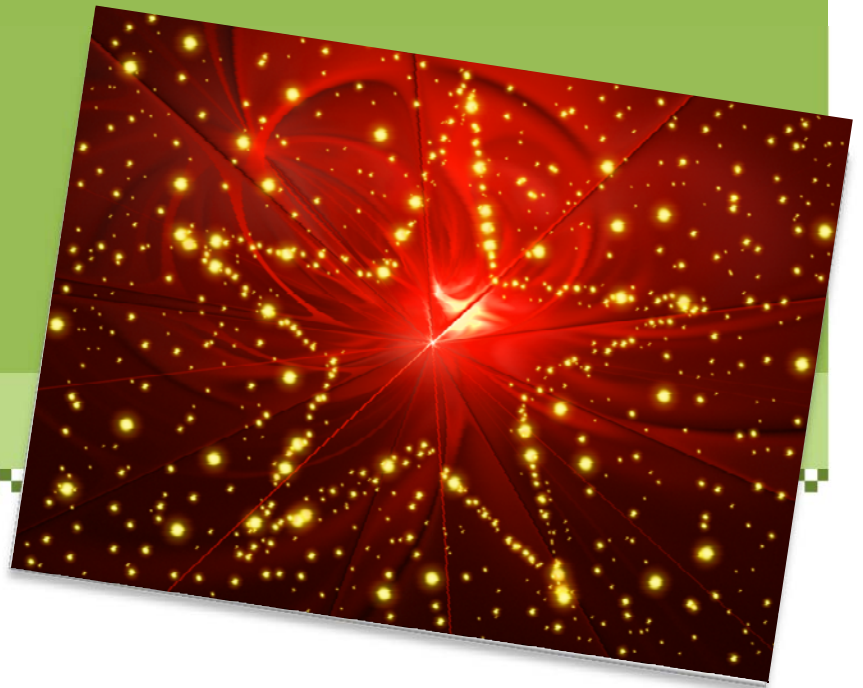


# CHRISTMAS IN JULY

**ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH  
JOIN US 10 AM JULY  
31<sup>ST</sup> WHEN WE WILL  
CELEBRATE THE LIGHT OF THE  
WORLD & PREPARE GIFTS FOR  
LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS**

**LIGHT AND PEACE IN JESUS CHRIST**



## SIGNS AND SYMBOLS

1. Please bring 2-3 dozen of your family favorite Christmas cookies that we will package and take to the Oakland and Franklin Lakes Police Departments to show our love and support to those in blue.
2. We will collect bars of soap and decks of cards to be given to the Church Seaman's Institute for inclusion in their 15,000 Christmas at Sea boxes.
3. We will all write messages of thanks and support for our police departments on large posters to be delivered with the cookies.

## WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

The past weeks have brought a seemingly endless stream of unbelievable events. Both large scale attacks and individual incidents of murder have left us looking deeply for sparks of light in what feels like gathering darkness.

Our faith and Scripture tells us "The Light has come into the world and the darkness has not overcome it". These words are from the Gospel of John and are read each year as a central part of our celebration of the Feast of the Incarnation ... the feast of celebration of the coming of the Light of the World.

On Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> we will read the Scriptures, sing the carols, and proclaim the truth of the Light of the World.



**BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER  
FOR LOVE IS OF GOD**