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1712 St. Peter's Church 2025

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*THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY  
JANUARY 5, 2025*



*When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly  
appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said,  
“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel,  
for those who are seeking the child’s life are dead.”  
Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother,  
and went to the land of Israel.*

(Matthew 2:19-21)

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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**~ Sunday School and Child Care ~**

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<b>PRELUDE</b>	<b>GREENSLEEVES</b>	<b>RICHARD PURVIS</b>
<b>+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN</b>	<b>107 GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE</b>	<b>IN DULCI JUBILO</b>
	<b>~ CHILDREN’S ABCs BIBLE MEMORY CHALLENGE ~</b>	
<b>+ OPENING AFFIRMATION</b>		<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323</b>
<b>+ KYRIE</b>	<b>A CHRISTMAS SERVICE</b>	<b>NEIL KEEN</b>
<b>+ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS</b>	<b>S-202</b>	<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 324</b>
<b>COLLECT FOR THE DAY</b>		<b>SEE INSERT</b>
<b>THE FIRST LESSON</b>		<b>JEREMIAH 31:7-14</b>
<b>THE PSALM</b>		<b>PSALM 84:1-8</b>
<b>THE EPISTLE</b>		<b>EPHESIANS 1:3-6, 15-19a</b>
<b>+ HYMN</b>	<b>100 JOY TO THE WORLD!</b>	<b>ANTIOCH</b>
<b>+ THE HOLY GOSPEL</b>		<b>MATTHEW 2:13-15, 19-23</b>
	<b>SERMON ~ THE REV. CHRISTINA HUNTER, RECTOR</b>	
<b>+ THE NICENE CREED</b>		<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 327</b>
<b>THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</b>		<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 328</b>
<b>THE GENERAL CONFESSION</b>		<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 330</b>
<b>ABSOLUTION</b>		<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 332</b>
<b>OFFERTORY ANTHEM</b>	<b>THERE SHALL A STAR</b>	<b>FELIX MENDELSSOHN</b>
<b>+ SANCTUS/BENEDICTUS</b>	<b>KEEN</b>	<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334</b>
<b>PRAYER OF CONSECRATION</b>		<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334</b>
<b>AGNUS DEI</b>	<b>KEEN</b>	<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337</b>
<b>PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS</b>		<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337</b>
<b>COMMUNION HYMN</b>	<b>312 STRENGTHEN FOR SERVICE, LORD</b>	<b>MALABAR</b>
<b>COMMUNION MOTET</b>	<b>FALAN TIDINGS</b>	<b>DONALD PEARSON</b>
<b>PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING</b>		<b>PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 339</b>
<b>THE BLESSING</b>		
<b>+ RECESSIONAL HYMN</b>	<b>119 AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD</b>	<b>DIX</b>
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	<b>AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD</b>	<b>CRAIG PHILLIPS</b>

**(+All Standing)**

***THE DECORATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH* are given to the **Glory of God**  
and in **Loving Memory of the Faithful Departed and in Thanksgiving for God's Blessings****

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*THE USHERS* at the 10:30AM Service are Sharon DeBonis and Catherine Schunk

*THE LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER* at the 10:30AM Service is Robin LaPlante

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~ **Parish Notes** ~

**ABCs Bible Memory Challenge:** This week's ABCs Bible Memory Challenge verse is:

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice!" (**Philippians 4:4**) For more information about this "Memory Challenge" please see your September Newsletter for all the details.

**Coffee Hour:** Please join us for coffee hour in the Pumpelly Room following the 10:30AM service. All are welcome. Thanks to all who have made coffee hour so enjoyable the past few months. Well now it's time to fill up the calendar for January - March 2025. There is sign up sheet in the kitchen - Please don't be shy and help is always available. For more information please contact Michele Vennard at (518)858-0525 or email her at [mlvennard@gmail.com](mailto:mlvennard@gmail.com).

**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 2025 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.

**Teen Breakfast Club:** The Teen Breakfast Club will meet today to discuss Armor of God New Year's Resolutions. The club meets the first Sunday of each month from 9:30AM to 10:10AM in Mtr. Christina's office for food, a spiritual discussion, and prayer. All teens are welcome to attend.

