

THEFT / SCAM ALERT

Good morning saints of St. Alban's,

It has come to my attention through two parishioners that there has been a hack on the parish email list. Someone has generated an email from **rector.stalbansflow@gmail.com** claiming to be a life-long friend of mine. This is not true and this is not an email that either I nor the church uses. We are currently looking to get it shut down.

The thief, who names herself Katherine Sedwick, asks for itunes gift cards for cancer patients. DO NOT RESPOND BUT PLEASE FORWARD TO ME ANY REQUEST YOU GET.

Unfortunately, this person is preying on the hearts of faithful people who are ready to help in times of need.

If you ever see such a request either associated with me, the parish, or anyone claiming to be associated with a member of St. Alban's, the Diocese of Newark, or The episcopal Church CONSIDER IT A SCAM and REPORT IT to me, the parish office so that I can send out an alter to our mailing list immediately. These immoral people and their scams can be quite convincing. But do not respond.

PLEASE KNOW that I will never request you to send money directly to anyone on my behalf nor will I ask you to send it to me. When needs arise they will ALWAYS be handled through the parish office and the church banking accounts.

This is the worst kind of abuse and theft ... please be aware.

I am so very sorry this has happened within our family of faith. Preying on servant minded hearts is an exceptional kind of sin. Back in the 70s when churches were being robbed of their silver Eucharistic vessels my home parish of St. Martin's, Maywood was hit. My father was the rector. When the police came to the house to make the report I remember my father, who never had a bad word to say about anyone, said "There ought to be a special line in heaven for this type of thief." What struck me about it was that in my father's admonition the thief would still be in heaven before God ... but they would have an account to give.

I understand that in a new way now as someone has taken advantage of members of 'the flock committed to my care.'

In shared anger and disbelief,
Kathryn+