



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

Sunday Morning in Person and on Zoom

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 In Person and
Spiritual Communion on Zoom
(To use your phone for Zoom, dial 1-646-558-8656)**

* Zoom Code and Password
826 9515 6305 and 446765

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

Tuesday Morning on Zoom at 10:00 a.m. (not Feb. 14)

Zoom Code and Password: 817 4372 7305 and 891158

**Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study: 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



**Emmanuel invites you to a
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

February 21, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

\$5 for all you can eat pancakes,
plus sausage, coffee & tea



Ash
WEDNESDAY

February 22 Worship Services

3:00 p.m. Emmanuel
5:30 p.m. St. Alban's

Priestly Ponderings

Debby Irving, who is white, tells the following story in her book, Waking Up White. When she was a second grade teacher a black boy in her class particularly concerned her. He had transferred from another school to get a fresh start and was struggling academically, barely keeping up. When Jared was doing math one day he became so overwhelmed by a problem he threw down his pen and ran to a carpeted, pillow-strewn “calming corner” set up in the room for moments like these. Debby went to check on him and asked, “What was that about?” “I’m stupid. I’m so stupid I can’t do anything,” he sobbed. She replied, “I sounds like that was a hard math problem for you, Jared, but it doesn’t mean you’re stupid.” “Stop telling me I can do this! Every day you tell me I can learn this stuff, but I can’t,” he wailed. Debby sat quietly with Jared as he cried it out. Finally he said, “Anyway, what’s the point? I’m going to jail when I grow up anyway.”

After a long pause Debby was able to ask, “Jail? Why do you think you’re going to jail?” Jared went on to tell her about this and that cousin, this and that friend, all men - who’d gone to jail. It struck her that the pattern he had seen was black kids going to the principal’s office, and black family and friends going to jail. She felt ill equipped to reassure him.

One of the most pressing problems today is the incarceration of black and brown men, who fill our jails and prisons in disproportionate numbers, many for nonviolent crimes. Bail reform in New York State is meant to address this inequity. We hear about the exceptions in media headlines, the few who committed violent crime while out on bail, but not about the many men who are returned to their families while they wait, often for months, for their day in court. The privatization of prison, fortunately outlawed in NYS, compounds the problem. State governments make contracts with the private prisons to provide them enough prisoners to keep them open. Large corporations then contract with these prisons to provide prisoners to make their products more cheaply. As with slavery, and the peonage system which followed slavery, it’s an economic issue as well as a human rights issue.

Housing is another source of despair. In the 1930’s the Federal Housing Authority began a color coded housing map system that was adopted by many banks. Red-lining, as it became known, denied mortgages to people of color in preferred white neighborhoods. It also meant that a house worth \$100,000 in a preferred white neighborhood was worth \$20,000 in a poor black neighborhood. Since most Americans greatest financial asset is the value of their home, you can see how these policies have adversely affected people of color. Second mortgages, for example, are out of the question. In her State of the State address this week Governor Hochul is attempting to address this racial inequity by allowing NYS to override local zoning ordinances that prohibit low income housing through means such as maximum height restrictions, minimum lot size, parking requirements, the number of units allowed, and other methods.

A third example is the benefits WWII veterans received in the G.I. Bill - white veterans that is. Many new suburbs with low interest mortgages were built and allowed our heroic veterans to purchase a home. Often Black veterans weren’t allowed to live there. Many returning veterans received free college educations, setting them up for future prosperity. Racial quotas on college admissions prevented many black veterans from attending college. Of the two million black WWII veterans, only 4% were able to benefit from the programs. Generational poverty ceased for many poor white veterans, but was perpetuated for most poor black veterans.

In this month when we celebrate Black History, we need to include late 20th and 21st century history and policy. Black History is American History.

Mother Julie+

Lenten Food Drive for InterFaith Works 20+ Food Pantries

Pasta and Sauce
 Canned Fruits
 Peanut Butter
 Jelly
 Canned Vegetables
 Soups/Ramen
 Ensure
 Cake mix/frosting



Canned Tuna/Chicken
 Vegetable Oil
 Cereal/Oatmeal
 Baby formula
 Pancake mix/syrup
 Flour and sugar
 Mayo
 Shelf Stable Milk

