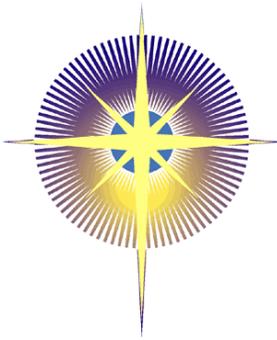


The Albanac

JANUARY 2012

Kathryn and Nicholas invite you to join them for



Epiphany Open House at the Rectory

Friday, January 6th

Noon to 2 and 7-9 PM

Come either or both times!

Holiday fare, bring a treat to share!

THE THREE KINGS FESTIVAL

AT ST. PAUL'S

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH

**Bus leaves St. Alban's at 10AM and returns
following the service**



Our churches of District 10 have a motto of 'Doing together what we cannot do alone'. This Sunday is one of those times. For over 5 years the churches of our district have headed down to worship together at St. Paul's on the Feast of the Epiphany to close out our Christmas observances. Last year we rented a bus and traveled down together avoiding all the challenges of navigation and parking. The vote among those who attended was a definite to do it again ... and to do it by bus! The only challenge last year was that the potluck lunch following was very crowded and difficult to navigate. So, here is the improved plan for this year:

We will hold our regular 8AM service of Holy Eucharist. For those who regularly attend the 10AM service (and we ESPECIALLY want all the kids and youth to attend!) you come at your regular time, place your offering in the baptism font, and board the bus with the whole gang for the short trip down to St. Paul's. We will arrive in time for the 11AM service which will include Holy Eucharist, combined choirs, and an Epiphany pageant. Following the service you have two choices. You may return with the bus right after the service OR you may elect to stay for the lunch and gift giving for children and come back on one of the St. Paul's vans. This is a once a year opportunity and we hope that most of the congregation will decide to join in. It is great fun and also a wonderful opportunity to worship with brothers and sisters from around District 10.

Our Confirmands will be attending to get a feel for worship in the space where they will be presented to the Bishop for Confirmation in April.

For those for whom the trip to St. Paul's will not work at all we will be offering a said service of Morning Prayer at St. Alban's at 10AM. Our seminarian, Cathie Studwell, will officiate at the service. This is an option but we truly hope that most of us will go together to St. Paul's. If this is a stretch for you I encourage you to take the chance – you will be glad you did!

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th
at the 10 AM service
(no 8 am service)

**Three very important reasons to
attend the Annual Meeting:**

Election of Vestry Members and
Diocesan Convention Lay Deputies

Presentation of the 2012 Budget

Committee Reports presented



Annual Meeting Brunch Jan. 29th

Yum!! Another reason to have delicious food after church!

Yes, we are having brunch after our Annual Meeting on January 29th. Please sign up between now and Jan 22nd for a main dish or a dessert at coffee hour.

Thank you!!

Cindy Ludwig

AM AHL and the Night Visitors

There is still time to reserve your tickets to attend the musical production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, with our own Lou Fifer as Musical director, on Saturday, January 7th in Sussex. There are folks from the parish going so if you are interested please call the parish office and we'll reserve you a ticket and arrange a carpool if you need a ride. Tickets are \$10 if we have a group

of ten or more. *Amahl* is the story of a crippled boy who gets to meet the 3 kings as they make their way to Bethlehem to see the infant Jesus. It is a wonderful story enjoyable for all ages.

A CHALLENGE OF HONOR

Dear St. Alban's Family,

On February 5th our own Will Nedds will receive the rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor to be held at 11:45AM. Will has grown up in this congregation and it will be our joy to celebrate this day with him and his family. I invite and challenge us to an act of service, in Will's name and honor, to add to the blessings of the day.

A scout is required to earn at least 33 merit badges as part of the process toward the Eagle rank. Will has decided to earn all 130 badges available. This is a heroic undertaking and one of which he should be duly proud. The Center for Food Action, Mahwah, is one of the many causes Will supports himself and leads others to support. With that in mind I challenge us to match 5 to 1 Will's merit badges with non-perishable items for the Center for Food Action between now and February 5th.

So, **START COLLECTING!!** A large display board has been prepared in the narthex of the church with baskets to collect the food items. The chart on the display board shows each of the 130 badges with five boxes next to each. We will track our progress and make the presentation to Will on February 5th.

Everyone is encouraged and challenged to bring food items to church each week. Let's reach our goal and even exceed it! Let's demonstrate our love, pride and support of Will by supporting a cause in which he deeply believes.

650 HERE WE COME!!!

Kathryn+

New Acolytes to be Installed



Christopher Flug and Michael Capeci have completed the first phase of training and will be installed as acolytes at the 10AM service on Sunday, January 15th. We welcome them to the acolyte team. Both will begin serving later this month. Congratulations guys!

If you know of a young person, in at least the third grade, who is interested in joining the ranks of the acolytes and assisting with the leadership of worship, please speak with Sandy Weiss, Head of Acolytes, or Kathryn our Rector.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION
Friday, Jan. 27th-Saturday, Jan. 28th

This year's convention will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Parsippany. The Rev. Kathryn King, Deacon Barbara Harriman, John Murphy, Don LaCass and Linda Nazare are the lay deputies from St. Alban's.

