

**St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Syracuse, New York**

January Newsletter 2020

Sunday Morning Schedule

Rector's Bible Study 8:30 a.m. (not Jan. 5 or 19)

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m.



Sunday, January 5

We gather with our East Side Episcopalian sister churches at St. David's, DeWitt at 10:00 a.m.

for the service of Lessons and Carols, with Holy Eucharist. A reception follows worship.

No Service at St. Alban's!



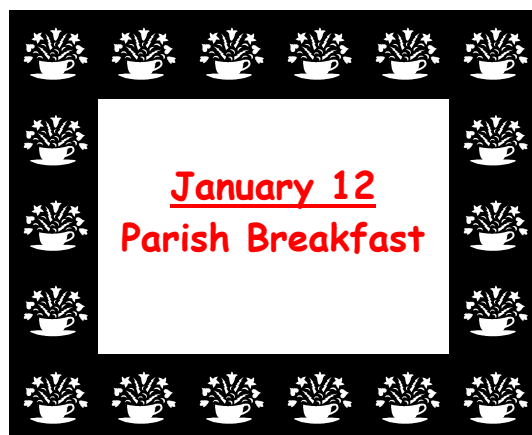
Second Thursday

Dinner, followed by Healing and Holy Eucharist

Thursday, January 9

Dinner, 6:00 p.m. Please sign up.

Healing and Holy Eucharist, 7:00 p.m.



Friday, January 31 at 5:30 pm

Spaghetti Dinner & Game Night

Sign up and bring your favorite games!

Annual Meeting of St Alban's Episcopal Church Sunday, February 2

- Rector's Annual Address: Sermon at the 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Parish Breakfast
- Elections: 1 Warden and 2 Vestry Members
- 2020 Budget Presented



Martha's Kitchen

Cooking on

Saturday, January 4 at 11:00 am - Make Spaghetti Sauce and 36 Sandwiches

Tuesday, January 14 at 10:30 am - Make Quiche and 36 Sandwiches

Funding

Martha's Kitchen ministry is funded through donations to St. Alban's Mission Fund.

Donations Needed

Prego spaghetti sauce, diced tomatoes, and plastic food containers (new or used)

A decorative border of small, blue, stylized human figures with arms raised, arranged in a rectangular frame around the central text.

Valley Worship Center Food Pantry, 2929 Midland Avenue
Volunteers are needed on Thursday afternoons.

We partner with Valley Worship Center by providing volunteers to serve at their pantry. The first Thursday of the month is the biggest and busiest, as it is the monthly fresh foods supply. Tables are full of fruits and vegetables, as well as eggs and dairy products.

2nd-5th Thursdays are smaller and less strenuous.

First Thursdays the larger Fresh Foods pantry is from 2:00-5:00 p.m.
All other Thursdays volunteers are needed from 11:30-2:00 p.m.

Priestly Ponderings

Our 100th year as the people of St. Alban's has come to a close. What a year it has been! We held three festive celebrations. Though our January festivities had to be rescheduled by two weeks due to a storm that dumped 14" of snow on a Saturday night/Sunday morning, former Rector, The Rev. Emily Gibson, was able to be with us. She celebrated Holy Eucharist using the service from the 1897 Book of Common Prayer, which would have been used in 1919. Bobbi Lombardo prepared a wonderful slide show of parish members through the decades, which played during a parish breakfast. In June we held our second celebration on Pentecost and also marked the 30th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. Since June is a popular month for weddings, Bobbi prepared a slide show of past and present members' weddings. June also was the 90th anniversary of the groundbreaking for our first building. In September we held an outdoor affair for our neighbors, which included homemade strawberry shortcake by Margo Kowalczyk and family games created by Jan and Bert Bookhout. A brightly colored bouncy house was a great advertisement for the event.

I begin our second century by attending the "Rooted in Jesus" conference with our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael Curry, and The Rev. Dr. William Barber II, President of Repairers of the Breach. It's held on January 21-24 in Atlanta, GA. The objective of the conference is "to build deeper community between the various demographics within The Episcopal Church, energizing and equipping participants with practical tools and resources to apply across multi-disciplinary ministries. The core purpose of this gathering is discipleship - to gather as followers of Jesus, as partakers of the Jesus Movement to learn from each other and grow as a Church."

As we look to our second century I have great hope for us. There is much life and love in this place. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is worshipped and followed here. Your Vestry has served St. Alban's well and faithfully. Mission, especially food ministry, is vibrant and well supported by a large number of members. There are a number of new faces in our pews on Sunday mornings. It's a good time to be at St. Alban's. However, we need to be better at evangelism, at inviting, at sharing with others why we follow Jesus. 100 years from now will St. Alban's still exist? Our founders started as a small band of followers of Jesus. Come to think of it, Christianity itself began with only the 120 people gathered on Pentecost. Challenges await us, but, with God's help, we will worship and serve God in this place for years to come.

Peace and Joy Be With You,
Mother Julie+

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I will be gone January 17-24. Brian and I are flying to Atlanta on Friday the 17th for our first visit to the city. Then on Tuesday morning Brian will fly home and I will attend the conference "Rooted in Jesus", described above. The Rev. Kathy Major (former Priest-in-Charge at St. David's, DeWitt) will celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday, January 19.

St. Alban's Leadership

Rector: The Rev. Julie E.
Calhoun-Bryant

Wardens

Senior: Grace Joseph
Junior: Emera Bridger
Emerita: Kiki White

Vestry Members

Bert Bookhout
Jan Bookhout
Meg Houston
Gelene Lewis
Margo Kowalczyk
Fred Wilson
Kate Bell, Vestry Clerk

Parish Secretary

Valerie Warfield

Organist

Della Holtzapple

Treasurer

Kathleen Eckermann

Financial Secretary

Fred Wilson

Ministry Team Leaders

Communications Team

David Houston

Congregational Life Team

Kiki White

Mission Team

Bobbi Lombardo
Dottie White

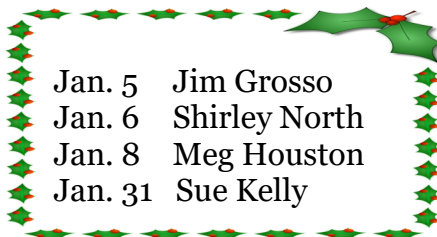
Property Team

Margo Kowalczyk

Spiritual Life Team

Mother Julie

January Birthdays



Meets
Jan. 15 at
7 p.m.

Pizza and Movie Sunday is
January 26
at 11:30 am



St. Alban's is
a Community founded in **CHRIST'S LOVE**,
Joyfully seeking to live our faith,
reaching out to **ALL** God's people.

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