

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

June News & Inspiration

Sunday Morning

8:30 a.m.

**Bible Study (not June 5)
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

10:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer

* Zoom Code and Password:
824 6993 1403 and 680299

Wednesday Afternoon on Zoom

2:00 p.m.

**Bible Study (repeated on Sunday)
In person at Emmanuel, East Syracuse**

* Zoom Code and Password
840 0349 8213 and 586548

CNY PRIDE 2022 FESTIVAL & PARADE is June 25

10 am: Episcopal Holy Eucharist

11 am: Parade down Solar Street

11am-5pm: Entertainment, Activities for youth & families, Food Vendors

Inner Harbor, Syracuse, NY

FREE

CNY PRIDE Festival & Parade is an inclusive, family friendly event celebrating our LGBTQIA2S+ community and allies.

Priestly Ponderings

Since Father Dan Handschy, the Rector of St. David's in DeWitt, is preaching on Pentecost I thought I would use this space as my platform.

Pentecost is one of the four major feast days of the Church. (The others are Christmas, Easter, and All Saints' Day.) If you've ever wondered about or struggled with God's timing, God's timing of the events of Pentecost was genius! It was a major Jewish festival for which people from many lands would travel to Jerusalem to celebrate. The Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot) was primarily a thanksgiving for the first fruits of the wheat harvest, but it was later associated with a remembrance of the Law given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai. During the feast, 50 days after Jesus' resurrection and 10 days after his ascension into heaven, about 120 of Jesus' disciples were gathered together. Suddenly there was the sound of a mighty wind as the Holy Spirit descended on them and something resembling flames of fire appeared over each person's head. Each was given the ability to speak in a foreign language that they had never spoken before. Buoyed by the energy and power of the bestowal of the Holy Spirit the 120 disciples went out into the streets of Jerusalem and proclaimed the good news of Jesus Christ to the visitors from many lands, in whose languages they now were able to speak. What happened when the pilgrims went home? They brought the Gospel home with them as they discussed with their family and friends the events of the day.

What was the content of the message they brought home with them? Acts 2, which tells the story of Pentecost, continues with the good news Peter preached to the gathered crowds. He first quotes the prophet Joel to explain what has happened: In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh. Peter goes on to say, "Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law [the Romans]. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ... This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both see and hear. ... Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Those who responded with faith asked Peter what they must do. Peter answered, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." After many other testaments and arguments about 3000 people responded in faith and were baptized. And the Church was born.

God's timing was carefully planned. Had the 120 disciples received the Holy Spirit in private and not been propelled out into the crowded streets of Jerusalem, well, they would have had a choice about whether or not to share what had just happened to them. God made sure there was no choice. The Holy Spirit descended on those first disciples to equip them for mission and ministry. Through the power of the Holy Spirit Jesus is present with us always; Jesus' teachings are remembered; we are guided on God's path for our parish; we are upheld and strengthened; our hearts are stirred and we are empowered to go forth boldly into God's world. Our parishes exist to 1) worship God, 2) nurture and equip its members, so that 3) we may go out and share the good news of Jesus Christ with acts of love and mercy. We are partners with God.

Mother Julie+

Special Events in June

June 5 is Pentecost!

The East Side Episcopalian churches will gather at St. Alban's for a celebration of Pentecost.

St. David's Choir will Sing
Festive Coffee Hour to Follow

Wear red, the color of the Holy Spirit.

Parish Dinner and Healing Service Tuesday, June 14

Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. (Cost is \$5)
Service of Healing and Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.

Lasagna, salad, bread and coffee/tea are provided.
Please email Mother Julie or sign up at the church by Sunday, June 12.

Sunday, June 26

Farewell to Emera Bridger Wilson, Ian and Alex Wilson

Dedication of the Refurbished Memorial Garden
A Gift to St. Alban's from Carolyn Bashaw

During the service we will bless the Wilsons for their journey.
At the close of the service we'll process to the Memorial Garden.
After the dedication we will join the Wilsons for coffee hour.

The Wilsons are moving to Marquette, Michigan.
Emera will be the Collection Management Librarian at
Northern Michigan University.

June 19

To all Fathers, Stepfathers,
Grandfathers, and Great-Grandfathers:

HAPPY ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Father's
DAY

Summer Solstice

June 21, 2022

Summer Solstice is the longest day of the year and the start of summer.

It's time to enjoy vacations, great weather, pools, baseball games, and everything else that goes along with the favorite season of kids and many adults. Grab your favorite beverage, fire up the grill, and enjoy the season, because for many of us it is all too short.

Today's Quote: "If summer had one defining scent, it'd definitely be the smell of barbecue." - Katie Lee



June 23 Is Let It Go Day!!!

Got something that's bothering you? Perhaps it's been this way for a long time. Today is the perfect opportunity to shed your worries and concerns. Today is the time to free yourself and shed those problems and regrets from your mind and soul. Just let it go. Go ahead, give it a try. When you do, you will be so relieved. You'll find peace, comfort and contentment. Whatever it is let it go!!!



June Is National Rose Month

Roses have a long and colorful history. They have symbolized love, beauty, war and politics throughout centuries.

Some Rose Trivia

- The world's oldest living rose is believed to be 1,000 years old.
- There are over 100 species of the Rose.
- Roses have prickles, not thorns.
- There are over 4,000 songs dedicated to roses.
- Wild roses only blossom once a year.
- Although roses can come in a wide variety of colors, a "black rose" is not actually black, it is a very dark red.
- In 1986 the rose also became the floral emblem of the United States.

Why go to Church?

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote: I've gone for 30 years now and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher. "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are Down to nothing, God is Up to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment! If you cannot see God in all, you cannot see God at all!

**BIBLE SIMPLY MEANS.
Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth**

The service of Holy Eucharist is taped on Saturday evenings at Emmanuel and posted on our website. 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

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

June Birthdays

15 Phobe Swope-Askeland
18 Ian Wilson
24 Terri Tighe

Happy Birthday



Vestry meets
Tuesday,
June 21
at 6:00 p.m.
on Zoom.

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Contacting Mother Julie

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