



**St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Syracuse, New York
April News & Inspiration**

**Sunday Morning is in Person, on Zoom (826 9515 6305 & 446765),
and now on Facebook at stalbanschurchsyr at 9:30 a.m.**

Holy Week: April 2-7

Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m. Blessing of the Palms, Holy Eucharist,
and reading of the Passion of our Lord

Holy Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom
817 4372 7305 and 891158

Holy Wed. 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom
858 8704 2791 and 561027

Maundy Thursday: East Side Episcopalians at Emmanuel, East Syr.
6:00 p.m. Chicken and Lamb Agape Dinner
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar
Zoom Codes: 827 6703 2161 and 331119

Good Friday Noon: Stations of the Cross, Sermon, and Prayers
Zoom Codes: 811 8986 1257 and 293489

St. David's, DeWitt has a service at 7:00 p.m.

Easter: The Day of our Lord's Resurrection!



8:30 a.m. Bible Study, In Person and on Zoom
Zoom Code and Password
835 9000 0245 and 562087

**9:30 a.m. Festive Holy Eucharist with Organ
and Six Trumpets**
Zoom and Facebook info above

Priestly Ponderings

The Collect of the Day begins: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with JOY - Do you? Celebrate with JOY? The day of Jesus' resurrection is an occasion for great JOY. The women and the disciples were devastated by Jesus' death, until they saw their risen Lord. Then, and only then, comes the JOY. He is risen! Christ is alive! Death is defeated and God reigns victorious.

Early on that first Easter morning Peter and the disciples were in a state of shame, shock and grief - as far from JOY as they could possibly be. Jesus' death had happened so fast they were still reeling from it. All of their hopes and dreams for a new future were suddenly gone. Added to that, Peter had to cope with his three time denial of Jesus, and all of the disciples had to live with the shame and guilt of abandoning him, and all the while fearing for their lives. What a potent mixture grief, shame, guilt, and fear can be. So, what should the disciples make of Mary's news? - She has seen the risen Lord! It is the only news that could have suddenly replaced Mary's unbearable grief with JOY.

On Easter day God has acted as only God can. Jesus placed himself under the power of sinful humanity knowing that God would have the final word, that the power of God far surpassed any power humans can lay claim to, or even the power of death itself. Good Friday is about the unparalleled love of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Easter is about the power of God All-mighty. Through the blood of the cross our sins are forgiven. There is no sin that the cross does not cover - not a single one. Through the power of resurrection Jesus invites us to share with him eternal life in heaven.

While we are here in this present life, our Risen Lord invites us to be a community of believers who live with the JOY of his resurrection in our hearts. As Hymn 304 puts it:



I come with JOY to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.

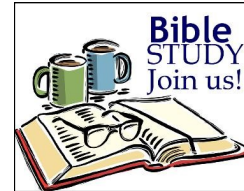
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**Sunday Morning in Person, on Zoom,
and now on Facebook at stalbanschurhsyr**

To use your phone for Zoom, dial 1-646-558-8656

8:30 a.m. Bible Study
Both In Person and on Zoom
* Zoom Code and Password
835 9000 0245 and 562087



9:30 a.m. Holy Communion
* Zoom Code and Password
826 9515 6305 and 446765

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

Tuesday Morning on Zoom

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
* Zoom Code and Password:
817 4372 7305 and 891158

Wednesday Afternoon: In Person at Emmanuel and on Zoom
(Repeated the following Sunday)

2:00 p.m. Bible Study
* Zoom Code and Password
840 0349 8213 and 586548

Thursday Evenings in April

Zoom Codes: 827 6703 2161 and 331119

April 6 Maundy Thursday at Emmanuel, East Syracuse

April 13 Second Thursday
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Healing and Holy Eucharist

April 20 Mother Julie out of town

April 27-May 25: Next Book Study (TBD)
Rule of Life will meet April 27 after the book study.

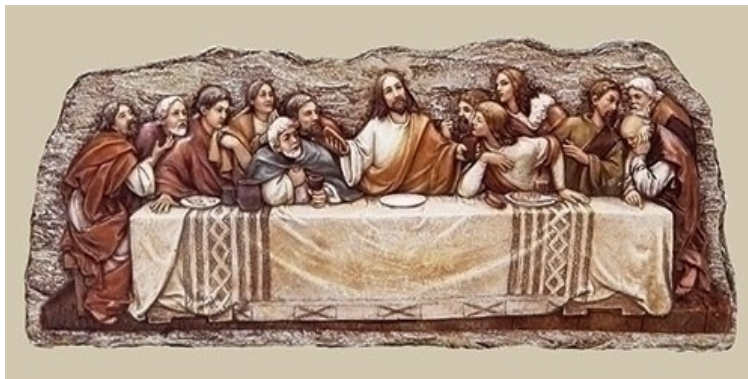
HAPPY Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week.

This is the day Jesus triumphantly entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey as his followers spread palm branches along the route.



Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples before he was arrested and crucified. The service includes the institution of the sacrament of Holy Communion, as told in the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, and Luke, and may also include foot-washing, as told in the Gospel of John.



May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ, Our Risen Savior, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.

He Lives Again Poet unknown

The purple mist lay heavy on the hills,
the gray of early dawn o'er spread the sky,
within the quiet garden Jesus slept.
while o'er the tomb rang heaven's lullaby.
A sliver light now tints the clouds above,
glad promise of the morn that is to be;
The sunlight glows, white lilies lift their heads.
sweet music rings from bush and waving tree.

The waking flowers shed their perfume rare,
upon the path His nail-pierced feet must tread,
while golden sunbeams, sifting through the trees,
wave aureoles to crown His royal head.
He lives again, the Lord of light and love,
enthroned above forevermore to dwell.
Hail, joyous day! that from the bonds of death.
gives to each heart the dear Emmanuel.



Altar Guild

CLEAN AND SHINE

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

10:00 A.M.



Come & Celebrate Secretary's Day!

Tuesday, April 25

Noon at the Olive Garden

(Reservation required. Sign up or call Val!)



Easter Flowers Deadline is Tuesday, April 4

If you would like to give Easter flowers in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for blessings received please sign up in the church on Palm Sunday or call Val on April 4. Suggested donation is \$20.

Secretary's Schedule

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 - 1:00

Giving to St. Alban's

Send us a check or to give online go to cnyepiscopal.org/give-to-my-parish

St. Alban's Leadership

Rector: The Rev. Julie E.
Calhoun-Bryant

Wardens

Senior: Gelene Lewis
Junior: Mary (Kiki) White
Emeritus: Margo Kowalczyk

Vestry Members

David Houston
Bobbi Lombardo
Steve Pekich
Art Pichette
Gina Odell
Fred Wilson

Kate Bell, Vestry Clerk

Parish Secretary

Valerie Warfield

Organist

Cynthia Bromka-Skafidas

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

Steve Pekich

Spiritual Life Team

Mother Julie
Altar Guild: Bobbi
Lombardo
Music: Jan Bookhout

April Birthdays

1 Art Pichette
4 Donald Keefe
7 David Houston
19 Alex Wilson
20 Carolyn Bashaw
23 Julie Calhoun-Bryant
27 Shelby Calhoun

Happy
Birthday!



**Vestry meets
Tuesday,
April 18
at 6:30 p.m.
on Zoom.**

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Secretary's Office Hours:

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Contacting Mother Julie

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- 315-416-7133 (cell)

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messages on the church answering machine.**