Anything Chocolate... will be hosted by St. Paul's Church, 21 Hackett Blvd, Albany, NY 12208 on Saturday, October 21st from 6pm to 8:30pm. There will be a dessert buffet, silent auction, the second annual Paula award for a volunteer helping victims of domestic violence, and an "Anything Chocolate..." Contest. "Anything Chocolate..." contest entries are due no later than October 21st at 5pm at St. Paul's. Please bring entries the size of a small pie or 8 cookies or muffins, in other words 6 servings. Please use disposable plates as no plates will be returned. The cost for the event is \$20. For tickets or more information, call (518)439-8574 or contact the HAWS office at 68 S. Swan St., Albany, NY 12210.

Haiti Benefit Concert

A multi-cultural team of performers and worship groups led by Wally Jones, Master of Ceremonies will perform a concert on Sunday, September 17th at 4pm at The Cathedral of All Saints, 62 S. Swan Street, Albany NY 12210 to support mission work in Haiti, specifically to build a school in the village of Pouly, Haiti. The concert is free, though a free will offering will be taken. Refreshments will follow the concert.

Bible Symposium

The 2017 Bible Symposium will be held on Saturday, October 14th at The Cathedral of All Saints, 62 S. Swan Street, Albany NY 12210. The speaker this year is The Rev. Dr. Michael Cover, an Episcopal priest and Assistant Professor of Ancient Christianity and Judaism at Marquette University, and a frequent contributor to The Living Church. The title of Fr. Cover's presentation is Not as Orphans: Praying and Preaching with the Saints of Scripture. Doors will open at 8:30am. The presentation will begin at 9am and end at 2:30pm. Following the Bible Symposium, at **3pm** there will be an ecumenical celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. The celebration will be a service of prayer and healing. This festival is an opportunity for Christians of all traditions to come together and celebrate the unity we share in Christ Jesus, and to experience healing of our own wounds, as well as wounds of division in the Body of Christ. This celebration is free. No registration is required. All are invited to attend the service, whether you attend the Bible Symposium or not.

School of Healing Prayer ©

Do you feel called to pray for people? Are you not sure where to start to answer that call? Learn the basics of healing prayer at the School of Healing Prayer© at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center. The Center for Healing and Spiritual Formation is offering a School of Healing Prayer© Level 1 class, the two-weekend version, on the weekends of Saturday and Sunday, September 16th and 17th and 23rd and 24th. Interested? You can get more information at http://www.ctkcenter.org/page/school_of_healing_prayer. The registration deadline for these classes is September 4th.

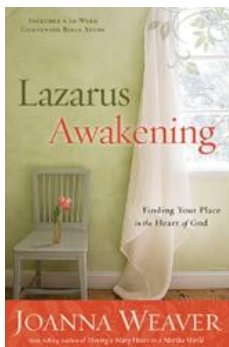
Tree of Life Seminars

St. Andrew's Church, 50 Sacandaga Rd, Scotia, NY 12302 is offering a six-week course in spiritual development entitled Prayer of the Heart: Deepening Our Relationship with God. Topics for the individual classes include Finding our Center, the Heart; Hearing God's Voice; Issues of Discernment; Blocks and Difficulties in Praying; and Growing in Love. The classes will be offered in three different sessions: Wednesdays from 9:30am until 11:30am; Wednesdays from 7pm until 9pm or Thursdays from 9:30am until 11:30am. Wednesday classes will begin September 13th; Thursday classes will begin September 14th. For more information or to register, contact Mtr. Ellen Neufeld by phone at (518) 225-6355.

Adult Education

Women's Bible Study

Joanna Weaver, author of *Having a Mary Spirit* and *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*, now presents the third installment in the *Bethany Trilogy: Lazarus Awakening...*



Join the women of the church as we read and discuss Joanna Weaver's *Lazarus Awakening: Finding Your Place in the Heart of God*. We will meet on Tuesdays at 5:00pm in the Vestry room [except when Vestry meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month] beginning September 19, 2017, reading one chapter weekly and discussing it together to reflect on its Biblical connection and life application. The cost of the book is \$8.00 (with scholarship funds available – please ask). Please let Mother Sue know you will be reading along with us and a book will be ordered for you.

Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity.

Mark A. Noll (PhD, Vanderbilt University) is the Francis A. McAnaney Professor of History at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. One of the nation's most distinguished practitioners of American religious history, he is the author of dozens of books, including *Turning Points*, *America's God: From Jonathan Edwards to Abraham Lincoln*, *The Scandal of the Evangelical Mind*, and *Is the Reformation Over?* (**Please read Rector's message in this issue for more information.**)

Discussion classes will be held on Wednesday evenings at 5:45pm in the Vestry room.

Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity by Mark Noll

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| September 20th | Introduction: <u>The Idea of Turning Points and Reasons for Studying the History of Christianity</u> |
| September 27th | Chapter 1: <u>The Church Pushed Out On Its Own The Fall of Jerusalem (70AD)</u> |
| October 4th | Chapter 2: <u>Realities of Empire The Council of Nicaea (325)</u> |
| October 11th | Chapter 3: <u>Doctrine, Politics, and Life in the Word: The Council of Chalcedon (451)</u> |
| October 18th | Chapter 4: <u>The Monastic Rescue of the Church: Benedict's Rule (530)</u> |
| October 25th | Chapter 5: <u>The Culmination of Christendom: The Coronation of Charlemagne (800)</u> |
| November 1st | Chapter 6: <u>Division between East and West: The Great Schism (1054)</u> |

We will break until January 17, 2018 and then begin the final 7 chapters below.

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| Chapter 7: | <u>The Beginnings of Protestantism: The Diet of Worms (1521)</u> |
| Chapter 8: | <u>A New Europe: The English Act of Supremacy (1534)</u> |
| Chapter 9: | <u>Catholic Reform and Worldwide Outreach: The Founding of the Jesuits (1540)</u> |
| Chapter 10: | <u>The New Piety: The Conversion of the Wesleys (1738)</u> |
| Chapter 11: | <u>Discontents of the Modern West: The French Revolution (1789)</u> |
| Chapter 12: | <u>A Faith for All the World The Edinburgh Missionary Conference (1910)</u> |
| Chapter 13: | <u>Further Turning Points of the Twentieth Century</u> |

St. Mary's Institute of Christian Studies

St. Mary's Institute of Christian Studies hosts Father Christopher Brown as he continues his series of teachings on the writings of St. Augustine of Hippo. The series begins on Tuesday, September 19th at St. Mary's Convent on the campus of Christ the King Spiritual Life Center, 575 Burton Rd., Greenwich, NY 12834. The topic for the first lecture is Augustine on Time, Eternity and Creation. The other teachings in the series will be on Tuesdays: October 17th, November 14th, and January 16th. The teachings will begin at 4pm and end at 5:30pm. All are welcome to come early to the Convent for tea at 3:30pm and/or stay late for Vespers at 5:30pm. The suggested donation to the Sisters for each lecture is \$10.

Youth Formation & Sunday School



Blessing of the Backpacks

We invite the youth of St. Peter's to bring their backpacks to church to be blessed for the new school year. This will happen on Sunday, September 10th during the 10:30am church service.

Backpacks & Supplies for Back-to-School

Every year the Sunday School collects backpacks (new or lightly used) and back-to-school supplies to be donated to the children at Grace and Holy Innocents. Please pick up an extra backpack, notebook, pack of pencils or pens, loose leaf paper, or markers and place the items in the bushel baskets located in the Pumpelly Room or in the Sunday School rooms. These supplies and backpacks will be delivered to Grace and Holy Innocents on Saturday, September 16th. Thank you for your support, your donations are greatly appreciated.



Prayer Pretzels/Sunday School Registration

On Sunday, September 17th Sunday School registration will take place and the children will be busy making prayer pretzels. Please take a moment to stop upstairs to complete a registration card for your child(ren).

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes

Instruction will begin shortly on Sundays (following services) to prepare youth to receive their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Youth in grades 1-2 are often ready for Holy Communion instruction while Confirmation is reserved for those over 13 years (adults included). For both classes, the individual must be baptized first. Please speak to Mother Sue or Father Hartt if you desire baptism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation instruction this Fall.

Calling all Families to **Youth Sunday:**
held on the last Sunday of each month
beginning **September 24th!**

The clergy of St. Peter's continues this ministry which highlights the youth of our church at the **10:30am service** on the last Sunday of the month. We are proud of our youth and how they are growing into their roles as members of St. Peter's Church. Because of this, we invite them to take special part in the Youth Sunday service on the last Sunday of each month. The teens fill important roles in the Sanctuary. Additionally, we offer **Children's Chapel** for our youngest members. In lieu of our traditional Sunday school offering, pre-Confirmation youth and Sunday school teachers celebrate a Youth Eucharist in the Pumpelly Room. Children begin worship with the parents in the main Sanctuary and following the first reading the children are invited to process into Children's Chapel for their own Gospel message, homily and instructed Eucharist service.

