



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

**July News & Inspiration**

**Mother Julie is on vacation July 2-21.**

**Sunday Morning**

**July 3, 10, and 17**

**9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer In Person and on Zoom  
Led by Steve Pekich  
(To use your phone for Zoom, dial 1-646-558-8656)**  
\* Zoom Code and Password  
826 9515 6305 and 446765

**July 24 and 31**

**9:30 a.m. Holy Communion In Person and  
Spiritual Communion on Zoom  
(To use your phone for Zoom, dial 1-646-558-8656)**  
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826 9515 6305 and 446765

**10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour**

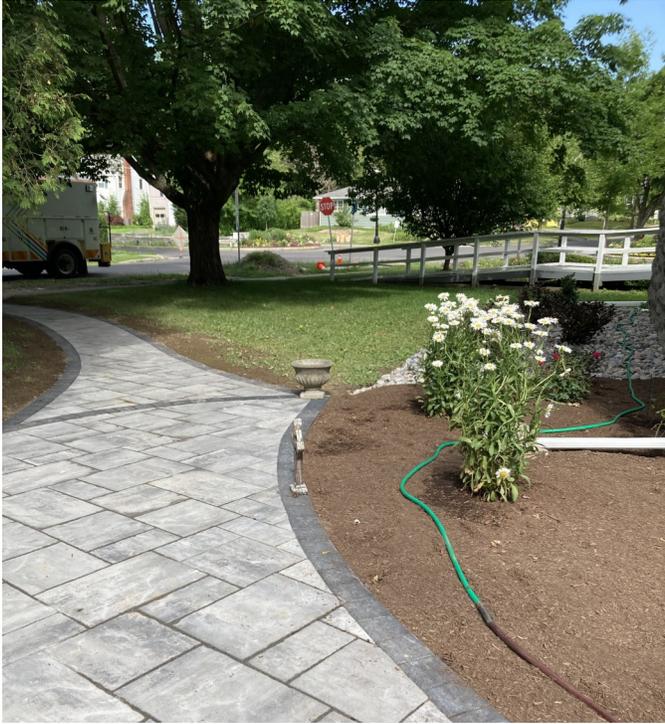
**8:30 a.m. Bible Study: July 31 only  
Both In Person and on Zoom**  
\* Zoom Code and Password  
835 9000 0245 and 562087

**Tuesday Morning on Zoom: July 26 only**

**10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer**  
\* Zoom Code and Password:  
824 6993 1403 and 680299

**Wednesday Afternoon on Zoom: July 27 only**

**2:00 p.m. Bible Study (repeated on Sunday)  
In person at Emmanuel, East Syracuse**  
\* Zoom Code and Password  
840 0349 8213 and 586548



**Our Transformed  
Memorial  
Garden**





Memorial  
Garden  
as it was  
before the  
transformation.

We Welcome to St. Alban's

Anthony Necerato (Neck-erato) and Evan Reiter!

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Thank you!

To Kate Bell for providing her voice and guitar to lead the music during the Eucharist before the CNY Pride parade, which was celebrated by Bishop Duncan-Probe, and also during the parade. And to Grace Joseph and Meg Houston for accompanying me in the parade behind our Episcopal Diocese banner. A joyful and festive day was shared by many!

To Margo Kowalczyk for volunteering to be trained as an altar server and Anthony Necerato for volunteering to be a reader.

To Kiki White, Meg Houston, and Steve Pekich for doing the 2020 parish audit.

To Steve Pekich and David Wiediger for mowing the lawn each week and for setting up the hose to water the new plants in the Memorial Garden.

To Carolyn Bashaw for watering the plants twice daily and providing the funds for Hunter Springs to do a monthly spruce up of the garden.

To Kate Bell for answering an alarm at the church at 1:00 in the morning when the water fountain sprung a leak. Also to Steve Pekich for having it repaired.

To all who donated to the Buffalo shooting victims fund. We raised \$455, which was donated to [nationalcompassion.org](http://nationalcompassion.org), where 100% of donations are given to the victims. The fund was recommended on [Syracuse.com](http://Syracuse.com).

Ian and Alex Wilson moving  
into their new home.



Emera Bridger Wilson  
Ian and Alex Wilson  
921 High Street  
Marquette, MI 49855



Thank you to all who have given donations  
to the Mission Fund and the Memorial  
Fund! Each fund now has a bit over \$4200.  
If you would like to make an extra donation  
to the church the operating fund is the place  
where it's most needed.

## Priestly Ponderings

8 bulletins, 3 homilies, 2 newsletters and then vacation! We all have the work God has given us to do and I am most thankful for the people in my two parishes. You are truly special and I will miss seeing you the first three weekends in July. July 5-10 Brian and I have rented a house two blocks from the beach in Cape May, New Jersey. July 13 is my nephew's 18th birthday, so we will be at the family party in Elmira and the next day take him to Sea Breeze amusement and water park. The third week my younger brother will be with us for a bit of respite. We'll go to the movies (wearing masks!), Fair Haven beach, and other fun places. Vacation will be a time to reconnect with family, relax and have fun, weed the gardens, and finish unpacking the garage.