**REMINDER: Confirmation Retreat with Bishop Beckwith
St. Elizabeth's, Ridgewood
March 23-24th
Adults: Afternoon of March 24th**



The Diocese requires all youth who will be presented for Confirmation to attend an overnight retreat with Bishop Beckwith and the other candidates for Confirmation from their district. Our district is scheduled for Friday, March 23 through Saturday, March 24th at St. Elizabeth's, Ridgewood. The program runs from 6PM Friday to 4PM on Saturday. Candidates must participate in the entire conference and may not arrive late or leave early. If notices are needed for sports teams please ask the rector. If this date is a problem for any candidate they may attend one of the retreats scheduled for other places and other weekends in the diocese*. The Bishop has made it known that he will not confirm anyone under 8th grade or anyone who has not participated in one of the retreats. Confirmands are required to attend and sponsors are welcome and encouraged to attend as chaperones.

Adults who will be received into the Episcopal Church from another tradition or who will be confirmed need to attend a lunch and afternoon session with Bishop Beckwith on Saturday, March 24th prior to being presented for Confirmation or Reception.

Registration forms will be mailed directly to the homes of participants and need to be returned to the parish office to be submitted as a group.

**Other retreat dates: March 30-31, St. Paul's, Morris Plains and April 20-21, Location to be determined*



SACRED SOUNDS MUSIC CAMP
JULY 8 – 13
New Expanded Offerings

After a successful first year we will again serve as the organizing and host church for the District 10 Sacred Sounds Music Camp. We learned some things last year and have begun the planning process to make this year even better. Here's what's planned:

Sunday, July 8th Late afternoon / Early Evening Orientation for children and parents. Exact time to be determined. This will last about an hour and a half and will include meet and greet; voice range assessments; parent forum; and group assignments.

Monday July 9 – Friday, July 13 9AM – 1PM Sacred Sounds Camp
The camp will be held in the church, rectory, and (soon to be completed) Youth Center. We will be coordinating the sharing of the facility with the preschool summer camp and hope that the common hours will increase participation in both!

2 Celebration Concerts are in the plans!

Thursday, July 12th at 7PM with reception following

Friday, July 13th at 10AM This concert is especially for those who do not like to go out in the evening. We are also in the process of trying to arrange for senior and special needs groups to come and be the guests of the campers at a reception following the concert. This is a new outreach component to the camp.

The daily camp program will again include small and large group choir, handchime and handbell instruction; percussion instruction; Master classes. This year campers will bring a bag lunch. We are exploring the potential and needs for extended care hours before and after camp.

So, mark your calendars and tell your friends. Sacred Sounds II is on the way!

Confirmation Candidates in Service

As per diocesan requirements, our youth have been involved in an intentional, two-year course of preparation and formation leading to the Sacrament of Confirmation. Leigh Beck, Julia Hansen, Samantha Kopacki, Lizzie Kordonsky, Julia Miles, Olivia Nazare, Brian Polk, Andy Polk, Kendall Polk, Dean Trivisani, Hannah Zadoyko and Joshua Zadoyko have all been meeting with their sponsors as well as meeting together with me in classes for over a year now. Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, April 28th at 10AM at St. Paul's in Paterson. The course includes study, service and fellowship. Here are two of our more recent undertakings outside of the class setting. The first was the clean-up of the church and rectory grounds following the October snow storm and the second is the carol singing and gift delivery to the Wanaque children Rehabilitation Center. Well done good and faithful servants! We are proud of you!





PRISON MINISTRY NEWS

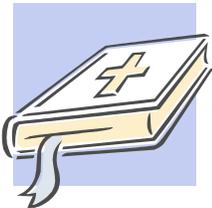
After months of prayerful consideration, I have decided to end the ministry that I do with the women and children of the Essex County Correctional Facility. January 2012 would have begun my 11th year of finding children at their caretakers' homes in Newark, the Caldwelles and Irvington and accompanying them to the jail for a dinner and evening with Mother.

I plan to increase the time that I spend at the jail where I am directly in the pods with the inmates where we share Evening Prayer and Holy Communion.

I thank everyone at St. Alban's who have contributed to the Lunches to Go program. Your generosity has been a blessing for these children. All of the food that you contributed to this program went to the children.

Deacon Harriman

BIBLES DONATED



Thanks to the generosity of the Nedds and Beck families, we were able to distribute both English and Spanish language Bibles in four pods of male inmates at the Essex County Correctional Facility in December.

We hope to do this again in the spring during Lent.