Youth Sunday helps our youth learn about and connect with our liturgy as well as take their place among us as St. Peter's Church members. Please speak to Fr. Hartt or Mtr. Sue if your child would like to have a special role during an upcoming Youth Sunday (i.e. reader, acolyte).

St. Francis Mission Soup Kitchen

Saturday, September 16th ~ 11AM to 1PM

On the 3rd Saturday of every month St. Peter's Church is committed to preparing and serving lunch to 100+ 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, and the youth of our church (the Angels in Training) along with their friends, to join Laura Rulison (our Director of Christian Education) 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 368-4284.



September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			
3 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Healing Prayers 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Holy Communion	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5 1:00pm - Friends of St. Peter's	6 8:45am - Top of 12:05pm - Holy C
10 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Holy Communion w/Baptism and Backpack Blessing 12:00pm - DOK Meeting 12:00pm - Baptism Reception in the Parish Hall	11 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal	12 1:00pm - Friends of St. Peter's 4:30pm - Outreach Meeting 5:15pm - Vestry Meeting	13 8:45am - Top of 12:05pm - Holy C
17 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Holy Communion Sunday School Registration and Prayer Pretzel Baking	18 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal	19 1:00pm - Friends of St. Peter's 5:00pm - Women's Bible Study	20 8:45am - Top of 12:05pm - Holy C 5:45pm - Adult E
24 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am - Holy Communion 10:30am - Morning Prayer w/Children's Chapel Church Picnic @ The Rectory following the 10:30am service	25 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal	26 1:00pm - Friends of St. Peter's 5:00pm - Women's Bible Study	27 8:45am - Top of 12:05pm - Holy C 5:45pm - Adult E

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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the Hill Communion	7	8	9
the Hill Communion	14 Holy Cross Day 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:30pm - Full Choir	15 12:30pm - Organ Concert	16 11:00am - Angels in Training
the Hill Communion Bible Study	21 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:30pm - Full Choir	22 12:30pm - Organ Concert	23
the Hill Communion Bible Study	28 5:00pm - Treble Rehearsal 5:30pm - Full Choir	29 St. Michael and All Angels 12:30pm - Organ Concert	30

St. Peter's Music



FRIDAY NOONTIME ORGAN CONCERTS

will resume on Friday, September 15th. These free half-hour concerts are presented each Friday at 12:30pm. Come and hear organist Neil Keen and guest artists perform on our wonderful pipe organ, one of the largest and finest in the Capital District.

CHOIR START-UP

Regular Choir Rehearsals will resume the week of September 11th on the following schedule:

Mondays: 5PM - 6:15PM ~ Trebles

Thursdays: 5PM - 6:30PM ~ Trebles
5:30PM - 7PM ~ SATB

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

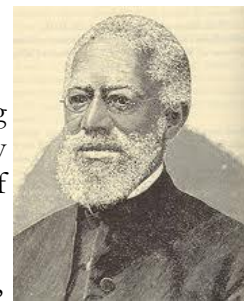
We are in for an exciting and active musical season. We are eager to welcome new choristers to the choir and particularly urge boys and girls age 8 to grade 8 to join the Treble section of the choir. For further information please contact Neil Keen at (518)339-0137.

Saint of the Month Club

Commemoration September 10, 2017:

Alexander Crummell, 1898

Born March 3, 1819, in New York City, Alexander Crummell struggled against racism all his life. As a young man, he was driven out of an academy in New Hampshire, dismissed as a candidate for Holy Orders in New York, and rejected for admittance to General Seminary. Ordained in 1844 as a priest in the Diocese of Massachusetts, he left for England after being excluded from participating in diocesan convention.



After receiving a degree from Cambridge, he went to Liberia as a missionary. The African race, Crummell believed, possessed a “warm, emotional and impulsive energy,” which in America had been corrupted by oppression. The Episcopal Church, with its emphasis on rational and moral discipline, was especially fitted for the moral and spiritual regeneration of Afro-Americans. A model Christian republic seemed possible in Liberia. European education and technology, combined with traditional African communal culture, and undergirded by a national Episcopal Church headed by a black bishop, was the vision espoused by Crummell. He traveled extensively in the United States urging blacks to immigrate to Liberia and support the work of the Church there.

On returning to Liberia, he worked to establish a national Episcopal Church. Political opposition and a loss of funding finally forced him to return to the United States. He concentrated his efforts on establishing a strong urban presence of independent black congregations that would be centers of worship, education and social service. When southern bishops proposed that a separate missionary district be created for black congregations, Crummell created a national convocation to fight the proposal. The Union of Black Episcopalians is an outgrowth of that organization.

