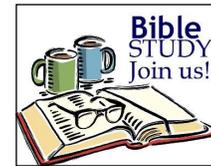


**St. Alban's Episcopal Church  
Syracuse, New York**  
**May News & Inspiration**

**Sunday Mornings at St. Alban's**

**8:30 a.m. Bible Study (not May 30)  
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

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

Dial 1-646-558-8656

When prompted Enter 826 9515 6305#

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That will put you in Zoom's waiting room and I will let you in.

The service of Holy Eucharist,  
with organ music,  
is taped on Saturdays and  
posted on our website.

**stalbansyracuse.org**  
Click on Pics & Vids

**Tuesday  
Abbreviated Morning Prayer  
at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom**

**Zoom Code and Password:  
868 3084 1089 and 114552**

**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)

**The Feast of Pentecost:  
The Coming of the Holy Spirit**

**Sunday, May 23 - Wear Red!**



Flowers

We will decorate the church with red flowers, the color of the Holy Spirit. If you would like to give flowers in thanksgiving for blessings or in memory of loved ones please contact Val at the church office. Suggested donation is \$20.

Foreign Language Readers

The first lesson from Acts 2:1-11 is read in foreign languages to re-create the telling of the Gospel in many languages on the Day of Pentecost in Jerusalem. If you would like to read the passage in a language other than English please let Mother Julie know. The readings are done simultaneously. Thanks!

**Priestly Ponderings**

There are two feast days this month, Ascension Day on May 13 and Pentecost on May 23. We will celebrate Holy Eucharist on both days. Ascension Day marks the day that Jesus ascended into heaven in the sight of his disciples 40 days after Easter. During this time Jesus appeared only to his disciples as he taught them and opened their minds to scripture. On this day he told them before he ascended, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Just as angels appeared at the tomb to announce Jesus' resurrection, so now angels appear and announce to the disciples that Jesus will return - what we call his second coming.

It will be another ten days before the Holy Spirit is given to the disciples during the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which celebrates the giving of the Law to Moses, as recorded in the first five books of the Bible. Jews from all over that part of the world traveled to Jerusalem for the feast. That day 120 of Jesus' disciples were gathered together in prayer when the Holy Spirit descended on them in wind and flame. All were given the ability to speak in a foreign language - the languages of the Jews who had traveled to Jerusalem for the feast from other lands. God's timing, as ever, is perfect. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the 120 disciples speak eloquently about the good news of Jesus Christ to the people in Jerusalem and many believed. And what happens after the feast? The travelers return home, bringing with them the story of Pentecost and the good news of what God has accomplished in Christ Jesus.

Pentecost also celebrates the birth of the Church. That day, through the preaching of Jesus' 120 followers, about 3000 persons responded in faith and became Christians. The Church was born. Had the pandemic not prevented it, churches around the country would have birthday cakes at their coffee hours in celebration of the Church's birthday. Whether in person, on Zoom, or on YouTube, celebrate with joy and hope for God's future.

Mother Julie+

## **David Gregg's Memorial Service**

Saturday, May 1 at 2:00 p.m.

In Person and on Zoom

Zoom codes: 886 0623 8834 and 396021

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

Dial 1-646-558-8656

When prompted Enter 886 0623 8834 #

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When prompted Enter 396021#

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## **Thursday Evening Book Study**

Beginning May 13 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

If you don't have a computer you can Zoom on the one in the parish office. Let Mother Julie know! She also has an iPad someone can use at the church.

Simply Christian, by N. T. Wright,  
Anglican Bishop of Durham, England

"The book demonstrates that it is still possible in the 21st century to represent the Christian tradition, especially as contained in the Bible, in a persuasive way that speaks to the human heart. Wright has an extraordinary ability to find fresh, vivid images that help clarify difficult Christian truths, and he never tires of examining those images from every possible angle." (National Catholic Reporter)

**Read Part One for May 13**

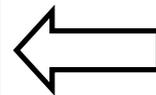
**May 13 is**

**Ascension Day**

**Holy Eucharist**

**In Person and  
on Zoom**

**at 5:30 p.m.**



If you need Mother Julie to order the book for you to avoid shipping charges let her know.

The cost is \$15.

## Worship Changes

The first Sunday in February we joyfully welcomed Cynthia Bromka-Skafidas as our organist. At that time we were not able to worship in person, so I had Cynthia play at the Holy Eucharist on Saturday, which is recorded and posted to our website. Her recorded music was then used for the Zoom service through YouTube. Since everyone was worshipping in their own homes we could sing hymns without the risk of infecting others with Covid. When we were allowed to worship in our buildings again things got a bit confusing as the Sunday morning Zoom service became a hybrid Zoom/in-person service. While the people on Zoom sang at home some in the church sang softly behind their masks.

On May 9 Cynthia will move from Saturday to Sunday. Her prelude and postlude will be recorded by David Houston and Kate Bell will add them to the Holy Eucharist that's recorded on the following Saturday. Until it's safe to sing in the building, on Sunday morning Cynthia will play before the service, at the offertory, during communion, and at the end of the service. Folks on Zoom have told me that it's nice to have music to listen to while those in the pews receive communion. When Bishop DeDe gives the okay we will sing hymns again.