Deacon Harriman

The Work of Christmas

When the star in the sky is gone,
When the Kings and Princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins.
To find the lost.
To heal the broken.
To feed the hungry.
To release the prisoner.
To teach the nations.
To bring Christ to all.
To make music in the heart.

by Howard Thurman, submitted by Deacon Harriman

ST. ALBAN'S PRE-SCHOOL

Our Pre-School is NOW ENROLLING

for the 2012-2013 School Year

2-year old through Kindergarten

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- Extended AM care available
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Teresa Ercan, Director



B E T H L E H E M



KATHRYN JOINING BISHOP FOR PILGRIMAGE

On Monday, February 27, Kathryn will join Bishop Beckwith and 30+ other clergy from the diocese on a 12 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The trip, organized and partially underwritten for clergy by Bishop Beckwith, is a study and worship tour of many of the great sites of Jesus' life and ministry. Through a granting fund specifically designated for clergy education the Diocese is subsidizing \$2,000.00 for each participating cleric currently serving in

active ministry. The pilgrimage has been designed to enable us to combine diocesan support and our continuing education time and budgets to cover a significant portion of the cost of the trip. Each cleric will pay the balance of the cost and the expenses during the trip which will include 1-2 of the meals each day.

This is an incredible opportunity and I am very excited about it. The most difficult part of the decision was how to provide for Nicholas. My sister, Mary Beth, has graciously offered to stay with him. I am sending them to Florida to see my parents and 'the Mouse' for part of the time. The trip falls in the middle of Lent and I am especially looking forward to being in Jerusalem in the time of our liturgical year when our scripture lessons focus us there for the pivotal events that took place there.

I anticipate that I will also be able to finally accomplish something that I have had on my 'to-do-list' for six months! My unsuccessful searching for new crosses for the acolytes has been frustrating. I know I will be able to find carved olive wood crosses that will be just right and also give the acolytes a meaningful cross to wear as they serve. I will also replenish our supply of water from the Jordan River which we add to the waters we gather for Holy Baptism.

After my return I will offer a forum to share some of my experiences and *regale* you with a power-point show ... assuming I can learn how to produce one!

Kathryn+

THANK YOUS

Dear St. Alban's friends,

Thank you for the generous purse you gave to me at Christmas. It was a great blessing and I will use it to help with my upcoming pilgrimage to Israel. I continue to be thankful for the many faithful folks that it is my honor to serve with here at St. Alban's. And, I give thanks that this is the community where Nicholas will be formed in the faith in these important years.

With my thanks for you for the gift and my thanks to God for you,

Kathryn+

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift! Your thoughtfulness and kindness are very much appreciated. I wish you all a new year filled with joy and peace.

Sincerely,

Diane

JANUARY MILESTONES

Birthdays: 7th Bob Barker, 8th Bill De Lorenzo, 9th Heidi McCallum, Leigh Beck, 10th Nicole Beyda, 11th Carolyn O'Neill, Judy White, 13th Bob Block, 15th Heather Potash, 18th Will Nedds, 23rd, Bruce Gilliard, 25th Pam Hellenen, 28th Bob White, 30th Jim McCallum
Anniversary: 8th Leigh & Jane Lydecker



- To all the parishioners who donated gifts to the men at St. Paul's, Adopt a Family and Harrison house
- Sandy and Wally Weiss for collecting gifts for St. Paul's
- All the carolers who helped us spread joy at the Wanaque Children's Convalescent Center
- All service participants
- Lou Fifer and the readers for Lessons and Carols
- Altar Guild and volunteers for decorating the church so beautifully
- Trish Beck for organizing the poinsettia sale and the Beck and Harriman families for arranging them
- Helen Franke and volunteers for their work on the Christmas pageant and to all the children who participated
- Don LaCass for decorating the planters
- Dave Ludwig and Michael Capeci for their high ladder work replacing light bulbs and hanging wreaths
- Bob Wurster for bringing the seasonal saints to joyful life
- The Office Angels for help with mailings and Christmas bulletins

Bless you all for your kindness!

NEWS FROM THE LISTERS

Susan and John Lister sent us a letter filled with news of their new life in South Carolina. It is posted on the bulletin board upstairs so be sure to read it!



BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, January 1

Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:15-21

Sunday, January 15

1 Samuel 3:1-10
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

Sunday, January 29

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

Sunday, January 8

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

Sunday, January 22

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:6-14
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

Prayers of the People – January

Our thanksgivings and intercessions:

We continue to pray for all who are affected by war, hunger and other calamities and ask for God's grace upon those who work for peace and restoration.

We give thanks for all the blessings of life. We pray for our companions in Paterson.

We pray for those who are unemployed and under-employed.

We pray for those who are ill: Brenden, Jan, Nancy, Lisa, Steve, Ashley, Randa, Carol Ann, Anthony, Elmo, Connie, Claire, Maria, Brian



We pray for those who have died, especially William Ring and Cecilia Billeter. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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Trish Beck, Paula Hoffman, Cindy Ludwig, Jim McCallum, Linda Nazare, Ron Potash

St. Alban's Pre-School

Teresa Ercan, *Pre-School Director*

Teachers:

Cathy Connolly, Elisa Farhi, Dawn Ferraro, Cathy Mazzola,
Christy Macagne, Rosa Mignogni, Beth Schall, Freida Scillieri

“Welcoming All To Share God’s Love”