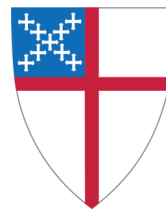




WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S CHURCH



**First Sunday after Christmas
December 26, 2021**

Lessons & Carols with Communion—9:45 am

*Masks must be worn while indoors,
and masked congregational singing IS permitted at this time.*

St. Peter's

is ancient and new. Our roots go back to Jesus and his spiritual forebears.

What we do is based on ancient patterns of music and worship
and on loving service to the poor and the hurting.

And our faith is entirely contemporary, engaged in the needs of the moment.

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St. Peter's

values its responsibility to the community of Ellicott City. We value mutual respect, music and
beauty, strong bonds of fellowship and joy in God's creation.

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St. Peter's

in short, is an intimate, inclusive, mission-centered church committed to involvement in the life of
our neighbors in Old Ellicott City and beyond.

We support all persons in their spiritual journey and celebration of life through worship of God in
Christ in the rich Anglican tradition.

Our worship uses the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), 1982 Hymnal (Hymnal).
If you have any questions, please ask any of our members who will be glad to help.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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www.stpetersec.org church@stpetersec.org

The Reverend Derek H. Miller: Rector
The Reverend Joy Walton: Assisting Priest
Troy Lamson: Organist & Choirmaster

Prelude

Allein Gott In Der Hoh Sei Ehr

G. P. Telemann

The congregation stands as able when the bell rings three times for the opening hymn.

Gloria

Hymnal S-202

Officiant: Light and Peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Officiant faces the people and says the bidding prayer.

Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, this day it is our duty and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, and the Babe, lying in the manger. Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days until the glorious redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this house of prayer glad with our carols of praise. But first, because this of all things would rejoice Jesus' heart, let us pray to him for the needs of the whole world, and all his people; for peace upon the earth he came to save, for love and unity within the one Church he did build; for goodwill among all peoples. And particularly at this time, let us remember the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all who know not our Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love. Lastly let us remember all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude who no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words that Christ himself has taught us.

May the almighty God bless us with divine grace, may Christ give us the joy of everlasting life, and unto the fellowship of the citizens above, may the Spirit of Love bring us all. ***Amen.***

First Reading *(please be seated)*

Genesis 3: 8-15, 17-19

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures;

upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.’
And to the man he said,
‘Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,
and have eaten of the tree
about which I commanded you,
“You shall not eat of it”,
cursed is the ground because of you;
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.’

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

In the Bleak Midwinter

Hymnal 112

Second Reading

Isaiah 35: 1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Lo How a Rose e'er Blooming

Hymnal 81

Third Lesson

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave

birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,
‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Hymn

While shepherds watched their flocks by night

Hymnal 94

Fourth Lesson

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, ‘This was he of whom I said, “He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.”’) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is

close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Hymn

Angels from the realms of glory

Hymnal 93

Collect of the Day

The People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Nicene Creed

BCP pg. 358

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

***He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.***

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

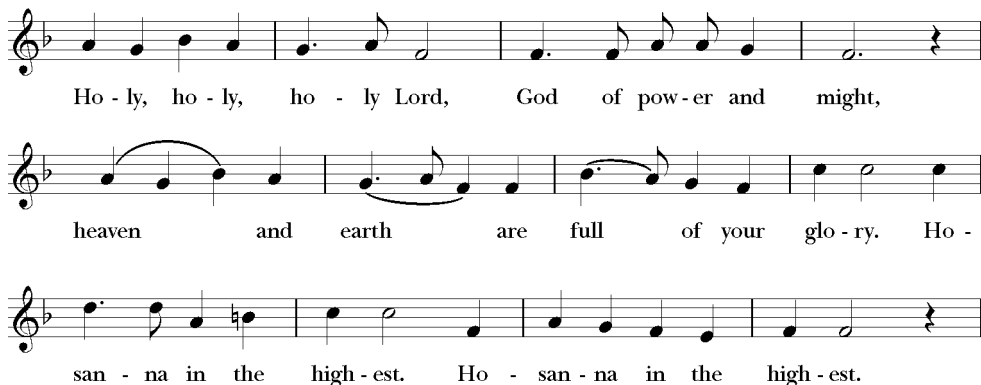
The People may add their own petitions.

