

The Albanac

APRIL/MAY 2013

Holy Week and Easter



**Putting together food basket donations
L-R: Jean LaCass, Kathleen Kerin,
Colleen Wurster**



Preparing the Agape Supper



Maundy Thursday service at St. Alban's joined by St. John's Ramsey and Trinity, Allendale

FLOWERS WITH BLESSING!



Evelyn Walker and Colleen Habick arrange flowers and baskets for Easter



The Flowering of the Cross

NEW ALTAR BAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

As part of the tradition of beautifying the altar at Easter we added a new opportunity to extend the Good News of new life. This year parishioners were able to choose lilies, spring perennials, and food baskets that would benefit the Center for Food Action. The Worship Committee and Altar Guild had wondered how this new option would be received. Well, the results are clear and wonderful.

In total \$750 was collected in the program. The break down was: \$255 for lilies, \$180 for spring flowers, and \$315 for the Center for Food Action. Special thanks to all those who participated in giving memorial and thanksgiving commemorations and joining in making a truly Easter altar ... one where the blessings and love of God are experienced by those near and far.

Thank you to Colleen Wurster, Jean LaCass, Kathleen Kerin and Kathryn King for putting together the baskets and to Colleen Habick, Evelyn Walker and the rest of the altar guild for arranging everything around the altar. It was a beautiful visual representation of the joy of the Feast of the Resurrection.

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YOUTH MISSION TRIP MEETING

Sunday, April 21

4:30 - 5:15 in the narthex

(Confirmation class will follow)

Our Mission Trip is scheduled for the week of July 14th. At this meeting we will determine if it will run

5 or 6 days as some families have indicated a scheduling issue at the end of the week.

Come and find out what's planned and be part of planning the particulars. We will also discuss fundraising and transportation. The youth from St. John's, Ramsey will be joining us.

See you there!



SATURDAY, JUNE 1st

**FISH & CHIPS FUNDRAISER DINNER FOR YOUTH
MISSION TRIP**

**Beauty in the Creation
Cherry Blossom Trip**

Wednesday, April 24

Now that the cherry blossoms are blooming Barbara and Kathryn have scheduled the annual trip to see them for Wednesday, April 24th. We will gather in the church parking lot at 10:30 and carpool (Kathryn and Barbara will drive) to Branch Brook Park in Belleville to drive through the park and view the blossoms. If you have never been you are really missing out ... this is the largest display in the US outside of Washington, DC.

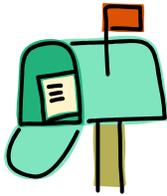


We bring cheese, crackers and finger snacks to share for lunch. You are welcome to bring something to share. This year we have arranged to eat our light lunch in the community building because it has been a bit chilly each time we have gone! So, we will still enjoy the beautiful blossoms and then use the lunch and bathroom facilities in the Welcome Center.

We gather in the church lot at 10:30 to depart. The drive is about 30 minutes. We usually get back to Franklin Lakes around 1:45 or 2PM. If you need a ride from home that is **NO PROBLEM** please just let us know and we will pick you up!

We hope you will join us! More drivers and passengers are welcome!!!

Your clergy, Kathryn and Barbara



Keep an Eye Out in Your Mailbox St. Alban's Church and Preschool

Over the past year we have been looking intentionally at new ways to spread the news about our church and preschool communities. You may have noticed an increased number of photos and press releases in the local papers. This, along with our new website and preschool facebook pages, has given us new ways to reach off the top of the hill and further into the community.

We began to explore the possibility of doing a mass mailing to the FLOW area. We looked at a number of different options and got a couple bids and then discovered that Staples has a service that does just this and that our seminarian, Cathie Studwell, works with that product! We didn't even know that!! So, we were able to get a very good price and a great product. It is a beautiful 8 ½" X 11" bright colored sheet that has a church piece on one side and the preschool piece on the other. The PS Committee and Vestry each worked with the graphic design folks from Staples to create their sides and together it presents an exciting glimpse into our life and offerings. Take a good look at the photos because most of us are in them!