Crummell’s ministry spanned more than half a century and three continents. Everywhere, at all times, he labored to prepare his people and to build institutions that would serve them and provide scope for the exercises of their gifts in leadership and creativity. His faith in God, his perseverance in spite of repeated discouragement, his perception that the Church transcended the racism and limited vision of its rulers, and his unfailing belief in the goodness and greatness of black people are the legacy of this Afro-American pioneer.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your servant Alexander Crummell, whom you called to preach the Gospel to those who were far off and to those who were near. Raise up in this and every land evangelists and heralds of your kingdom, that your Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Choir's 2017 trip to England, July 20th - July 31st

8 fully choral services in Chichester Cathedral
28 choral pieces performed
207 psalm verses sung
8 hymns

Outings to:

Hampton Court Palace, Walking tour in London, Tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral, Windsor Castle, Portsmouth Naval Yard, Arundel Castle, The Isle of Wight, and Brighton

Some reaction from those who participated and heard our choir sing:

".. A truly superb 11 days. I have never felt such community in being a part of any group. Yes, we all worked hard; yes we managed that steep spiral staircase of 40 steps to and from the Song School several times a day; yes, we wore out our raincoats and umbrellas. But most important was working (and playing) together . It was a true family effort, 52 people from ages 5 to "almost-85," getting to the bus on time, looking out for each other with tremendous thoughtfulness. I'm sure all that cooperation was reflected in our singing. I feel so honored to have been able to make the trip. We've enjoyed all six of the seven we've been on since 1989 - all great, this trip, arguably (one of?) the best. We did miss all of you who were not able to be with us - and thank you for your support during the past few years to help make the trip possible. Much love to you all, Sally Jennings (and Ted too, of course)"

".. This summer I went on a trip to England with the choir. It was my first trip as a chorister and I enjoyed it. We sang eight services at Chichester Cathedral and they went by super fast. My favorite services were the Sunday services. I liked the music. I also really enjoyed our day trip to Brighton. The beach there was cool. I can't wait to go back to England again." - submitted by the youngest chorister in the choir ~ Asher Madison

And from the Liturgical Music coordinator at Chichester Cathedral:

"I just wanted to write and say a huge thank you to you and the choir for all the effort you put in to preparing the services for us this past week. Everything went smoothly – and we know that doesn't happen without hours of hard work and dedication behind the scenes. Clergy and congregation alike appreciated the music – I had some very positive feedback. And, on a personal note, I really enjoyed the Eucharist yesterday – the choir sounded wonderful. Please do pass on our thanks and best wishes to everyone involved. We would be most pleased to have you back again!"

Special kudos to our organist, Vaughn Mauren, who managed the cathedral's fine organ with exemplary expertise and artistry.

A huge **Thank You** to the entire parish of St. Peter's Church. Your support made this wonderful experience possible.

- Neil Keen



From the Archives

The Episcopal Church



Washington Cathedral of the Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Church is defined as a church governed by bishops. Our church, St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church is a United States-based member of the worldwide Anglican Communion. If we look at world maps of the Anglican Communion we can see that it is divided into nine provinces: there are dioceses in the United States, Taiwan, Micronesia, the Caribbean, Central and South America, the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe and the Navajol and Area Mission.

Bishop Michael B. Curry is our current and first black Presiding Bishop. He is charged with initiating and developing church policy and strategy, speaking God's word to the church and the world, and visiting the dioceses of the church. Curry was preceded by Katharine Jefferts Schhori, who was the first woman Presiding Bishop. The Archbishop of Canterbury presides over the Presiding Bishops. As the senior bishop and principle leader of the Church of England, he is the symbolic head of the worldwide Anglican Communion. He is also the diocesan bishop of the diocese of Canterbury. He resides in the Lambeth Palace in Lambeth Borough in London.

It is interesting to note that after St. Peter's Church was founded by Reverend Thomas Barclay in 1708, a charter was granted to the Parish in 1712 by Queen Anne of England making it a Royal Peculiar Parish. This meant that rather than placing the Parish under a bishop in America she placed the church under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of London, the Rt. Rev. Henry Compton, D.D. Today our Parish is under the bishop of the Albany Diocese, the Rt. Rev. William H. Love.

Episcopalians are Christians and learn God's hope and call through church life together. They believe in the teachings of Jesus Christ as found in the Holy Scriptures, including the Bible, the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed and church literature, as understood both by reason and tradition. There are two holy sacraments in the church: the Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. These are outward visible signs of inward spiritual grace.