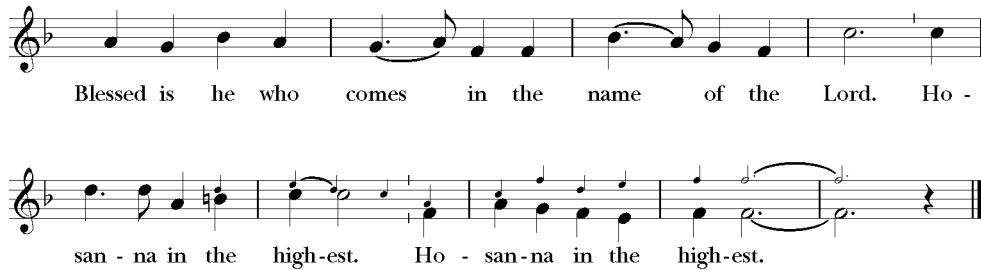
The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

All stand

And also with you.





The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues the eucharistic prayer. The full text is found in the BCP on page 361.

Then the Celebrant says.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

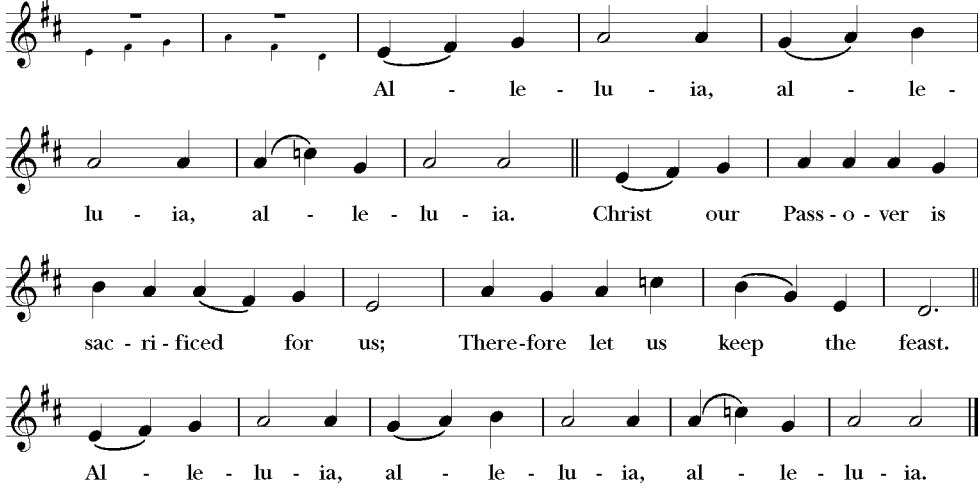
***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

The Celebrant continues until

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

This setting is not used in Lent.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation to Communion

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people who may also receive only the Host.

Should I Receive Communion?

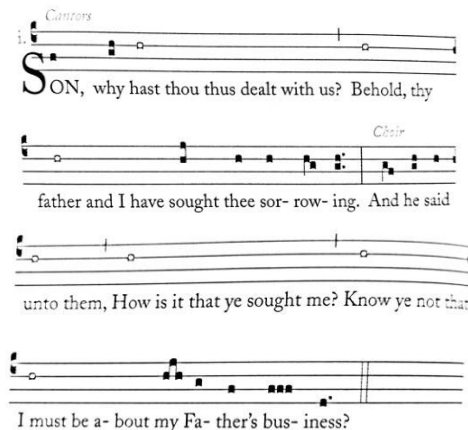
The Episcopal Church recognizes baptism as the sign of membership in the Body of Christ. All baptized Christians who receive Communion in their own traditions are invited to receive the Sacrament. Those who are not baptized or who do not wish to receive Communion may come forward for a blessing and signify this by crossing your arms across your chest. If you desire to be baptized, please speak with the priest after the service.

Gluten free wafers are available - please let the priest know you desire gluten-free when you come to the altar rail.

If you are unable to come forward, please let the usher know and the ministers will bring the Sacrament to you in the pew.