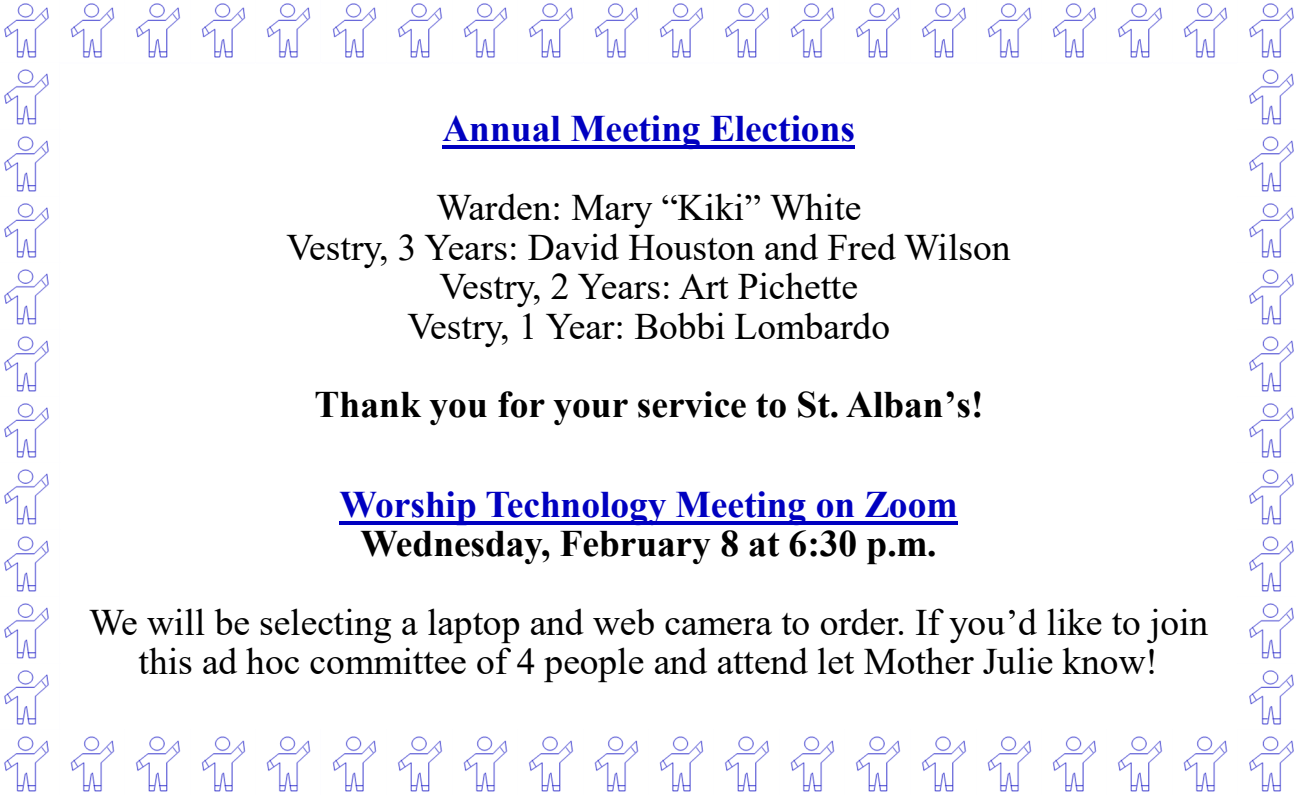
Thursdays in February and March

Zoom Code and Password for Thursdays: 827 6703 2161 & 331119

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| February 2 | 6:00 p.m. | Eat and Chat on Zoom |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Book Study: Chapter 2 |
| February 9 | Second Thursday at St. Alban's | |
| 6:00 p.m. | Dinner provided by Jan Bookhout: please sign up | |
| 7:00 p.m. | Healing and Holy Eucharist, also on Zoom | |
| February 16 | 6:00 p.m. | Eat and Chat on Zoom |
| | 6:15 p.m. | Book Study: Chapter 4 (skipping ch. 3) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Rule of Life monthly meeting |
| March 2 | 6:00 p.m. | Eat and Chat on Zoom |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Final Book Study: Chapter 5 |
| March 9 | Second Thursday at St. Alban's | |
| 6:00 p.m. | Dinner | |
| 7:00 p.m. | Healing and Holy Eucharist, also on Zoom | |
| March 16,
23 & 30 | 6:00 p.m. | Eat and Chat on Zoom |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Mother Julie's Class |

Mother Julie Away February 23-26

She will attend the diocesan Legacy Pilgrimage to Montgomery and Selma, Alabama. The trip includes walking the Edmund Pettus Bridge, site of Bloody Sunday, and visiting the Legacy Museum. The 30 or so participants include Bishop Duncan-Probe and Canons Carrie Schofield-Broadbent & Tom Ferguson. Many thanks to Steve Pekich for leading Morning Prayer on February 26.



