

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

July and Early August News & Inspiration

Sunday Service at St. Alban's

Note: Mother Julie is on vacation from July 2-23.

July 4, 11, 18

9:30 a.m.

**Morning Prayer In Person and on Zoom
Led by Steve Pekich**

* Zoom Code and Password
826 9515 6305 and 446765

July 25

9:30 a.m.

**Holy Communion In Person and
Spiritual Communion on Zoom**

* Zoom Code and Password
826 9515 6305 and 446765

Use your telephone for Zoom on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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 and I will let you in.

The services of Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist will be held at
11:30 a.m. on Saturday and recorded for our website.

Kate Bell will officiate & preach at the Morning Prayer services.

All are welcome!

stalbansyracuse.org

Click on Pics & Vids

Please Note

On Sunday morning David Houston records Cynthia Bromka-Skafidas' prelude and the first hymn, and then the closing hymn and postlude. These recordings are added to the service that is recorded on the following Saturday and posted on the website.

This means the music on YouTube is one week behind.

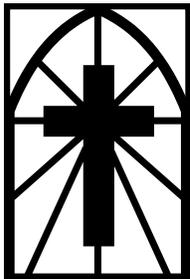
Priestly Ponderings

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." 27 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ... 31 God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

When humankind was given the task of having dominion over the earth it was not so that we could exploit it or destroy it, but so that we could be caretakers of God's creation. Creation is a source of joy and delight: "it was very good." God calls us to be good stewards of creation, to use it to our benefit while not destroying it. We did not listen and now the ravages of global warming on God's creation are undeniable and may be irreversible. Hundreds of species are dying off. In Seneca Lake a former power plant that is being used to generate crypto-currency such as bitcoin, which requires a tremendous amount of electricity, pulls 1000's of gallons out of the lake each day, uses it to cool its systems, and then returns the now heated water into Seneca Lake. The ill effects on the lake's plants and animals already are in play.

When the Bishop invited me to be a member of the Climate Crisis Team I admit that at first I wasn't all that interested. However, when one's Bishop invites you to do something it's generally wise to say yes, so I began reading [The Fragile Earth](#), a collection of climate change articles from "The New Yorker", and attended the initial meeting with the Bishop. I was quickly persuaded and now am heading a team that will host a four part series in the fall, beginning with Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe speaking on creation theology on Tuesday, September 28 in the evening. Diocesan Convention 2020 kicked off a year focused on antiracism. That work will continue on. Diocesan Convention 2021 will kick off a year focused on the climate crisis. My team's work will help to prepare us for this effort. It is our hope that the two efforts will overlap and inform one another.

As you enjoy God's creation this summer, keep in mind that God has placed it in our care.
Mother Julie+



Memorial Service for Marjorie Maynard

Saturday, July 31 at 10:00 a.m.

In person and on Zoom. Zoom codes will be sent in late July.

Mother Julie is on vacation July 2-23.

There will be no Sunday morning Bible Study until August 1.
There will be no Morning Prayer on Tuesday, July 6, 13, and 20.
Thanks to David Houston, there will be Zoom on Sunday mornings!
There is no Vestry meeting in July.



St. Alban's Memorial Garden

As you can see from the pictures, St. Alban's Memorial Garden has been ravaged by both deer and time. God has put it into the heart of Carolyn Bashaw to restore it to its former beauty. The Vestry accepted her offer to remake and maintain the garden with enthusiasm and many thanks.

Hunter Springs Landscape Artisans will "fluff up" the garden in July. On August 10 president Scott Schawlow will meet with us to present a design for the restored and redesigned garden. Scott understands well that this is sacred space and will take great care to return the earth from any plants removed from the garden. Fortunately, it is easy to distinguish ashes from soil.

Those whose loved ones' ashes are interred in the garden, those who desire their ashes to be interred there in the future, and the members of St. Alban's will be invited to make a donation to help defray the cost. Contact Mother Julie with any questions or concerns.



Martha's Kitchen

Cooking Next on

Tuesday, July 27 at 1:00 pm
Making 4 pans of Quiche & 36 Sandwiches.

Saturday, August 7 at 10:00 am
Making Pasta Sauce & 36 sandwiches.