Communion

Fili, quid fecisti



Soprano
SON, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy
Choir
father and I have sought thee sor- row- ing. And he said
unto them, How is it that ye sought me? Know ye not that
I must be a- bout my Fa- ther's bus- iness?

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

*Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

Christmas Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. ***Amen.***

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. ***Amen.***

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. ***Amen.***

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn

Joy to the World (Antioch)

Hymnal 100

Dismissal

Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

Postlude

Allein Gott In Der Hob Sei Her

F. W. Zachau

St. Peter's Prayer List

The Church: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Eugene, Bishop of Maryland; Derek, our Rector, Joy, our Assisting Priest

Recent Needs: Samantha Shaw, Nick McDuffie, Irene & Walter Closson, Sabita Debnath, Nick Temoshok

(Names remain on the Recent Needs Prayer List for 30 days unless notified otherwise.)

Ongoing Needs: Ian Jones, Denise & John Watts, Molly Lyn, Brian & Rick Kneeland, George Spencer, John Jordan, Claudia Yanacek, John & Brenda (McDuffie) Tucker, Joe Bagwell, Allie & Dick Suelflow, Ron Brueggeman, Janet McCathren, Keith Dressell, Patrick McDonough, Arthur Ronald Parham

(Names remain on the Ongoing Needs Prayer List for 90 days unless notified otherwise.)

Homebound Members: Frieda Gregory, Earl Elliott, Irene & Walter Closson

Repose of the Soul: Joe Thoma, Indrani Nath, Barbara Hartig, Joette Waters

(Names remain on the Recent Needs Prayer List for 30 days unless notified otherwise.)

Vestry and Officers: Doug Pryor, Katherine Schnorrenberg, Patti Shaffer, Bill Rodney, Stan Brown, Alexa Fair, Greg Busch, Jonnie Widener, John Francis, Katie Shaw

****Would you like to add someone to the prayer list or have an announcement featured here? Please submit names/announcements to the church office by email: parish.admin@stpetersec.org BY SUNDAY NIGHT.****

Announcements—December 26, 2021

Mass Schedule

In-Person and Virtually

January 1, 2022 (*Holy Name of Our Lord*)
Choral Evensong @ 7 PM

January 2, 2022
Sunday Mass at 9:45 AM.

January 6, 2022 (*Feast of the Epiphany*).
Mass at 7 PM

January 18, 2022 (*Confession of St. Peter, Apostle*)
Mass at 7 PM.

HOSPITALITY HELP NEEDED: Coffee Hour is Resuming! As we resume coffee hour following our Sunday mass, we need people to help prepare and serve coffee and light refreshments.

- Members of the congregation are asked to serve during the Hospitality Hour each Sunday.
- It works well to have 2 people (or 2 families) to provide and serve together.
- Members provide treats, make coffee, serve juice and clean-up.
- Suggested: 1-2 dozen treats, such as, bagels, pastries, quiche, fruit salad, muffins, cupcakes, donuts, cookies, etc. They can be homemade or store bought.
- St. Peter's provides napkins, plates, utensils, cups, coffee and other drink items.

Please contact **Katherine Schnorrenberg** kschnorrenberg@gmail.com for more info and to sign up.

ST. PETER'S "HEAVENLY EATS" COOKBOOK: ONLY \$15.00 includes shipping. **MAKES A GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT!** Contact: parish.admin@stpetersec.org

2022 FLOWER DONATIONS NEEDED: Thank you to everyone who has graciously donated flowers and continues to donate! Flowers may be given in thanksgiving for, honor of, memory of or celebration of someone or something. We ask for a donation of \$55 to cover the cost of the flowers each week, which are tax deductible and will be acknowledged in the corresponding Sunday Bulletin. Please sign up to donate by emailing the Parish Admin at [**parish.admin@stpetersec.org**](mailto:parish.admin@stpetersec.org). Donations can be made by mailing a check or paying on-line at [**bit.ly/DonateSPEC**](https://bit.ly/DonateSPEC). If you have any questions or would like to donate please contact Katherine Schnorrenberg: [**kschnorrenberg@gmail.com**](mailto:kschnorrenberg@gmail.com).