When it arrives in your homes let us know. Also, use it as an opportunity to talk with neighbors and friends about St. Alban's. The overwhelming majority of people find a church community because someone who attends told them about it. As far as our PS we have a 97% referral rate. That means that ALL OF US need to be ready to share the news ALL THE TIME!!

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The Great Vigil of Easter at St. John's, Ramsey

My husband Rich and I attended the Saturday Easter Vigil at St. John's Ramsey, and it was a spiritually enriching and uplifting experience. Clergy, choir and members from Trinity Church, Allendale, and St. Alban's also participated. It began outside with the lighting of the ceremonial fire, and the talented choir led the procession around the church, stopping occasionally for prayers, before going inside the parish hall for the lessons. The traditional Easter Vigil readings were used from the Old Testament, but were uniquely presented from different perspectives and it made for a lively and emotional experience. Cathie Studwell and Nicholas King each presented a lesson with other readers. Reverend King read The Gospel, and participated in many of the other prayers and rituals during the service. The choir then led the congregation to the church for the Proclamation of Easter, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, the Easter Sermon, Prayers of the People, the Peace and The Great Thanksgiving. We shared champagne and chocolate covered strawberries with others after the service.

I encourage everyone to attend and participate in these shared services. You get to meet new people, appreciate their unique talents, and experience a new church setting with dedicated spiritual leaders.

Jeanne Sylvester, Vestry



ADULT FORUM: To the Ends of the Earth Sunday, March 3rd

Cindy Steele (Felici), a beloved and long-time member of our parish and doctor of pediatric hematology at Hackensack University Medical Center, travels around the world each year as part of a team of doctors for medical missions. Cindy Felici shared with us this part of how she lives out her Baptismal Covenant and extends the reach to other congregations globally.

UPCOMING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

NORTH PORCH "SHOWER" Sunday, April 28

We will be doing an "April Showers" for North Porch. There will be a special cart in the Narthex to collect the donations which will be brought forward during the service. North Porch provides emergency supplies to mothers and their babies and is in need of the following items:



Baby Wipes- single 80ct packs

Stage 1 & 3 baby food

Large size diapers- 4, 5, & 6 and pull-ups.

Toiletries for babies- Shampoo, Diaper Cream, Lotion

Enfamil powder formula- 12.9 oz. cans preferred

Friday, May 17th

RELAY FOR LIFE



Relay for Life will be held this year at Indian Hills High School in Oakland on May 17, 2013. Last June the Saints of St. Alban's raised over \$5,500 and came in 2nd place out of 65 teams. We need your input this year and are forming a committee to head the fundraising plans and events for the evening. Please see Colleen Habick if you are interested in joining the committee.

SPRING CLEAN UP!
Sunday, April 28
after the 10 am service



Wear your work clothes to church so that we can start working right after the service. Please bring any tools that you might need to do a particular job that you would like to do—there will be things to do both inside and outside.

Subs and sodas will be provided for all.

Let's work together to make St. Alban's sparkle inside and out!

COFFEE HOUR – SIMPLIFIED
June 23 through Sept. 8

Starting on June 23rd and running through the summer until Sept 8th, we will be starting a simplified version of coffee hour. We will have juice, ice tea and cookies in the Narthex. In September we will return to coffee, bagels and veggies/or fruit.

In our busy lives we need to respond to what parishioners are willing to volunteer for.

Cindy Ludwig

Louise Gilliard and Dolores Barker
Ron and Lynn Potash and
Al and Barbara Harriman
chosen as St. Alban's honorees

Each year the Diocese of Newark gives us two opportunities to raise up and celebrate the contributions of members of our local churches. You may have noticed the large plaques hanging on the wall in the narthex of the church. The one on the far right holds the names of our members who have been honored over the years. The David Hegg Lifetime Achievement Awards are presented each year to senior members of congregations. The other is the World of Women Award. Both recognize outstanding contributions to ministry and life in the service of Jesus Christ through local congregations.

This year the Vestry has nominated Louise Gilliard and Dolores Barker for the World of Women honors and Ron and Lynn Potash and Al and Barbara Harriman for the David Hegg Award. All members of the congregation are encouraged to mark your calendars and help to honor these important members of our family. There are three opportunities to participate.