Funding

Martha's Kitchen ministry is funded through donations to
St. Alban's Mission Fund.

Donations Needed

We only need shallow, rectangular plastic food containers (new or used).

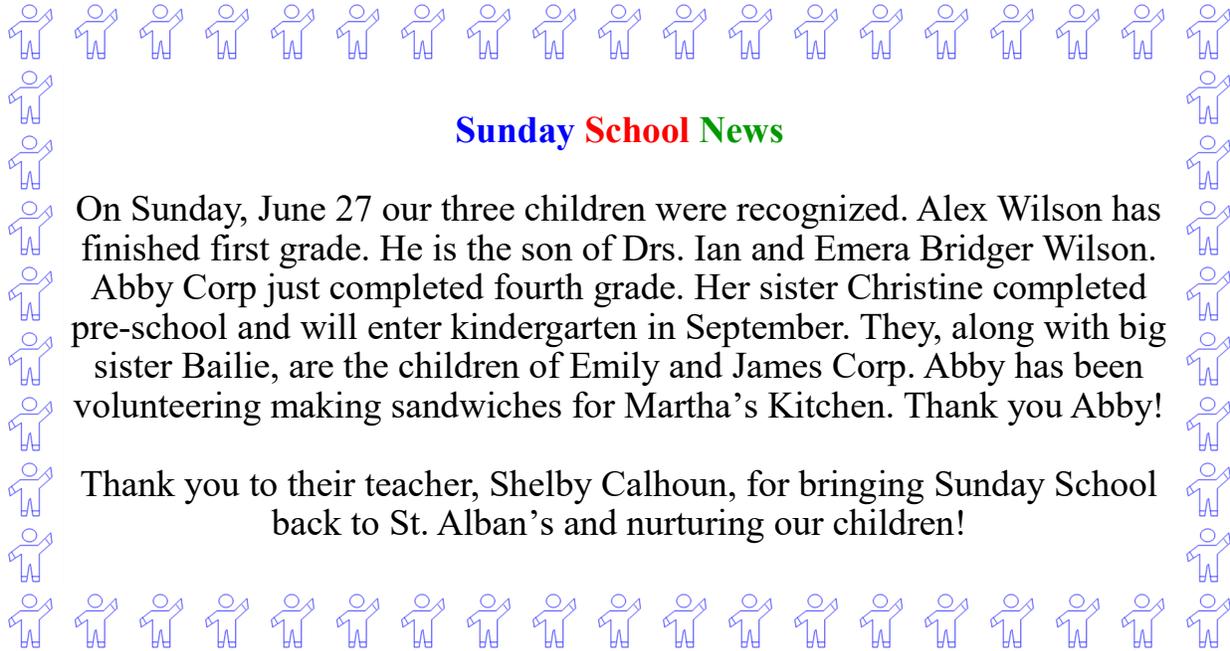


Thanks to June Volunteers

Russell Calhoun
Shelby Calhoun
Brian C-B
Mother Julie
Abby Corp
Grace Joseph
Gina Odell
Steve Pekich
David Wiediger

The food is
enjoyed by the
clients of the
Women's
Opportunity
Center,
where they are
preparing
to enter the
workforce.



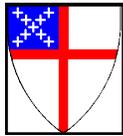


Sunday School News

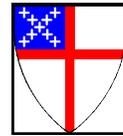
On Sunday, June 27 our three children were recognized. Alex Wilson has finished first grade. He is the son of Drs. Ian and Emera Bridger Wilson.

Abby Corp just completed fourth grade. Her sister Christine completed pre-school and will enter kindergarten in September. They, along with big sister Bailie, are the children of Emily and James Corp. Abby has been volunteering making sandwiches for Martha's Kitchen. Thank you Abby!

Thank you to their teacher, Shelby Calhoun, for bringing Sunday School back to St. Alban's and nurturing our children!



East Side Episcopalians



Save the Date!

The annual East Side Episcopalians Holy Eucharist and Picnic at the Ryder Park pavilion returns on Sunday, September 17.



Many thanks to

Rob Lombardo

for building us a picnic table.

Rob is a carpenter and cabinet maker by trade. We asked him to build it after we couldn't find a well-crafted table to purchase and he delivered!

