

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Oakland & Franklin Lakes



3RD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Third Sunday of Advent
Service of Lessons & Carols
Family Sunday & the Feast of St. Lucy
December 16, 2018



Worship Schedule

SERVICES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

8AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
10AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

ASSISTING IN OUR LITURGY THIS MORNING SUNDAY, December 16, 2018

Celebrant..... Rev. Kathryn L. King
Organist..... Rebecca Ehren
Eucharistic Minister Jeanne Sylvester
Usher..... Craig Flug & Don La Cass
Greeter Craig Flug
Acolytes..... Sean Mohamed & Christopher Flug
Lectors Carol Guzzo & Dave Ludwig
Readers..... Cheri Mc Cusker, Dave Ludwig, Nicholas King, Danny Phillips & Matthew Phillips
Counters & Closers Don La Cass & Cindy Ludwig

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, December 23, 2018

Celebrant..... Rev. Kathryn L. King
Organist..... Rebecca Ehren
Eucharistic Minister Diane Van Dyke
Usher..... Preston Young
Acolytes..... Willie Miles & Sierra Mohamed
Lectors Cheri Mc Cusker & Mike Mc Cusker
Counters & Closers Don La Cass & Cindy Ludwig



ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

REMINDER – ALL GIFTS ARE DUE BACK BY THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU!!



**Calling all girls!
St. Lucy Sunday is coming!**

Girls should wear white or can use an angel costume with a red sash and should arrive 10 minutes before the service to be ready for the procession.

On **Sunday, December 16th**, the third Sunday of Advent, we will once again be marking St. Lucy Sunday and I would LOVE, LOVE, LOVE all the girls to help us celebrate by being part of the St. Lucy procession at both the beginning and end of the service.

St. Lucy is a symbol of the coming of light in the darkness symbolized with a crown of candles on her head. She traditionally wears a white dress with a red ribbon sash. **You can create your own costume or girls may wear white or put on a white angel costume. Red ribbon sashes will be available.**

All children will then go to Sunday school and there will be a procession of St. Lucy after communion when they will bring in the traditional wreath of sweet breakfast bread ... which we will all share at coffee hour!

Speak to Rev. Kathryn if you have any questions.
Please make it possible for all the girls to participate in this wonderful Advent tradition.



PAGEANT COSTUMES

Pageant costumes are now available for pick up in the narthex. Please help your child choose a costume and sign the sheet so we know who wants to be what!

Thank you-
Kathryn



December 16th The Third Sunday of Advent

- The Feast of St. Lucy Celebration with special visitors.
- Distribution of pageant costumes and children's choir/pageant rehearsal
11:15 AM - 11:45 AM



December 18th

- All parish greening of the church beginning at 6:30 PM followed by a heavy hors d'oeuvres for supper/snacking will provided. Come for as long as you can. We will conclude at 8 PM. All hands needed!

December 23rd The Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Procession and Blessing of the Poinsettias
- Pageant rehearsal 11:15 AM – Noon with costumes

The Eve of the Feast of the Incarnation Monday, December 24th ~ Two Services:

4 PM Festive Holy Eucharist with Pageant

10 PM Festive Holy Eucharist with
Christmas Lessons and Carols

Candlelight carols at both services



ORDERS DUE BACK BY THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th



St. Alban's Christmas
Altar Beautification



Join your fellow congregants in creating a beautiful Christmas altar!
The Altar Guild is coordinating the annual altar beautification for Christmas.
For a contribution of \$20 each you may dedicate a pointsettia or food basket for the
Center for Food Action. You may choose as many or as few as you wish
or a combination of both.

Please place completed forms and checks in the red basket
in the narthex or the offering plate.

ORDERS ACCEPTED – until Dec. 16th
For questions, please call the Parish Office 201-337-4909

Pointsettias _____ Food Basket _____ \$20.00 each

Total Plants _____
Total Baskets _____
Total \$ Amount _____

Name & Phone _____

Please provide the following information for Memorials and Thanksgivings
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

In Memory Of: _____

In Thanksgiving For: _____



Epiphany Continental Brunch by the vestry
immediately following the 10:00am Service
Sunday, January 6, 2019

Epiphany Sunday – **all boys and girls are encouraged to wear kings/queens outfits** and take part in our procession as we come together as a parish family to close out the Christmas season, share fellowship and enjoy each other's company as we de-green the church.
Please join us!



At the Bishop's request, the loose plate offering will be directed to the Alleluia Fund for Outreach, a diocesan-wide effort that supports ministries addressing food, shelter, education and international outreach. Grants are awarded annually to congregation-based or -affiliated programs- shelters welcoming, helping,

and housing neighbors, food ministries striving to meet the ever-growing need, after-school and summer programs educating and nurturing at-risk children, and international programs promoting health, fighting disease, and responding to disasters. For more information, please visit the diocese's website, www.dioceseofnewark.org/alleluia.

SERVICE PARTICIPANT SCHEDULE UPDATES

We will be preparing to run a new Service Participant Schedule that will begin December 30th. Please check your email and log into the Ministry Scheduler Pro and update your availability by Thursday, December 20th.

If you have any questions, please let the office know. Thank you for your cooperation!



Tuesday, December 18, 2018

Vestry Meeting

6PM in the narthex followed by Greening of the Church

The Finance Committee and Vestry are in the process of preparing the budget for 2019. It is so important for everyone to join us in our campaign to support the mission and ministry of St. Alban's with a financial pledge for 2019. The amount of your pledge is completely up to you and confidential. It is our challenge and privilege to return to God a portion of the gifts entrusted to us. It is an essential part of our faith journey so please join in making a pledge and being part of the planning and support of the ministries of St. Alban's Church. We cannot do it without each and every one of us offering our gifts of time, talent and treasure!

Your Vestry and Finance Committee



ANNUAL
MEETING

**St. Alban's Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 27, 2019**

Please have all reports to the parish office by Friday, January 11th. You may drop them off in the parish office or send them via email. Thank you for your cooperation.



We are asking if each family would please take a moment and email a recent family picture to the office so that we can update our photo boards. We would greatly appreciate your help with this.





If you haven't already done so, be sure to find us on Facebook.....St. Alban's Episcopal Church....and please like and share our posts with family and friends.

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