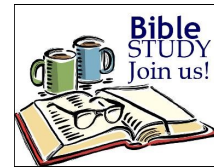


**St. Alban's Episcopal Church  
Syracuse, New York  
January News & Inspiration**

**Sunday Morning in Person and on Zoom & Facebook**

**8:30 a.m. Bible Study (not Jan. 7)  
Both In Person and on Zoom**  
\* Zoom Code and Password  
835 9000 0245 and 562087



**9:30 a.m. Holy Communion  
Spiritual Communion on Zoom and Facebook  
(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 (sign up for your turn to host!)  
January 28: Annual Meeting Continental Breakfast**

**Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study:  
In Person at Emmanuel and on Zoom (repeated on Sunday)**

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

**Confirmation**

Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe will be with us on May 12 for confirmation. In order to begin planning the preparation for those who wish to be confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church Mother Julie needs to know now who else is interested so she can determine a schedule that works for everyone. One possibility is a hybrid Zoom session on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in her office.

This will be an East Side Episcopalians service. Other parishes from the Syracuse East District may be participating in the service as well.



## **ANNUAL MEETING IS JANUARY 28**

### Nominations

Warden for 3 Year Term (Junior, Senior, Emerita) - Gina Odell

2 Vestry Members for 3 Year Terms - Bobbi Lombardo and  
Wendy Wickenden

Additional nominations must be received in writing by January 21  
according to our by-laws.

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with Rector's Annual Address  
10:30 a.m. Opening Prayers, Treasurer's Report, and  
Opening of the Polls in the church

Break for Continental Breakfast provided by the Vestry.

11:15 ish Presentations and Reports

### **A Note from Mother Julie**

Testing positive for Covid in the wee hours of Christmas morning certainly upended my plans. Then Brian tested positive. After isolating for 7 days in my bedroom to protect our three adult children it was great to test negative! This first week of January I'm working from home.

So many families had plans upended by illness this Christmas. At the December 31 East Side Episcopalians service at St. David's there were twelve of us from St. Alban's on Zoom: 6 had Covid and 1 Zoomed in from his hospital bed, 2 were recovering from cancer treatment and 1 also had pneumonia and bronchitis. It was the first time I was on Zoom as part of our Zoom congregation and it was such a lift to see and chat with everyone before and after the service! This is why Zoom will always be an option for worship at St. Alban's. It has been a lifeline.

This year we're doing something new; we're nominating a member of the Zoom congregation for Vestry: Wendy Wickenden. Through Zoom Wendy is able to be present each week for Sunday worship, Tuesday Morning Prayer, Wednesday Bible Study, and many Thursday evening programs. She's one of our most active members. Since Vestry members prefer to meet on Zoom this is a win-win for all.

**From Mother Julie**

Many, many thanks to everyone who sent me Christmas cards and gifts. Some are still in my office waiting for me to open them on Christmas Day, as is my custom. I am so blessed to be your Rector!

**Many Thanks To:**

Altar Guild Chair Bobbi Lombardo and members Carolyn Bashaw, Kathleen Eckermann, Sue Grosso, Gelene Lewis, Dottie White, Kiki White, and all who stayed after church the morning of December 24 to decorate the church so beautifully for Christmas.

Cynthia Bromka-Skafidas and Jan and Bert Bookhout for the joyful Christmas Eve music.

Steve Pekich for serving us so well as Property Team Leader. We keep him very busy! Thank you also to Steve for delivering our Giving Tree donations.

New secretary Lisa Wojtaszek for cheerfully surviving her first Advent and Christmas bulletin marathon for both churches. Next up: the Annual Report.

Fred Wilson for yet another year's faithful service as our financial secretary.

Kathleen for a year of clearly written reports to the Vestry and producing the 2024 budget document.

Kate Bell and Bobbi Lombardo for conducting the 2022 audit and Kate for writing up the report for the diocese.

Donald Money and Teddy Morris for volunteering to become altar servers and to Donnie Keefe for training them.



**Coffee Hour**

Next time you're at the store pick up a package of cookies, cheese and crackers, or a cold beverage to share at coffee hour.  
Thank you!

## Winter Mission Project

January through March we will be collecting food for the 25+ pantries coordinated by InterFaith Works. Many of these pantries are in food desert areas. Please place items on the first pew in the church.

## CALENDAR

Jan. 11 - Second Thursday Dinner & Healing with Eucharist, 6-8 p.m.  
Jan. 16 - Vestry meets at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.  
Jan. 18 at noon - Annual Reports due to Lisa  
Jan. 25 - Rule of Life meeting on Zoom at 6:00 p.m.  
Jan. 28 - Annual Meeting, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### **EVERY TUESDAY - Morning Prayer at 10 a.m. on Zoom.**

Codes: 849 7442 6644 & 031228

### **EVERY WEDNESDAY - Bible Study at 2 p.m. on Zoom.**

Codes: 840 0349 8213 and 586548

### **Second Thursday is January 11**

6:00 p.m. Dinner (\$7) Please sign up!  
7:00 p.m. Healing & Holy Eucharist



### **Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp, and Joyous Events**

Something New: If you wish to celebrate a joyous event you are invited to bring a single flower to place on the altar. Vases are available if needed.

Altar Flowers: Until informed otherwise, flowers from Coleman's are \$60 for 2 vases. The new sign up sheet allows you to ask if someone wants to share the cost.

Sanctuary Lamp: The candle burns from Sunday to Sunday and is on the wall in front of the ambry on the left side of the altar. A \$10 donation is requested. Please see the sign up sheet.



## Ecumenical Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Monday, January 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Living Water Church of God  
121 Huron Street, Syracuse

Carpool with Mother Julie at 5:30 p.m. from St. Alban's.

**January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity!**

BEFORE THE SERVICE IN THE CHANCEL



### WINTER TIME SAFETY TIP!

If there's a fire hydrant near your house,  
please help keep it accessible.

1. Remove all snow and ice from it.
2. Clear a wide enough perimeter around the hydrant (about 3 feet) to allow firefighters to work.
3. Clear a path from the hydrant to the street.



### Do you wish you had a little more computer "Know-How?"

Literacy CNY is holding FREE Computer Training at the East Syracuse Free Library on Wednesday afternoons. You can either "drop in" from 3:30-5:00 or make an appointment for 5:00-6:30. Subjects covered include Basic Computer Skills, Online Accounts and Applications, and Resumes/Job Search Skills.

The Library is located at 4990 James Street in East Syracuse.

For more information, please call the library at 315-437-4841.



## **St. Alban's Leaders**

**Rector:** The Rev. Julie E.  
Calhoun-Bryant

### **Wardens**

Senior: Gelene Lewis  
Junior: Mary "Kiki" White  
Emerita: Margo Kowalczyk

### **Vestry Members**

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

Kate Bell, Vestry Clerk

### **Parish Secretary**

Lisa Wojtaszek

### **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



## **January Birthdays**

**5 Jimmy Grosso**  
**6 Shirley North**  
**8 Meg Houston**

### **Giving to St. Alban's**

Send us a check or to  
give online go to  
[cnyepiscopal.org/  
give-to-my-parish](http://cnyepiscopal.org/give-to-my-parish)

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Facebook: [stalbanschurchsyr](https://www.facebook.com/stalbanschurchsyr)

### Secretary's Office Hours:

Tuesday and Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Secretary's Email: [stalbans.syr@gmail.com](mailto:stalbans.syr@gmail.com)

### **Contacting Mother Julie**

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- 315-416-7133 (cell)

**Please don't leave urgent or time sensitive  
messages on the church answering machine.**