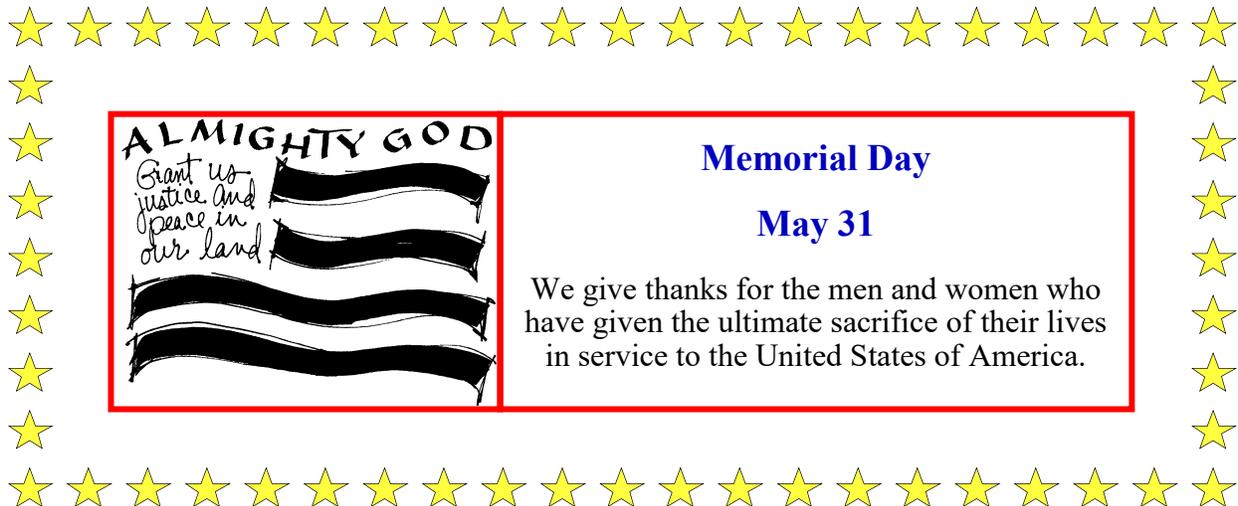
### What to expect if you come to St. Alban's on Sunday for the first time:

You will enter at the ramp door and be signed in by an usher. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing. We are using every 3rd pew, so sit in one that's not lined with books. Nearly everyone attending worship in the building to date has been vaccinated. (Vaccinations are not required.) Attendance is below the 50% capacity the bishop allows. The readers who attend via Zoom are clearly heard through our new speakers.

At the time of communion I come down to the area in front of the pews. People come up the center aisle one pew at a time to receive the bread and return to their pew by the side aisle. I sanitize my hands, give the wafers alternately with left and right hand, sanitize again, and repeat.

May God be with us and inspire us as we continue to worship Sunday by Sunday amid the various changes and conditions in the world,

Mother Julie+



## Teacher Appreciation Day



## National Teachers Day



**Sundays at 9:30 am  
1st and 3rd Sundays.**

## teachers

By Kevin William Huff

Teachers  
Paint their minds  
and guide their thoughts  
Share their achievements  
and advise their faults  
Inspire a Love  
of knowledge and truth  
As you light the path  
Which leads our youth  
For our future brightens  
with each lesson you teach  
Each smile you lengthen  
Each goal you help reach  
For the dawn of each poet  
each philosopher and king  
Begins with a Teacher  
And the wisdom they bring.

**WE ARE  
TEACHERS**

Thank You  
to our  
TEACHERS

And to  
Sunday School Teacher  
Shelby Calhoun



# M-O-T-H-E-R

Original Author:  
~ Ty Howard

- "M"** is for the million things you do, when at times  
it doesn't appear to be a way,
- "O"** is for never growing older, even after you've had  
yet another birthday,
- "T"** is for the tears you shed while loving, teaching,  
and watching me grow,
- "H"** is for having a heart of purest gold,
- "E"** is for the eyes that shine brightly,  
for you're a mother who stands  
strong and bold,
- "R"** is for right, due to a mother's  
intuition you'll always be,

Put them all together, it spells  
"MOTHER", a word and significant  
being that means the world to me!!



### Vestry News

Donnie Keefe has resigned from the Vestry. He and his wife had to shift their work schedules due to the pandemic and Donnie is with their 1 and 4 year olds when Vestry meets. The Vestry has the authority to fill a vacancy until the next Annual Meeting and Gelene Lewis graciously agreed to return to Vestry duty until January. At the next Annual Meeting we will elect someone to fill the remaining year of his term. Thank you Donnie for your service. Gelene, thank you and welcome back!

### Saturday Readers Needed

Saturday morning we celebrate Holy Eucharist at 11:30 a.m. and it is recorded and posted on the website. It would be nice to have a variety of voices, especially now that Kate Bell is moving from reader to videographer. Let Mother Julie know if you can read once a month.

### **Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Drive Thru**



***Saturday, May 8, 2021***

***At Collamer United Church  
6865 Fly Road in Collamer (315-463-4939)  
Serving starts at 4:30 P.M.***

Collamer is known for its great cooks.

This delightful, home style chicken and biscuit dinner will include mashed potatoes, gravy, freshly cooked vegetables and delicious desserts.

Tickets may be purchased upon arrival.  
\$10.00 for Adults; \$5.00 for children 10 and under.

*Sorry we cannot accept credit cards.*

**(Secretary Valerie Warfield's church)**

## 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

## May Birthdays

**11 Mark Johnson**  
**12 Gina Odell**  
**13 Margo Kowalczyk**  
**19 Russell Calhoun**  
**Skip Visco**  
**24 Barbara Lee**  
**Cynthia Bromka-Skafidas**



**Meets**  
**Tuesday,**  
**May 18,**  
**at**  
**7 p.m.**  
**on Zoom**

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

Secretary's Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

### Contacting Mother Julie

- Call the secretary during office hours.
- Email: [julieatalban@gmail.com](mailto:julieatalban@gmail.com)
- 315-416-7133 (cell)

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