While I am away I'd like you to ponder where it is that you meet God. During the spring the Thursday night book study group has been contemplating how to live the Christian life with more intention. In August we'll be talking about what that might look like, resulting in an invitation to intentional living sometime in September that will include prayer, study, physical activity, and acts of love. The shape is yet to be determined and participation will be possible for those who need to join through Zoom. The study portion will be available to anyone, whether or not you are participating in the larger group. I will be praying about it and having conversations with you when I return. For St. Alban's people it can be a way to reconnect and reenergize after two and a half years of isolating pandemic life. For Emmanuel people it can be a way of journeying forward together on a spiritual quest as we continue to get to know one another more fully. Both parishes have a maturity of faith that excites and energizes me. I look forward to returning to you rested and renewed.

Yours in Christ,  
Mother Julie+



## The Fourth of July is the Birthday of our Nation.

Today, we enjoy the benefits of the freedom which the framers of the Constitution signed and fought for, giving us this special day.

Today we celebrate with fireworks, parades, family picnics and the never ending baseball games.

Fire up those grills and have a wonderful summer!!!!



## National Strawberry Sundae Day is July 7



When you get the urge for a snack on a hot, humid summer night, what's the first thing that comes to your mind? That's right....Ice Cream! Therefore, it's only fitting that ice cream be given it's own special day. On this day, we hope you enjoy an ice cream cone, a sundae, or a milk shake.



## National Give Something Away Day and Cheer up Someone Lonely: July 15



Be a giver! It encourages us to help others and brighten up their day through the simple act of giving. It is an opportunity to make a lonely person happy.

Lonely people may have lost loved ones over the years. They may be elderly. They may see people on an infrequent basis. So a visit from a friendly face is a perfect way to cheer someone up.

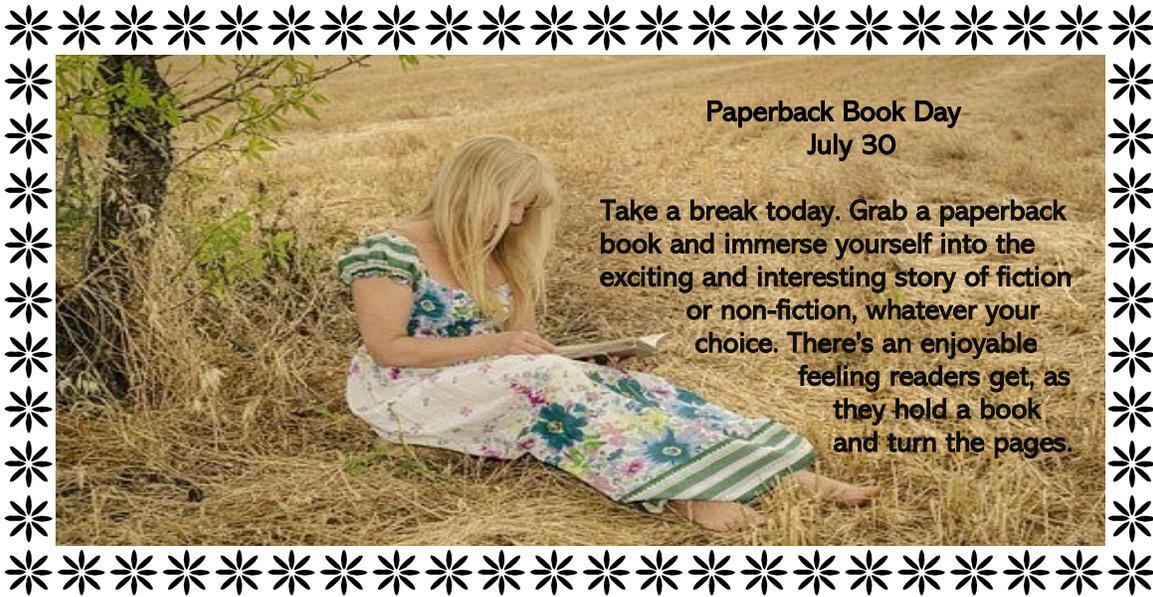
This is a perfect way to de-clutter. Clean out a closet, or drawer. Look around your attic, basement, garage, and shed for things you just don't use or need anymore. If you haven't seen or used an item in over a year, chances are you'll never need it again and certainly won't miss it. It's important that the items are in good condition and will be appreciated by the recipient.

## HAPPY PARENT'S DAY

July 24

This is a special day to honor your mother and father.

Today is not a day of gift giving. That's for Mother's Day and Father's Day. The best way to mark this day is by spending time with your parents doing something fun. Its also important that you let them how much they are loved and appreciated.



Paperback Book Day  
July 30

Take a break today. Grab a paperback book and immerse yourself into the exciting and interesting story of fiction or non-fiction, whatever your choice. There's an enjoyable feeling readers get, as they hold a book and turn the pages.

### InterFaith Works' Summer Food Drive June - September

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

The service is taped on Saturday evenings at Emmanuel and posted on our website for Sunday morning worship.  
Mother Julie also serves at Emmanuel in East Syracuse.

**stalbansyracuse.org**  
Click on Pics & Vids

**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)

### St. Alban's Leadership

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

#### Wardens

Senior: Margo Kowalczyk  
Junior: Gelene Lewis  
Emeritus: Bert Bookhout

#### Vestry Members

Jan Bookhout  
Meg Houston  
Steve Pekich  
Gina Odell  
Terri Tighe  
Mary "Kiki" White

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  
Music: Jan Bookhout

## July Birthdays

**9** Mary White  
Emily Corp  
**13** Steve Pekich  
**16** David Joseph  
**18** Ham White  
**30** Pearl Fisher

**Aug. 1** Dottie White

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#### Contacting Mother Julie

- Call the secretary during office hours.
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**Please don't leave urgent or time sensitive messages on the church answering machine.**