World of Women Awards, Saturday, May 11th at Grace Church, Madison

Luncheon begins at 12:00 and tickets are required. \$15.00 for each luncheon ticket. Honorees are guests. The awards are presented following the luncheon in worship. Kathryn is trying to find out if it is possible to attend just the worship service and what time to arrive. More information will follow as it becomes available. Carpools available.

David P. Hegg Lifetime Achievement Awards, Sunday, June 9th at Christ Church, East Orange.

The afternoon begins with a reception at 3PM and then Evensong begins at 4PM. Awards are presented by the Bishop during the service. Carpools available.

HONOREE SUNDAY AT ST. ALBANS, Sunday, May 19th during the 10AM service.

It has become our new custom to honor the recipients of both awards, and all those who have received them in the past, on a Sunday morning. This year that will be part of our Pentecost celebrations on May 19th. It will be followed by a festive coffee hour in their honor.

Watch for sign-up sheets in the narthex. Come celebrate our wonderful members!

TO ALL PAST RECIPIENTS: On Sunday, May 19th when we honor our new inductees, we also ask that all past honorees come forward as well. Please mark your calendars to be sure to attend. Thank you.

Kathryn+



JOIN US FOR SUMMER FUN!

The Summer Session at St. Alban's Pre-School is scheduled to begin Monday, July 1st and end on Friday, August 16th. We are anticipating a fun-filled summer consisting of free play, crafts, cooking, nature study, physical education, music/movement, and water fun.

A minimum enrollment of two weeks is required, but the weeks need not be consecutive. We will offer camp from 9 AM - 3 PM. A minimum of three days is required. Selection of weeks must be made at the time of registration. There is a \$30 registration fee for children not enrolled at St. Alban's school. Applications will be available in the Narthex soon.

We look forward to a fun filled summer!





MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SPREAD THE WORD **SACRED SOUNDS MUSIC CAMP 3**

Sunday evening, July 7th, 6:30 – 8PM Orientation and voice placement
Monday – Thursday July 8th – 11th, 9AM – 1PM including lunch
Thursday, July 11th 7PM Celebration Concert and reception
Friday, July 12th Tour Day. We will take our concert to local senior centers. Details still to be finalized but likely will be a 9AM to 3PM day. We will travel by bus.

Extended camp hours 1-4 available for modest additional fee. We are working to arrange the program so that children who are interested in instrumental music but not choir will have that choice in participation.

Sacred Sounds Afternoon Staff

We will have openings for a limited number of staff for the afternoon extended hours program. These will be paid positions open to those who have finished at least their first year in high school. Hours are Monday – Thursday, 1-4PM. Preference will be given to those who participate in the morning program to provide continuity for the campers. Please contact Kathryn if you are interested.



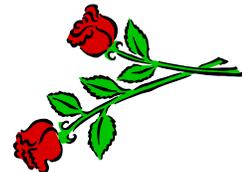
Mother's Day

**MOTHERS & OTHERS BRUNCH
SUNDAY, MAY 12th**

AFTER THE 10 am SERVICE

Celebrate "mothers and others" at a wonderful feast prepared and served by the men of St. Alban's.

THE ALTAR OF ROSES **A Mother's Day Tribute**



Purchase a rose and honor, not only mothers, but any woman who has been important in your life (living or deceased). It could be for wives, daughters, best friends as well as mothers and grandmothers.

The names of all the honored women and those who are honoring them will be included in the May 12th bulletin on Mother's Day. Help to beautify the altar on this day with dozens of roses.

We will begin taking orders for roses on Sundays, April 21st and 28th.

St. John's Spring Boutique & Luncheon

Saturday, May 4th

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**St. John's Episcopal Church
Corner of Main Street and Franklin Turnpike
Ramsey, New Jersey
201-327-0703**

Hand-crafted and unique Spring, Summer, Mother's Day and Father's Day selections such as greeting cards, note cards, matted photographs ready-to-frame, stained glass "sports team" pieces, specialty baked sweets, hand knitted one- of -a kind items for children, vintage linens, jewelry, hand-hooked art, gift baskets, wreaths, lap quilts, table-top quilts, our famous "Lemon Crunch" candy, St. John's party dips and savories, deck, porch, and home decor items, bulbs for your garden, table decorations, and much more!!!

