

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

**April News & Inspiration**

**Sunday Morning**

**April 10 is Palm Sunday  
April 17 is Easter Day  
April 24 is the Bishop's Visitation**

**8:30 a.m. Bible Study on April 3 and 10 only  
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 (not April 27)**

**2:00 p.m. Bible Study (repeated on Sunday)  
In person at Emmanuel, East Syracuse**

\* Zoom Code and Password  
840 0349 8213 and 586548

**Thursday Evening on Zoom**

**6:00 p.m. Eat and Chat  
6:30 p.m. Book Study on Jesus, by Marcus Borg**

\* Zoom Code and Password  
861 7759 3272 and 295096



## Holy Week is April 10-15



Palm Sunday  
Blessing of the Palms and Reading of the Passion

Holy Tuesday: Morning Prayer on Zoom at 10:00 a.m. (Codes on front page)  
Holy Wednesday: Holy Eucharist at Emmanuel at 3:00 p.m.



Maundy Thursday  
East Side Episcopalians at Emmanuel  
6:00 p.m. Lamb and Chicken Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, with stripping of the altar

Good Friday  
Service from The Book of Common Prayer at Noon  
In person at St. Alban's and on Zoom

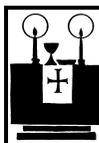


## EASTER WORSHIP



April 16 at 5:00 p.m. at Emmanuel  
The First Service of Easter  
With Organist Erick Kroll and Trumpeter Bert Bookhout

April 17 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Alban's and on Zoom  
Easter Morning Service  
With Organist Cynthia Bromka-Skafidas,  
Trumpeter Bert Bookhout and Janelle Bookhout on Oboe

 Altar Guild	Clean and Shine Saturday at 10:00 a.m.	Easter Flower Forms are due by April 10. Suggested donation is \$20.
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## Mother Julie's Vacation

Mother Julie will be off on Tuesday, April 19.  
She will Zoom Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. from home.

"Vacation" to unpack and set up the new house: April 25-May 2

## Priestly Ponderings: Finding Favor with God

Tuesday morning our Morning Prayer lessons were from The Annunciation of Our Lord. It was the angel Gabriel who did the announcing and it was Mary to whom the annunciation was made: Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. A fearful and puzzled Mary asks how this will happen, and then accepts God's will.

Other than the fact that Mary was likely a girl of 12-14 years old and betrothed to Joseph we know nothing else about her - except for one important thing. Mary had "found favor with God." Her faith must have been strong and she must have been a determined young woman, both qualities necessary for what she was asked to do. As an observant Jew her day would have begun and ended with a recitation of the shemah:

Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. 6 Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. 7 Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. 8 Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, 9 and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Mary lived this prayer, and, having said Yes to God, she would need to live it in order to accomplish what God had laid before her. As the *Theotokos*, the God Bearer, we honor Mary as the chief of all saints. Rarely does someone's Yes to God change the entire world forever.

Because Mary said Yes to God we too "have found favor with God" through Mary's son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As the son of observant Jews Jesus would have grown up saying the shema twice a day. He too took this prayer to heart and found favor with God. At his baptism God's annunciation was that he was his beloved Son. Like Mary, Jesus was obedient to God's call. During the great drama of Holy Week we will walk with Jesus as he enters into the capitol city of Jerusalem in the manner of a Jewish king - in a land occupied by Rome. He will perform the prophetic act of denouncing the Temple leaders and driving both humans and livestock out of the Temple. He will preach; he will heal; he will come out on top every time the authorities try to question him and trap him into saying the wrong thing. He will give us the sacrament of his most precious Body and Blood, he will be viciously whipped, and he will die an agonizing death on a cross. All this happened because he said Yes to God. God then vindicated him by raising him from the dead and restoring him to his former glory.

As we head into the end of Lent and Holy Week we might wonder if we have found favor with God. If you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior and put your whole trust in his grace and love you have found favor with God. Now live into that life of grace and love by trusting only in God and not in yourself or in someone or something else. Live into that life of grace and love by beginning and ending each day with prayer, as Mary and Jesus did. Live into that life of grace and love by sharing the love of God in Jesus Christ with those around you and with the world. How have you helped your neighbor, both locally and in Ukraine?

We follow a crucified and risen Lord. With the hosannas of Palm Sunday and the pounding of the nails on Good Friday ringing in our ears, let us greet with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection.

