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"Make a Difference" while enjoying an excellent meal on Monday, Nov. 13! We urge everyone to participate in this annual fundraiser to benefit St. Peter's Outreach known as "Make a Difference Monday" which is held at the Gourmet Café in Parsippany. The restaurant, which features northern Italian cuisine, will donate 10% of the day's receipts to St. Peter's Church for Outreach Ministry. We suggest that you make reservations at 973-316-0088. You can bring your own wine as well. See you there!

St. John's Luncheon will serve this Saturday at St. John's Church in Boonton. If you are interested in helping, please contact Steve Emr at steveremr@gmail.com. This group serves a hot lunch to people in need in the area.

Faith Kitchen serving opportunity, Nov. 28-29: St. Peter's serves lunch at Faith Kitchen in Dover (aka Trinity Lutheran Church) on Wednesday, Nov. 29 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Approximately 100 people are served daily there. The meal preparation will be in the St. Peter's kitchen on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 10:00. You can help with either or both. To sign-up or learn more, contact Evelyn and Jerry Watkins at evejerry@optonline.net.

Christmas Pageant news: Our new Sunday School coordinator, Jennifer Parker will be directing the children's pageant this year. Jennifer and Rev. Adele have updated the pageant script and there will be some small and simple speaking parts for children. If your child/children would like to participate in the pageant, please let Jennifer know at jenparkerlondon@gmail.com. . Part of the Sunday School class on Dec. 17 will be used to work on the speaking parts—some of which will be done by small groups. The main pageant rehearsal will be on Friday, Dec. 22 at 12:30 (following school dismissal). If you are able, please bring snacks to share. **The children's pageant occurs during the 4:30 service on Christmas Eve.**

There will be Sunday School this week. We are aware that some families may be out-of-town due to the school break. If you are here, come for Sunday School! The teachers will be there!

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.

Last week, we bid farewell to Ravi and Sheoni Perera, who hail from Sri Lanka and joined our congregation less than 2 years ago. Ravi has been serving on the vestry and singing in the choir and Sheoni had been coordinating the Caring Card Ministry. They are moving to Hartford, Connecticut. We wish them well and send them with our blessings and thanks.

St. Peter's is hosting a community presentation by a Buddhist monk from Sri Lanka on December 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. The most Venerable Bambalapitiye Gnonoloka Thero will speak on "Mastering the way to peace and happiness in modern times." This event is free and begins with a light dinner at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to this email.

Handel's *Messiah* Community Sing with the Masterwork Chorus is on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Peter's! Over 100 singers from the area participate in the singing of the choruses from this beloved oratorio. All are welcome to participate in singing. Scores will be available or you can bring your own. A donation of $15 is suggested. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Porch Prayers will be moving into the church this week. The warm fall weather is now giving way to cooler temps, so our 8:00 Friday Morning Prayer services will be held in our church. Due to the roof work, please enter from the Parish Hall door. George Dredden will continue to lead this service weekly for which we are thankful!

Care Packages for St. Peter's college freshmen: We will begin collecting snacks and goodies to be sent to the five freshmen during exams in early December. This is a great way to remind these young adults that we still care about them! We all remember those first semester exams! E.V. Janopaul will be heading up this project. Ideas for the boxes include gum, candy, small snacks, hot chocolate, funny cards--anything to give them a lift. We'll put a box in the outer office for your donations. Thanks!

Faith in Fiction group continues to meet on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. in Rev. Chuck's office. All are welcome to join into the reading and discussion of this week's short story.

Peace and Blessings,

Adele+ and Chuck+