**Epiphany Holy Communion:** A celebration of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ will take place tomorrow, Monday, January 6th at 12:05PM in St. Mark's Chapel. We hope you can join us for Holy Communion and reflection on the story of the wise kings who sought out Jesus.

**ANGELS IN TRAINING:** This month the Angels in Training will feed the hungry at Loaves & Fishes this Saturday, January 11th and again on Saturday, January 18th from 11AM to 1PM. Please consider helping for these 2 hours and give back to those less fortunate.

**Adult Education ~ Walking with Peter:** Our Adult Education course, Walking with Peter, will meet next Sunday, January 12th at 12PM for about 45 minutes. We'll be reflecting on the story of Peter depicted in the window that's second to the right of the main altar, the "Healing of the Lame Man." We hope to see you there.

**Vestry Meeting:** The January Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14th at 5:15PM in the Meeting Room on the second floor of the Guild House.

**Rock and Root Hikers:** On Sunday, January 19th, the Rock and Root Hikers will resume their monthly hike with a trek on Peebles Island at 1:30PM. Contact Mtr. Christina at (518)423-4891 with questions.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** On Sunday, January 26th the Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 12PM noon. A Hymn Sing and Tea are two features of our Annual Meeting. We're asking parishioners to submit their favorite hymns -- with one or two sentences about why it's a favorite -- by sending an email to: [priest@stpeterschurchalbany.org](mailto:priest@stpeterschurchalbany.org). The day of the meeting, four hymns will be selected at random and sung. See your January Newsletter for the meeting schedule.

**Please remember in your prayers:** Fred Buse, Inga Carpenter, Gina Chenot, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Carol Daggett, Sonya, Morris Daly, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, Donald Fahd, Andrew Farrington, Pamela Gerfin, Donna Hershey, Liam, Doreen Johnson, Mark Lundberg, Diana Martin, Kevin Mastro, Moriah, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Janet O'Connell, Donna Ohlman, Grant Ohlman, DeeJ Patterson, Vicky Pautler, John (JP) Powell, Bill Purdy, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Eileen Smith, Susan Smith, Carol Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Carol Tripp, Christina Wright.

**Birthdays:** 1/11 ~ Jerry Keenan, Tim Mastro

**OFFICE HOURS**

MON. - FRI. 9:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM  
TELEPHONE: 518-434-3502  
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[WWW.STPETERSCHURCHALBANY.ORG](http://WWW.STPETERSCHURCHALBANY.ORG)

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The Rt. Rev. Jeremiah Williamson

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, January 5th**  
8:30AM Holy Communion and Sermon  
10:30AM Holy Communion and Sermon, Sunday School and Child Care  
  
**Monday, January 6th ~ The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ**  
12:05PM Holy Communion  
  
**Tuesday, January 7th**  
4:00PM - 5:00PM Treble Rehearsal  
  
**Wednesday, January 8th**  
12:05PM Noonday Prayer  
  
**Thursday, January 9th**  
5:00PM - 6:00PM Treble Rehearsal  
5:30PM - 7:00PM Full Choir Rehearsal  
  
**Friday, January 10th**  
6:00PM Moran/Félimé Wedding Rehearsal  
  
**Saturday, January 11th**  
10:00AM Moran/Félimé Wedding  
11:00PM - 1:00PM Angels in Training at Loaves & Fishes

**Overflow Shelter - Volunteers Needed**

The Overflow Shelter at St. Peter's Church,  
in support of the Capital City Rescue Mission (CCRM),  
operates from November 4, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

This ecumenical effort is seeking volunteers for evening hours,  
7:45PM until approximately 11PM; or overnight from 7:45PM until 6AM 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 volunteer through the Mission, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator!  
Hope Smith Office (518)462-0459 ext. 237  
or email: [vcoordinator@albanymission.com](mailto:vcoordinator@albanymission.com)

To volunteer through St. Peter's, please call or email one of the following:  
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