Annual Meeting Elections

Warden: Mary “Kiki” White
Vestry, 3 Years: David Houston and Fred Wilson
Vestry, 2 Years: Art Pichette
Vestry, 1 Year: Bobbi Lombardo

Thank you for your service to St. Alban’s!

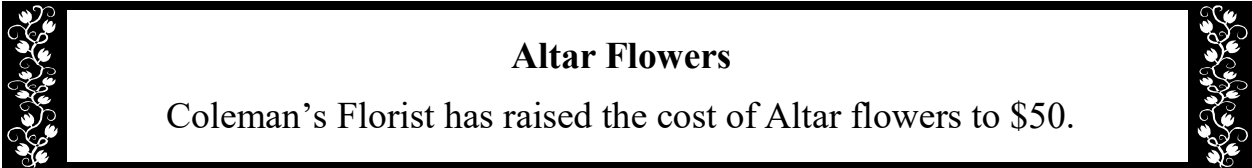
Worship Technology Meeting on Zoom
Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m.

We will be selecting a laptop and web camera to order. If you’d like to join this ad hoc committee of 4 people and attend let Mother Julie know!



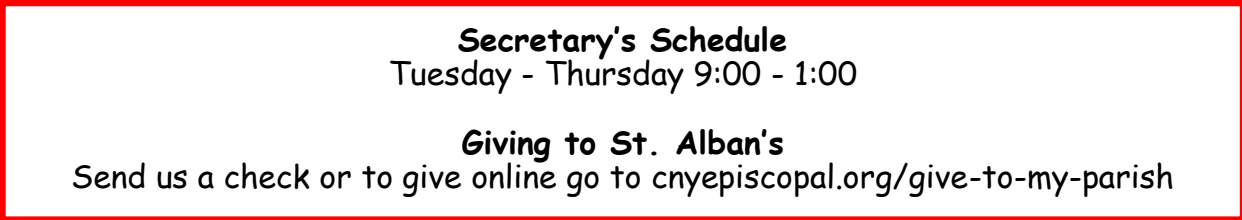
Thank you Dorothy White!

*for your time and talent in making pillow cases
and delivering them to area memory care units.
Nottingham Memory Care Unit received 25 pillow cases.
Loretto received 100 pillow cases and 4 throw quilts.*



Altar Flowers

Coleman’s Florist has raised the cost of Altar flowers to \$50.



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



On February 2 Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow. According to tradition this means six more weeks of winter.



Super Bowl Sunday, this year on February 12, has become a tradition for many people to get together and watch the game with friends and family. There will be parties at private homes or at a favorite tavern, with chicken wings, pizza, a hearty chili, and beverage of choice. Not a football fan, don't worry. The commercials and half time show will sure to be entertaining. So settle down on the couch or a favorite chair and flip on the TV. Enjoy the day!!



Come to the Mardi Gras Party!

Sunday, February 19
after the Service

Decadent Desserts and more



February 14

God's Valentine gift of love to us was not a bunch of flowers;
it wasn't candy, or a book to while away the hours.

God gave us sweet salvation, and instruction, good and true -
to love our friends and enemies and love our Savior, too.

So as we give our Valentines let's thank our Lord and King.
The reason we have love to give is that God gave everything.

February 22

Ash Wednesday marks the start of **Lent** and lasts the 46 days before Easter.

Ruler of the Night, Guarantor of the day ...