Mask Policy

Sunday Morning Service

If you are fully vaccinated

* Masks and social distancing are optional

If you're partially vaccinated
or unvaccinated

* Masks and social distancing are required.
* Per New York State law, singing is not
permitted without masks and social distancing.

Some fully vaccinated people still want to wear masks and maintain social distance.
Please social distance from anyone wearing a mask.

All Other Times

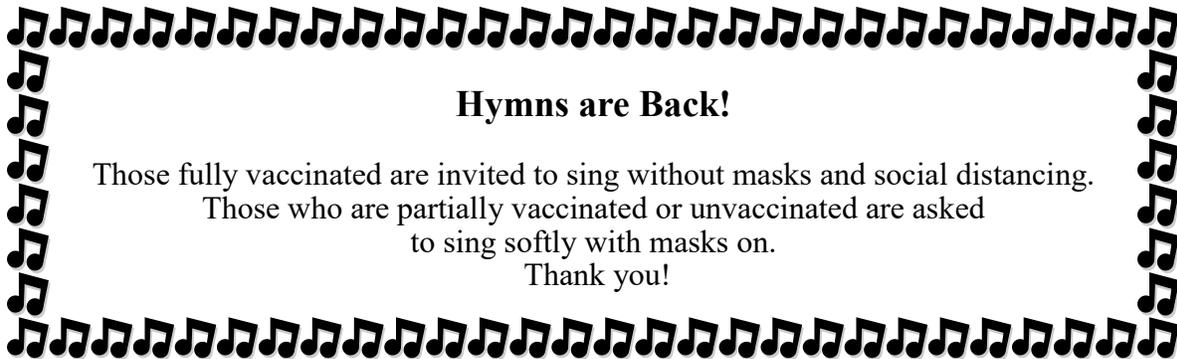
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Mother Julie and Valerie are fully vaccinated and invite those who are
fully vaccinated to remove their masks.



Hymns are Back!

Those fully vaccinated are invited to sing without masks and social distancing.
Those who are partially vaccinated or unvaccinated are asked
to sing softly with masks on.
Thank you!

Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe is allowing parishes to adopt their own COVID rules, as long as they are in agreement with NYS guidelines. The day of our Vestry meeting Governor Cuomo opened up the state. However, Mother Julie and the Vestry have chosen a middle of the road approach. If you're fully vaccinated you can stop wearing a mask and social distancing, and you can sing! If not, please continue to wear a mask and social distance. We are not changing how we receive communion (no altar rail yet) and keeping coffee hour outdoors. Mother Julie will wear a mask when she consecrates the bread and wine and will continue to intinct the wafer for you using tweezers. Please continue to enter through the ramp door, sign in, and use hand sanitizer.

Thank you!

Two More Ways to Help People in Need This Summer!



Locally 100 Items of Food

InterFaith Works is holding a food drive from July 1 - September 30 to support 20 small food pantries.

The Vestry is challenging us to donate 100 nonperishable food items. Please leave your donations in the Fellowship Room by the fireplace.

Requested Items

PASTA
CANNED FRUITS
PEANUT BUTTER
JELLY
DRIED BEANS
RICE
CANNED VEGETABLES
BOXED MAC & CHEESE
CEREAL

CANNED TUNA or CHICKEN
VEGETABLE OIL
OATMEAL
CANNED SOUP
WALNUTS/ALMONDS
JUICE
FLOUR
CANNED BEANS
SHELF STABLE MILK

Martha's Kitchen is supplied with food for the summer. Please bring items for the food drive instead.
Thank you!

Grace Joseph and Kiki White are attending an informational meeting about the food drive on July 1.

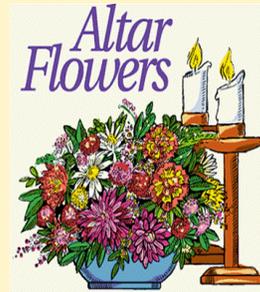
Internationally New and Gently Used Bras

Women in Africa and Central and South America sell them. One bra can feed a family for a week!

We will add our bras to those collected at the Women's Opportunity Center. Please put donations in the metal box in the Fellowship Room by the fireplace.



