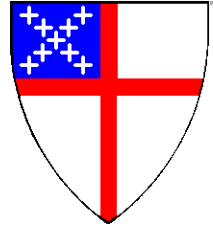


St. Alban's Episcopal Church March Newsletter



Headline News

Mother Julie: The short version is that Mother Julie was in a car accident on Valentine's Day and will be out of action until July. The Bishop's office is working to help us find priest coverage during her absence. The Wardens and Vestry are working on all the pieces of business of the church and especially about this sudden change. Stay tuned, as events continue to develop faster than a monthly newsletter can reflect.

Office Repairs: Some good news! The office is much improved if not quite finished, and Church Secretary Kim Privler is back at her desk. The phone is working as well.

Lent begins March 1: We continue our Sunday worship schedule. With help from the Bishop and Diocesan Staff we will have Holy Eucharist frequently.

- ◆ We will not have our Thursday evening Lenten programs this year, but we are invited to participate with our East Side Episcopalian partners, Emmanuel and St. David's.
- ◆ We will again collect canned goods for our Lenten Food Offering.
- ◆ We already are assured of priests to celebrate Holy Week with us.
- ◆ Details about Holy Week and Easter will be in the April Newsletter.

Kate Bell, Vestry Clerk, is producing the Newsletter until Mother Julie's return.

Priestly Ponderings: Tuesday, February 28

Dear Friends, Tuesday afternoon I go home and the next stage of my recovery begins. I want to assure everyone that I will return to St. Alban's! My doctor expects me to make a full recovery. It will just take longer than we all want it to.

My first full day home is Ash Wednesday and I have been contemplating how to keep Lent under such new and different circumstances. I am also pondering the fact that I am not alone in experiencing Lent in new and different ways.

This Lent I won't have sermons to write, a Thursday evening Lenten program to prepare that explores "Who is Jesus" and other deep matters of faith, or lead a Sunday morning bible study. What will I do?

It's been a long time since I have sat and read through the Bible as a whole, so that will be this year's Lenten practice. Immersing myself in God's Holy Word seems like a key ingredient in my healing of body and soul.

If anyone wants to join me we can support one and as we explore once again the sacred story.

Wishing you a Holy Lent,
Mother Julie+

Sunday Morning Schedule

- + **Worship, 9:30 a.m.**
- + **Coffee and Refreshments, 10:30 a.m.**



March Sunday Worship

Sunday, March 5	Holy Eucharist with Rev. Bridget McManus
Sunday, March 12	Morning Prayer with Steve Pekich
Sunday, March 19	Holy Eucharist with Rev. Kate Day
Sunday, March 26	Morning Prayer with Carolyn Bashaw



Lenten Programs

St. Alban's will not have a Lenten program this year. You are invited to attend the programs with our East Side Episcopalian partners.

Emmanuel, East Syracuse, will be having an adult study at 3:30 on **Saturday afternoons**, followed by Holy Eucharist at 5:00 pm.

St. David's, Dewitt, will host a program on **Wednesday evenings** beginning at 6:00 pm. We'll have a meal and a short Bible study followed by a sung service of Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm.

Please sign up on the bulletin board or call the St. David's office at 446-2112 by Tuesday at noon so we can plan the meal. Pot luck dishes and sides are welcomed. Don't worry if you forget to sign up one week, as Episcopalians we always seem to have enough for all.



Holy Week Begins April 9

April 9 - Palm Sunday	Blessing of Palms and Holy Eucharist
April 13 - Maundy Thursday	With East Side Episcopalians at Emmanuel, East Syracuse
April 14 - Good Friday	Good Friday Liturgy with Rev. Bridget McManus Stations of the Cross with Kate Bell
April 16 - Easter Sunday	Stay tuned!

Lenten Food Offering

In Lent we collect food for New Salem Baptist Ministry's food pantry on the city's south side. Items can be donated until Easter. This year's request:

Canned Fruits, Vegetables and Soup

Please, no boxed or perishable items.