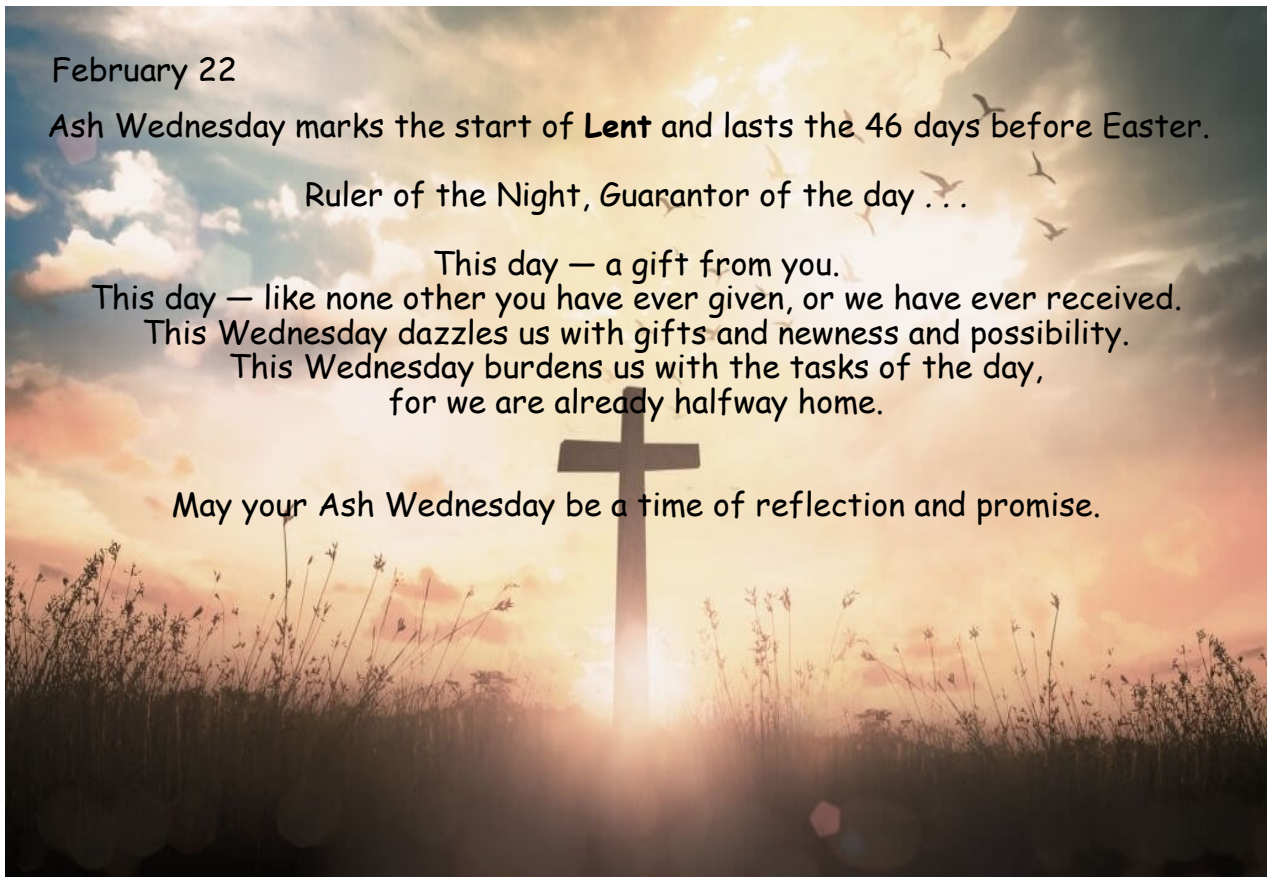
This day — a gift from you.

This day — like none other you have ever given, or we have ever received.

This Wednesday dazzles us with gifts and newness and possibility.

This Wednesday burdens us with the tasks of the day,
for we are already halfway home.

May your Ash Wednesday be a time of reflection and promise.



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

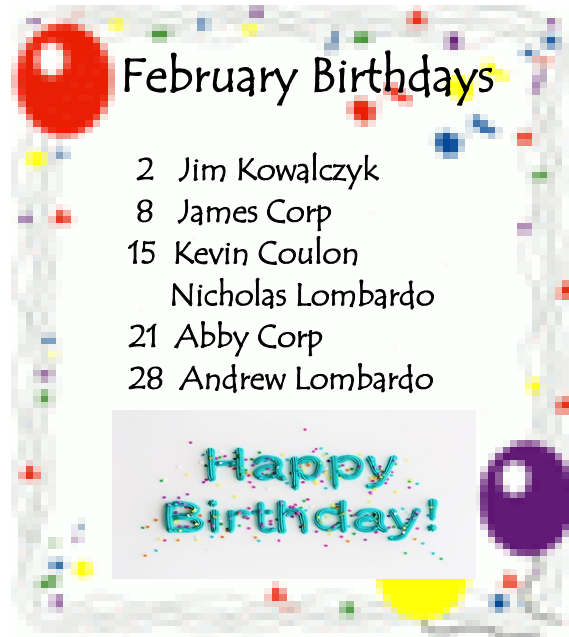
Bobbi Lombardo
Dottie White

Property Team

Steve Pekich

Spiritual Life Team

Mother Julie
Altar Guild: Bobbi
Lombardo
Music: Jan Bookhout



**Vestry meets
Tuesday,
February 21
at 6:30 p.m.
on Zoom.**

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Contacting Mother Julie

- Call the secretary during office hours.
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