2022 MINISTRY PARTICIPANTS NEEDED: St. Peter's Sunday worship cannot happen without the ministries of our laity. We are seeking people to serve as Subdeacons, Acolytes, Chalcists, Lectors, Bell Ringers, Ushers, and on the Hospitality teams. We will train you if you are new to any ministry. Pray about where you may be called to serve and contact **Father Derek+ at** [**rector@stpetersec.org**](mailto:rector@stpetersec.org) and he can discuss which ministry you feel called.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS: The Nominees are: **Hal Clay, Stacie Parsells & Tom Donohue**. We will be electing vestry members, recapping this ministry year, and discussing next year's ministry plans. We will be presenting bios for each of them in advance of our Annual Meeting. Please prayerfully consider your choices for these two vestry vacancies. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** The Annual Meeting & Chili Cook-off are on January 23, 2022. Snow Date: January 30th, 2022

ST. PETER'S MUSIC MINISTRY: We are looking to include both current and new choir members in a rotating schedule for Cantoring at Sunday Mass. This is a unique opportunity for a couple of people to safely sing from the choir loft during this time of increased precautions due to COVID-19. We hope that this will be able to grow back into a choir as restrictions change in the future. **Choir Rehearsal is every Thursday at 7:15 PM.** For more information and to be added to the mailing list for the choir, please contact **Troy Lawson** our **Organist/Choirmaster** via email at [**organist@stpetersec.org**](mailto:organist@stpetersec.org)

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study will resume in Epiphany. Email **Fr. Derek rector@stpetersec.org** with any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School will resume in Epiphany. Email **Katherine Schnorrenberg** [**kschnorrenberg@gmail.com**](mailto:kschnorrenberg@gmail.com) with any questions.

OUTREACH MINISTRY: *The next ZOOM Outreach Ministry Meeting is on **January 11th, 2022**. Meetings are held on the **2nd Tuesday of the month at 2 pm**.* All are welcome to attend. For more information on how to get involved please email: Outreach@stpetersec.org please contact Sharon Sachs at stpetersec.org/outreach

ACTION DATES: **January 3, 2022**—Day Resource Center Meal - Kofo Coker Meal Coordinator - Kitchen & Center. **January 6, 2022**—Pete's Packs Delivery - Stan Brown. **January 11, 2022**—Outreach Ministry Virtual Meeting

ST. PETER'S CHRISTMAS CARD MAILBOX: Please bring your seasonal greeting cards for fellow parishioners. You will be able to drop them in the box outside the sanctuary door. ***In lieu of stamps, you may make a donation to support our Outreach programs.*** Look for cards sent to you in the alphabetized box in St. Joseph's hall during coffee hour.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: A young family of 5 and an elderly couple will have a brighter Christmas, thanks to the generosity of the St. Peter's community. Many thanks to all who were able to participate to make the distribution of the family gifts possible.

OEC EVENTS AND INFO: Visit Old Ellicott City! More than just a historic and shopping district, Old Ellicott City feels like home, even if it's your first time visiting. You'll be surprised how easy it is to fall in love with our eclectic community of artists, shop keepers, restaurants, service providers and welcoming residents. visitoldellicottcity.com/events-pro/events/

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LOOSE-PLATE OFFERINGS

Any offerings given in the plate that are not designated will go to support the following funds:

1st Sunday—Discretionary Fund,

2nd Sunday—Outreach;

3rd-5th Sundays—General Operating Fund

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK	December 26, 2021 at 9:45 am
Altar Guild	Judith Kilroy & Margaret Pratila
Acolytes: Crucifer	Bill Rodney
Acolytes: Thurifer	Stan Brown
Bell Ringer	Wayne Kirwan
Celebrant	The Reverend Joy Walton
Flag Ministry	Hal Clay
Flower Guild	Judi Mahaffey
Intercessor	Katherine Schnorrenberg
Lector	Stan Brown
Organist	Troy Lawson
Preacher	The Reverend Joy Walton
Subdeacon	Brenda Sabino
Tellers	Kofo Koker & Elizabeth Cahoon
Ushers	



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