Please sign the list on the church door
going down to the education wing
to dedicate flowers to your loved ones
or to share a blessing.
The cost is \$30.



If anyone would like to have something put in the newsletter, please
let Mother Julie or Val know by the third Tuesday of the month.

Outdoor Coffee Hour

Sign up sheet on table in
Fellowship Room to bring
lemonade, iced tea, or something
easy to nibble on.



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 Boutique

Jan Bookhout is asking
for ideas for items she
can make for the fall
display. Contact her at

315-868-7363
or
[janellebookhout
@hotmail.com](mailto:janellebookhout@hotmail.com)

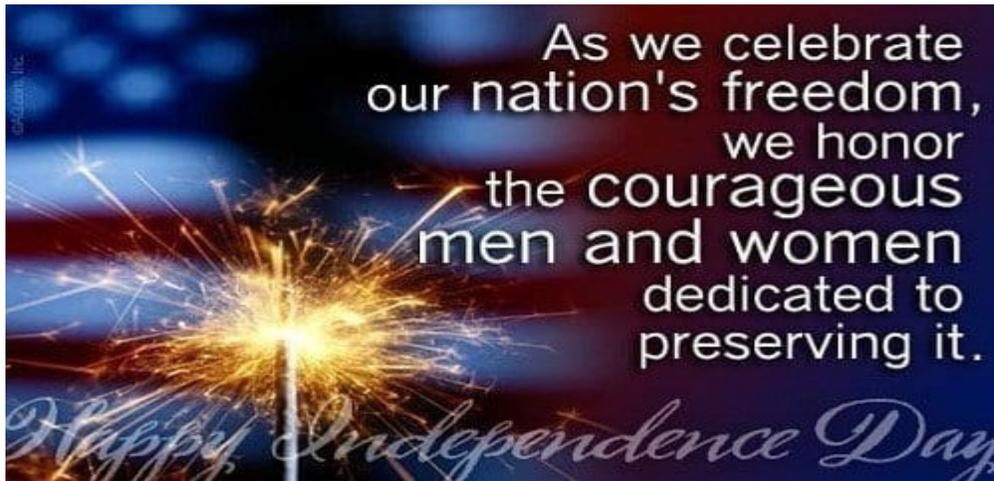
Thank you Jan!



Send a card to Jim Kowalczyk

Jim is recovering from surgery
for a fractured femur and is doing
rehab at Iroquois. He's in for a
long haul, so cards and prayers
are much appreciated.

James Kowalczyk
Iroquois Nursing Home
4600 Southwood Heights Drive
Room 223
Jamesville, NY 13078



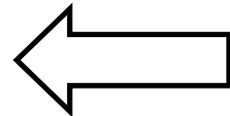
 **JULY 4, 2021**

While the daytime festival is cancelled this year the Fireworks display will take place!

**We Will Be Hosting Oceanfest Fireworks
The Evening of Sunday, July 4.**

Long
Branch
Park



**St. Alban's
Leadership**

Rector: The Rev. Julie E. Calhoun-Bryant

Wardens
Senior: Bert Bookhout
Junior: Margo Kowalczyk
Emerita: Emera Bridger Wilson

Vestry Members
Jan Bookhout
Meg Houston
Gelene Lewis
Gina Odell
Mary "Kiki" White
Fred Wilson
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
Don Keefe

Spiritual Life Team
Mother Julie
Music: Jan Bookhout



July and Early August Birthdays

<p>9 Mary White Emily Corp 11 Steve Pekich 16 David Joseph 18 Hamilton White 30 Pearl Fisher</p>	<p>1 Dottie White 7 Herb Wickenden 13 Bailie Corp</p>
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St. Alban's is
a Community founded in *Christ's Love*,
Joyfully seeking to live our faith,
reaching out to **ALL** God's people.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

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Website: stalbansyracuse.org
Facebook: Click the link on the website home page
or go to St. Albans Church Syracuse.

Secretary's Office Hours:
Tuesday-Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
July and August the office is closed on Friday.

Secretary's Email: stalbans.syr@gmail.com

Contacting Mother Julie

- Call the secretary during office hours.
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- 315-416-7133 (cell)

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