The church service is liturgical, following the services of the Book of Common Prayer. Thus a person can go to any Episcopal Church and would generally be able to follow the same service. The church is a welcoming church accepting all who would like to participate in the services. Persons baptized in any faith may take part in the Sunday Communion Service.



ST. PETER'S ANGELS

On Sunday, August 13th The St. Peter's Angels took home the trophy as the winners of the Coed D-Division of the Empire State Sports Sunday Softball League. We would like to thank coach Pete Benson and all of the "Angels" for a great season.

Congratulations!

Daughters of the King

The Church of the Holy Sepulcher in New York City was founded in 1866 as a “Free Episcopal Church” – meaning there were no pew rentals. Perhaps because of the more egalitarian approach to seating and its location near Park Avenue, the Church was known as the “Servants Church”. It is also the church that fostered the development of the Daughters of the King which first formed in 1885 and grew to over 50 chapters in just six years.

Here at Saint Peter’s the Julia Chapter of the Daughters of the King has a shorter history, having formed on September 18, 2005. We are part of a now global organization committed to prayer and service. Today, Daughters of the King involves lay and ordained women in the Episcopal Church, other Anglican Churches, Lutheran (ECLA) and Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches. Our Julia Chapter of eleven members, joins a worldwide network of 25,000 members in over 15 countries who are committed to prayer and service.

The Julia Chapter meets monthly and we are committing to a calendar of events throughout the year to support life at Saint Peter’s. Daughters pray daily and maintain a prayer list. We invite members of the congregation to request prayers and we are committed to treating these requests in a confidential manner. Requests may be made in the envelopes available in each pew and either submitted to the Church Office, given to our Clergy, or submitted during Sunday collections.

Our Chapter will support the existing outreach activities of Saint Peter’s, including participation in the monthly Saint Francis Soup Kitchen, supporting the Women’s Overflow Shelter, and cooking meals for the Homeless through the Capital Area Council of Churches. Some of the upcoming activities in which the DOK and members of the congregation can participate include:

- **Collections for *Blessing Bags*** to support visitors at the St. Peter’s Overflow Women’s Shelter. During September and October please bring trial-size toiletries. Any product is appreciated except items that may include alcohol (e.g., no mouth wash).
- **Collections for *Winter Clothing and Accessories*** to help Laura Rulison support the St. Francis Mission. The collection of coats, hats, gloves and other warm weather gear will begin in September. Any new or gently used item will be much needed and appreciated as we approach the colder weather.

Our Chapter will also support the spiritual life of the congregation, through our assistance with events like the Annual Prayer Walk and Lenten Quiet Day observances. We invite members of the Congregation to join us; a new discernment class will start early next year!

Women's Retreat

Do you ever need encouragement? Are you constantly critiquing yourself for your mistakes? Do you look like you've got it all together, while inside you're a wreck? Then come to the Healing a Woman's Soul (HAWS) Women's Retreat entitled “I’m OK and I’m on the Way” September 8th - 9th, where you will get help to heal from emotional abuse. The retreat is overnight Friday through Saturday after supper. The retreat will explore God's vision for healing the broken-hearted. The retreat will be held at the Dominican Retreat Center, 1945 Union Street, Niskayuna, NY 12309. Light refreshments will be offered Friday night. Cost is \$120 per person, and limited scholarships are available. Please call (518)439-8574 for more information.

Ecumenical Healing Services

Join the Center for Healing and Spiritual Formation for the last in the series of monthly Ecumenical Healing Services on Saturday, September 9th at 4:30pm in the Chapel of St. Michael and All Angels at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center. For more information, call (518)692-9550 x201, or access http://www.ckcenter.org/page/ecumenical_healing_series.

Women's Weekend

Are you a woman interested in deepening your faith - or do you know someone who is? The Albany Diocese Cursillo Secretariat is pleased to announce a Cursillo Women's weekend Friday, October 20th through Sunday, October 22nd at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center. Cursillo is a lay ministry designed to help renew and deepen Christian commitment, and to help participants understand their individual callings to be Christian leaders. Leadership in Cursillo does not mean power over others, but rather influence on others; all of us need to be aware that we can exert a positive influence on those around us. If you are interested in attending this weekend, speak to your parish clergy or contact Lay Director John Hyde at (518)376-9477. The weekend will be led by Carol MacNaughton and Spiritual Director Mother Kathy Coons. For additional information, visit: <https://www.albanyepiscopalcursillo.org/>.

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Services

Sunday

Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.

Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

(1st & 3rd Sundays)

Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.

(2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays)

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Holy Communion 12:05 p.m.

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