Vestry Meeting
March 15
7:00 p.m.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

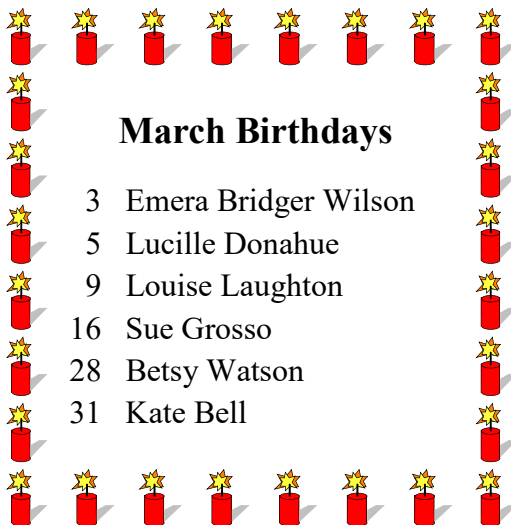
Valley Worship Center Food Pantry

Every Thursday at 2:00, volunteers from St. Albans partner with the Valley Worship Center Food Pantry.

The first Thursday of each month is their big day when the most help is needed. Also, due to regulations, if you volunteer you need training. Training is available at 1:30 on Thursday, April 6

Please contact Grace Joseph for more information.

Won't you join us?



March Birthdays

- 3 Emera Bridger Wilson
- 5 Lucille Donahue
- 9 Louise Laughton
- 16 Sue Grosso
- 28 Betsy Watson
- 31 Kate Bell



Who was that masked young man at the Mardi Gras Party on Sunday, February 26? The Lone Rearranger was our own Alex, showing us how to have a good time while also eating ooey-gooley sweets.

In Memory: Pat Greenow

It is with sadness that I relay the news that Pat Greenow passed away on Tuesday at her home in Florida where she was receiving hospice care. Pat moved a number of years ago to be near her daughter, Margaret. She was a longtime member and former secretary at St. Alban's, an avid gardener, a great lover of cats, and a good friend to many. She was responsible for obtaining the bench in our memorial garden. Margaret shared with Bobbi Lombardo that Pat was comforted by and very much enjoyed all the cards she received from her friends at St. Alban's in recent weeks.

Condolences can be sent to her daughter,
Margaret Butler
1614 N.E. 7th Terrace
Gainesville, FL 32609

A memorial service will be arranged at the Church of the Mediator, Nicanopy, FL where Pat has attended since leaving Syracuse.

Sincerely,
Sue Grosso

May she rest in peace and rise in glory!



Dr. James B. Wiggins,
Former IFW Executive
Director died on
Monday, February 20.
Service is at University
United Methodist
Church on Saturday,
March 4 at 11 am.

May Light Perpetual shine upon him.

For any urgent questions or concerns
during Mother Julie's absence, please call the Wardens:

Senior Warden, Bobbi Lombardo at: 315-492-3231,
Junior Warden, Kiki White at: 315-345-7599
or Warden Emerita, Sue Grosso at: 315-434-8814.

For specific concerns,
contact the work area team leader, as listed on the last page.

Thank You!

**St. Alban's
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Calhoun-Bryant

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Emerita: Susan Grosso

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Kiki White

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Mother Julie

St. Alban's,

a Community founded in CHRIST'S LOVE,
Joyfully seeking to live our faith,
reaching out to **ALL** God's people.

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

Calendar for March

- 1 - Ash Wednesday
- 2 - Valley Worship Center Food Pantry
- 3 - 1st Friday at St. David's
- 4 - Lenten Program at Emmanuel
- 5 - Holy Eucharist with Rev. Bridget McManus
- 8 - Lenten Program at St. David's
- 9 - Valley Worship Center Food Pantry
- 11 - Lenten Program at Emmanuel
- 12 - Morning Prayer?
- 15 - Lenten Program at St. David's
- 16 - Valley Worship Center Food Pantry
- 18 - Lenten Program at Emmanuel
- 19 - Holy Eucharist with Rev. Kate Day
- 22 - Lenten Program at St. David's
- 23 - Valley Worship Center Food Pantry
- 25 - Lenten Program at Emmanuel
- 26 - Sunday Worship to be announced
- 29 - Lenten Program at St. David's
- 30 - Valley Worship Center Food Pantry