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Today is All Saints Day when we give thanks for the witness of the saints in heaven, but also for all who witness to our faith in the present time! **We will celebrate it at both services on Sunday morning by offering candles of remembrance near the lectern and on the small chapel altar.** You are welcome to light candles in memory or in honor of one of the saints that you wish to remember. **Please remember that we return to Eastern Standard Time on Sunday and set your clocks back one hour.** One extra hour of sleep! During the 10:15 service, the Gospel will be sung by the Co-Rectors and there will be a children's homily. Join us for worship this Sunday to celebrate this important Feast Day of the Church!

This Saturday morning, November 4th, is the Annual Altar Guild Breakfast! All members of the guild are asked to attend and bring a breakfast dish to share for this pot-luck event. The entire guild of four teams gathers only once a year to discuss the needs and plans for the guild. If you are not currently on the guild, but are interested, you are invited as well! The work of the Altar Guild is to prepare the altar and church for worship each Saturday. Members are assigned to teams which serve once a month. For more information, contact Wendy Mitchell, Altar Guild President at wmitch001@gmail.com.

St. Peter's Christmas Outreach: Each year, St. Peter's provides Christmas gifts for children in need at The Lake Drive School and for adults and children served by the Boonton Social Services. Once again we are asking for your generous help during this holiday season. The sign-up sheets are on the wood refectory table in the Parish Hall. Please follow the instructions and return to the parish office no later than December 3, 2017 with the gifts wrapped. If you have any questions please contact Annella Dignes at annellawd@gmail.com for The Lake Drive School or Marguerite Smith at smithmeg@optonline.net for Boonton Social Services. They appreciate and are grateful for the gifts that we send to them. Thank you for your generosity and Merry Christmas.

Here is more about The Lake Drive Program, which is located right across the street from St. Peter's. It was founded in 1969 to serve deaf and hard of hearing babies, children and adolescents, with this Early Intervention Program through high school. The students come from 13 counties in northern New Jersey and attend under the auspices of their local school districts. While the school is a part of the school district of Mountain Lakes, the students hail from some of the most disadvantaged areas in the state. Fifty percent of the students receive free or reduced school lunches. The economic improvements from the recession have been hard pressed to create the same turnaround in the circumstances of too many of this school's families.

Make-a-Difference Monday is Nov. 13th at The Gourmet Café on Baldwin Road in Parsippany! Make your reservations for either lunch or dinner for this annual fellowship event which benefits St. Peter's Outreach Ministries! Take-out is also available. 10% of the day's receipts are given to St. Peter's Outreach! Enjoy an awesome meal by one of the area's finest chefs, Matthew Pierone. The program has been revised and St. Peter's remains one of only a dozen charities benefitting from Chef Matthew's program.

Short Stories of Faith: This discussion series continues on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. in Rev. Chuck's office upstairs. For a copy of this week's story, please email us at twopriestsatstp@yahoo.com. It is not necessary to have participated in previous classes to attend. All are welcome!

Coming up! Finance Committee Meeting on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7:15 p.m.; **St. John's Luncheon Group serves** on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 9:30 a.m.; **"Mastering the Way to Peace and Happiness in Modern Times**, led by renowned Buddhist monk, The Most Venerable Bambalapitiye Gnonoloka Thero on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; **Messiah Sing-Along with Masterwork Chorus**, Dec. 10, 2:00 p.m.

Stewardship letters have been sent out. We ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge to the mission and ministries of St. Peter's for 2018 by offering a pledge commitment. The mailing included a pledge card. Your pledge allows our treasurer, Ray Rogers and the finance committee to create a budget for the vestry's consideration for 2018. The wardens and vestry ask that you return your pledge card as soon as you are able. All pledges of any amount are important. *God has given us our lives and our abilities. We are called to express that generosity to God through the gifts of our time, talent and treasure.*

Porch Prayers continue at the Rectory on Friday at 8:00 a.m. Coffee and prayers are great companions! The Morning Prayer service is led by Seminarian George Dredden.

As we approach the Advent and Christmas season, we are in need of parents and others who would be interested in assisting with the annual Christmas Eve Pageant on Dec. 24. Ron and Barbara Owens, who led the rehearsal and pageant for several years, have moved away. The pageant is one of the highlights of the year at St. Peter's. We have the costumes, the carols and the script. All we need is some folks to help the children as they portray the story of the birth of our Saviour. Please respond to this email or directly to the Co-Rectors at twopriestsatstp@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Blessings all,

Adele+ and Chuck+