- Mother Julie+

## April's Food Ministries

**Lenten Food Drive ends on Easter Morning**  
Items will be given to InterFaith Works' 20 Pantries



Pasta  
Canned Fruits  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Dried or Canned Beans  
Canned Vegetables  
Canned Soup  
Boxed Macaroni & Cheese

Canned Tuna or Chicken  
Vegetable Oil  
Oatmeal  
Cereal  
Walnuts/Almonds  
Juice  
Flour  
Rice  
Shelf Stable Milk



### Martha's Kitchen is Cooking On

Saturday, April 2 at 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, April 19 at 1:00 p.m. if enough people

Help prepare quality food for the hungry!

### April's Guest Musicians

April 3: Cornelia Brewster on Flute  
Joyce Chen on Flute  
Janelle Bookhout on Flute

April 17: Bert Bookhout on Trumpet  
Janelle Bookhout on Oboe

April 24: St. Alban's Quartet: Cornelia on Flute, Bert on Fluglehorn  
Janelle on Oboe, and Frank Grosso on Bass Clarinet

### CONFIRMATION SERVICE

On April 24 The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe will be with us to confirm Donnie and receive Terri into The Episcopal Church. St. Alban's Quartet will play during the service and a festive coffee hour will follow.



You are invited to **wear red**, the color of the Holy Spirit, in celebration.

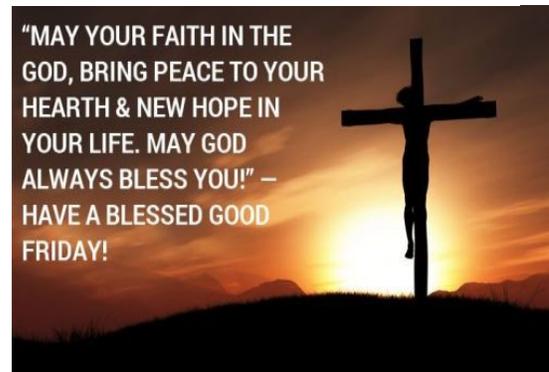
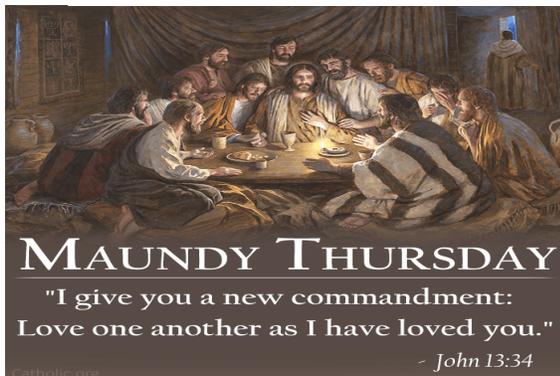


## Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday

Palm Sunday is a moveable feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week, when Jesus triumphantly entered Jerusalem. Maundy Thursday is the day which commemorates Jesus Christ's institution of the Eucharist during the Last Supper.

On Good Friday, Jesus Christ died on the cross for us.

He then arose from the dead on Easter Sunday morning, Alleluia!





Almighty God, your dear Son did not ascend to joy until he first suffered pain, and did not enter into glory before he was crucified. Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it as the true way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**



Easter is the day of Jesus and a day for all humanity. We rejoice because Jesus lives again and comes into our lives. Jesus, you supper with us, all together, we drink, we eat, we dance; you teach us patience, you teach us faith, with these we could be anyone with your grace.



## Secretary's Day is April 20!

**2022 Employee Appreciation Days,  
Weeks & Months for Your Industry**



Everyone is invited to participate in bringing our newsletter to life. If you have an article, idea, event, organization or any other relevant topic of interest, please let us know. This is everyone's newsletter, we welcome your participation. The deadline for any upcoming events is the 15th of the month. Thank you for your cooperation in meeting this deadline.

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

[stalbansyracuse.org](http://stalbansyracuse.org)  
Click on Pics & Vids

Last year the children of our part of Scott Avenue had a neighborhood Easter Egg hunt. If they are planning one again would you volunteer to help St. Alban's join them? Let Mother Julie know if you can.

**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

### Sunday School Teacher

Shelby Calhoun

### 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

## April Birthdays

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**



**Vestry meets  
Wednesday,  
April 20  
at 6:00 p.m.  
on Zoom.**

## St. Alban's Episcopal Church

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or go to St. Albans Church Syracuse.

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

### 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.**