Take a shopping break and enjoy a delicious gourmet chicken salad croissant luncheon with a selection of scrumptious desserts.

LIAM RICHARD PALK was baptized on Sunday, April 7th. Present were his parents, Greg and Cindy Palk, big sister Elizabeth and Godparents, Emily Palk, Jonathan Palk and James Hoover. Congratulations to all!



Proud new dads Gary Friedman and Preston Young hold the prayer shawls made for each of their children. Prayer Shawls were knit by Diane Van Dyke and the new Pastoral Care Team laid hands on the shawls and prayed God's peace and blessing for each of those to be wrapped in them. The Pastoral Care Team realized that our new parents could probably use a tangible sign of God's love and ours as they navigate the sometimes challenging and always sleep deprived early days of parenthood. This way they can wrap those shawls round their shoulders and around their beautiful new babies and be surrounded in soft, tender love and prayers.



Gary and Jennifer Friedman are the parents of Jaelyn and Derek. Preston and Doris Young are the parents of Sophie.

Messiah College Concert Choir

St. Alban's hosted the Messiah College Concert Choir on Sunday afternoon, March 17th. The concert and reception for the Choir and concert goers were thoroughly enjoyed by all!





Jacey Raimondo

Executive Director

Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County



Saturday May 11th, 2013

3:00pm

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
1 Church Lane, Oakland, NJ

Light refreshments will be served following the speaker. Free admission and babysitting provided.

Please Reply By Thursday, May 9th to
Lorraine Knox: Lorraine@winnj.com or (201) 651-0988

We look forward to seeing you!

APRIL MILESTONES

Birthdays: 2nd Leigh Lydecker, 6th Dagi Murphy, 9th John Allen, Colleen Habick, Peter Beyda, 10th Ivan Nedds, 12th Diane Van Dyke, 14th Greg Lehman, Jr., 17th Julius Young, 23rd Rich Huelbig, 24th Lois Mahonchak, 26th Craig Flug

Anniversaries: 4th Lois & Joseph Mahonchak, 14th Pam & Paul Hellenen, 18th Dolores & Bob Barker, 29th Dawn & Wayne Berliner



- ❖ Thank you to EVERYONE who made our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so meaningful and joyous!
- ❖ To Cindy Felici for an inspiring Adult Forum
- ❖ To Paula Hoffman for organizing a fun, family bowling outing
- ❖ To the Confirmands for filling Easter eggs and to the Miles family and Julia Hansen for planning the egg hunt
- ❖ To the Wardens, Choir, and Clergy for a successful Messiah College Choir Concert and reception

❖ To Don LaCass for the endless buildings and grounds jobs that he does

Thank you to all the saints of St. Alban's who give so generously of their time, talent and treasure.

BIBLE READINGS



Sunday, April 7

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 21:1-19

Sunday, April 14

Acts 9:1-6
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 12:1-8

Sunday, April 21

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

Sunday, April 28

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

Prayers of the People – April

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 pray especially for the victims of the Boston bombings and the West Texas plant explosion.

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: especially Brenden, Mercedes, Brian, Annette, Patti, Patty, Cassidy, Chris, Christine, Beth, Yolanda, Maureen, Ryan, Albee, Liz, Karen, Timmy, Kelly, Elizabeth, Jaelyn, Derek, Sophia, Carl, Biagio, Dorothy



We pray for those who have died, especially Stanley Avy and those who lost their lives in Boston and West Texas. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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The Rev. Barbara Harriman, *Deacon*
Cathie Studwell, *Seminarian*
Kathleen Kerin, *Seminarian*
Diane Firkins, *Parish Administrator*

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Pam Hellenen, *Clerk* Kathy Miles, *Treasurer*

Vestry: Gary Friedman, Carol Guzzo, Colleen Habick,
Don LaCass, Jim McCallum, Linda Nazare, Jeanne Sylvester

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, Jill Zuidema

"Welcoming All To Share God's Love"