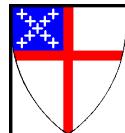


# St. Alban's Episcopal Church

## Syracuse, New York

### February News & Inspiration

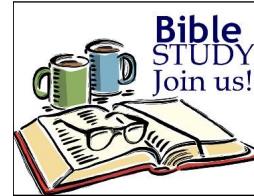


#### Sunday Morning

**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**

\* 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)**

\* Zoom Code and Password  
840 0349 8213 and 586548

#### Thursday Evening on Zoom

**6:00 p.m.**

##### **Eat and Chat**

**6:30 p.m.**

##### **Mother Julie's Class**

Feb. 3: Grace  
Feb. 10: Forgiveness  
Feb. 17: Redemption  
Feb. 24: Group's Choice

\* Zoom Code and Password  
861 7759 3272 and 295096

## **It's Finally Happened - Mother Julie's family has moved to**

104 Single Drive  
North Syracuse, NY 13212-2132

We no longer have a land line. The 673-1728 number has been disconnected.

As we were chatting before Morning Prayer this morning someone mentioned to me that a lot has happened since we made the decision to move. That made me think about when I told my poor husband last August that I wanted to put the house on the market in October so that it would be sold before I began as Priest In Charge at Emmanuel on January 1. He thought I had lost my senses. He had a major project at work at SU and the semester was about to start. I told him it could be done and began getting the house ready to sell. The tricky part was the timing because the housing market is so hot, so I did what I always do, I talked to Jesus about it. On a Monday morning in mid-October I was enjoying my usual prayer time when Jesus told me it was time to look for a new home. I called Brian to tell him and then went on the real estate site Zillow.com. On December 2 we had a contract to purchase the old house. On December 17 we closed on our new home and began painting. On January 27 we moved into it. This Friday we'll close on the old one. Months of exhausting work are coming to an end. Yay!

Even among the piles of boxes we can see how much better the new house will accommodate two married couples and our younger son. Sunday evening Russell and Shelby were watching the football game and eating dinner in their living room, while I collapsed into a chair in our quiet living room after leading the Annual Meeting and then packing up the kitchen and pantry at the old house. This morning Shelby and I didn't have to negotiate bathroom schedules because the "kids" have a separate bathroom. The dining room is no longer Shelby's space to do her OCC homework. She has an office that will double as their guest room.

This journey has been a testimony to the power of prayer. The prayers you have added to my own made all of this possible. My heart is full of gratitude to Jesus, for the prayer support my family has received from our St. Alban's family, and to Kate Bell for packing up my grandmother's china, Czech crystal, and the rest of the dining room. (She told me after that she was praying as she packed it up!) Every time I asked Jesus to send us help it came. (Thanks Margo for recommending Jesko Junk. He even took the old half-full paint cans.) In the spring we will invite you all to an open house. By then we can put the dogs in a newly fenced in back yard.

Here's to a new year together!  
Mother Julie+

## **February 2 is The Feast of the Presentation of our Lord (also known as Candlemas)**

Candlemas is the last holiday linked to the Christmas season. Candlemas is a celebration of the Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple and also the Feast of Purification of the Virgin Mary after giving birth. Many parishes hold a blessing of candles on this day. Candles represent Jesus Christ as the light of the world. According to tradition:

If Candlemas be fair and bright,  
Winter has another flight.  
If Candlemas brings clouds and rain,  
Winter will not come again.

### **February 2 is also Ground Hog Day**



The origin of Presidents' Day lies in the 1880s, when the birthday of Washington - commander of the Continental Army during American Revolution and the first president of the United States - was first celebrated as a federal holiday. In 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Bill, which moved a number of federal holidays to Mondays. The change was designed to schedule certain holidays so that workers had a number of long weekends throughout the year.

Though often associated with Lincoln's birthday on February 12, in many states it never became a designated holiday. The official name for the federal holiday is Washington's Birthday.



## Super Bowl Sunday

FEB 13, 2022 6:30PM

Cincinnati Bengals  
Vs.  
Los Angeles Rams

Remember when.....

The Miami Dolphins defeated the Washington Redskins in Superbowl VII to become the first undefeated team in NFL history. (1973)



February 14

## A Day For Everyone!

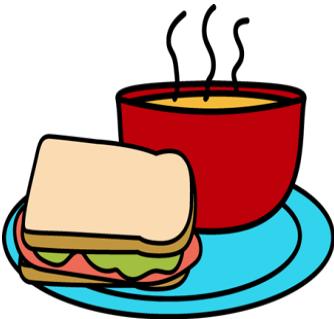
Poet: Julie Hebert

A day to avoid? Or one to look forward too?  
I suppose that's up to you.  
Valentines day can be perfect for those in love,  
But those still looking, prefer to discontinue.

But not all have such a dark look on life,  
And Valentines Day as well.  
Some choose to rejoice in their wealth,  
Love surrounds them like a carousel.

For the mothers and fathers and siblings alike,  
The best friends and co-workers too.  
Valentine's Day is a day to share all your love,  
So please let us not misconstrue.

In life we have to decide who we are,  
A person who shares love, or one who doesn't  
Life is too short to be hidden away,  
Spread the love to all within earshot!



### **Martha's Kitchen is Cooking On**

Saturday, February 5 at 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, February 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Help prepare quality food for the hungry!

### **Welcome New Vestry Members!**

At the Annual Meeting on January 30 the following people were elected:

Warden: Gelene Lewis  
Vestry, 3 years: Steve Pekich

Vestry, 3 Years: Terri Tighe  
Vestry, 1 Year: Jan Bookhout

### **Bishop's Visit is April 24**

The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe will be with us the Sunday after Easter to confirm and receive Donnie, Tendai and Terri. If you would like to be confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church please let me know.

She also will visit Emmanuel on March 26 and there is one person there to be received. In late February and March I will be offering a Zoom class on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. If you are unable to Zoom you can join me in the office at Emmanuel. The class will be open to anyone who is interested. Details to come.

#### **Use your telephone for Zoom**

**Sunday at 9:30 am**  
**Dial 1-646-558-8656**  
When prompted Enter **826 9515 6305#**  
When prompted Enter **#**  
When prompted Enter **446765#**

That will put you in Zoom's waiting room.

#### **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)**

**Thank you!**

### **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

Margo Kowalczyk

##### Spiritual Life Team

Mother Julie  
Music: Jan Bookhout



Meets Tuesday,  
February 15 at  
7:00 p.m. on Zoom

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

#### **Contacting Mother Julie**

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