



Sixth Sunday of Easter
Memorial Day Weekend
Morning Prayer
May 26, 2018

Worship Schedule 

ONE SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, May 26, 2019

10AM Morning Prayer

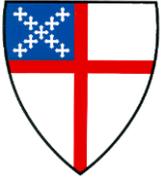
SERVICE PARTICIPANTS FOR THIS SUNDAY, May 26, 2019
MORNING PRAYER / MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Officiants..... Cheri McCusker & Jeanne Sylvester
Organist Lisa Leigh Dempsey
Ushers.....Don La Cass
Greeter swap requested
Acolytes Sean Mohamed & Shane Mohamed
Lector(s)Maria Gargano & Dave Ludwig
Counters & Closers..... Don La Cass & Cindy Ludwig

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019

Organist/Choir Director Lisa Leigh-Dempsey
Eucharistic Minister Nicholas King
Ushers..... Don La Cass & George O'Neill
Greeter swap requested
Acolytes..... Willie Miles & Sean Mohamed
Lector Jeanne Sylvester & Maria Gargano
Counters & Closers..... Don La Cass

**THE NEW SERVICE PARTICIPANT SCHEDULE WHICH WILL RUN THROUGH
JUNE 30th HAS BEEN SENT OUT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.**



St. Alban's Episcopal Church & Preschool

1 Church Lane
Oakland, New Jersey 07436
The Reverend Kathryn L. King, Rector

Dear Saints of St. Alban's,

We are writing with important and time sensitive information concerning our common life as a family of faith. We ask that you carefully read and prayerfully consider your response.

As we are all aware, we carry a sizable mortgage for the building expansion completed in 2004 that created the education wing and parish hall as well as the narthex (entrance) welcoming room. The mortgage for the expansion was \$800,000. We refinanced and our current rate is 3.5% and the current balance is \$486,000. In addition, we have a line of credit loan of dating from 2003 and modified in 2015 the current balance of which is \$11,000. In total we have a monthly payment to Valley National Bank of \$5,100 due the 16 of each month. To this point, while always a challenge, we have made all payments on time.

By mid-2008 it was becoming clear that the size of the debt was not sustainable. In 2011 the Vestry and Finance Committee undertook a multi-pronged approach to meet this challenge. The approach included annual stewardship, expanding building rentals, expansion of the preschool, seeking to renegotiate terms with Valley National, working with the Diocese of Newark and seeking their counsel, and keeping very close eye on all of our financial matters. The most significant undertaking has been the preparation for the sale of the undeveloped six acres of our ten-acre property. All of these efforts have resulted in us being able to continue to meet our financial obligations but there was a clear deadline of October of 2018 at which time we projected we would have exhausted our resources. Through continued careful management we have extended that an additional seven months but we have now reached a critical time demanding each of us to take an active and faithful role.

First, we are writing with an appeal for funds designated to enable us to meet the mortgage while we continue to move forward with the objectives listed above. We are the stewards of this beautiful and expansive center of ministry. In the early 2000 the congregation stepped forward in faith with pledges to a building fund to expand the facility. We are now the stewards of all of that faithfulness. It is our time to exhibit the same kind of faith and confidence in what God is doing through our presence and commit additional financial resources to bring us through this critical period. We cannot do this without each household stepping up with a financial contribution both as with an immediate response for May and a pledge for a 5 month mortgage pledge for June through October. We each must stretch and respond with gratitude for what is and hope for what is yet to be.

Second, as we come into the summer months we always face a tight financial time. Vacations traditionally means that regular attendance patterns shift. As you know from your own household management operating expenses do not take a vacation. It is incumbent on each of us to maintain our financial pledges on schedule over the summer months. Our budget process depends on our financial faithfulness even during summer months. If you will be away you may mail your pledge into the office or give in advance. We thank you in advance.

On May 15th the property was relisted with a reduced price of \$999,000. We are encouraged that we now have three parties that have expressed interest and have come to walk the property – one of which has returned and also done a walk through of the rectory. We are also encouraged that the Diocese is working closely with us to try to identify a lender that will enable us to make interest only payments until the property sells as we are able to retire the mortgage.

This is a difficult letter to write. The Clergy, Warden, Vestry and Financial Committee take seriously our fiduciary responsibilities. We view our leadership in this area as a part of our faithful response to God's leading and challenge to us to live out the grace, love, and blessings we have received. At this time in the life of our family of faith we are challenge to step deeper into response and we invite you to join us.

We are enclosing an envelope for your donation to meet this immediate need as well as a building pledge card to indicate your additional monthly contribution as we being to fulfillment our action plan.

In the ministry in which we all share,

The Warden, Vestry, Finance Committee, and Clergy of St. Alban's

SUNDAY, May 26th
SINGLE SERVICE
10am



Anyone who has served in our Armed Forces and would like to join us in the Procession next Sunday, May 26th, at the 10AM Service, please let Kathryn or the office know.



SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd
8 am & 10 am Services



We welcome the Rev. Holly Ostlund to worship with us today. An Episcopal priest, she speaks for the Third World destitute served by Food For The Poor, an interdenominational ministry providing food, clothing, medical care, housing, school supplies and economic development programs in the Caribbean and Latin America. Rev. Holly travels most weekends for Food For The Poor introducing people of The First World to the people of The Third World. She lives in Palm Beach Gardens, FL with her adult son, Grant and their canine 'rescue,' Sahara. Weekdays Holly is a Palm Beach County hospice chaplain.



PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd
FOLLOWING THE 10:00AM SERVICE

Hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers will be provided.

Please avoid using nuts or alcohol in any recipes or mark clearly!

Please sign up to bring a side dish or dessert to share.



FRIDAY, June 7th ~ 6:00 - 8:30/9:00 PM
at the Rectory ~ Kindergarten and up

Kathryn will host PNO in the Youth Center and needs ONE ADDITIONAL ADULT to volunteer each night. The evening will include simple, nut-free supper that the children will help prepare. The evening will also include a thematic activity related to an outreach project and a settle down movie until parents arrive. Drop off will begin at 6:00pm with pickup between 8:30-9:00pm (If you have a movie and need a little extra time, arrangements can be made).

Kids from kindergarten and up are welcome! We will be able to extend to younger children if sufficient volunteers are available. Details and themes for each night will follow. So mark your calendar and stayed tuned! For planning purposes, please sign up in the narthex or rsvp to the office by *Wednesday, June 5th* .



We would like to recognize all of our 2019 Graduates
at our Sunday Service on **June 16th**.

If you have a graduate in your family, please forward us the following information:
their name, where they are graduating from and
what they will be doing after graduation.

Also, if you would like to include a photo, please do so.
*Please send all information to the parish office by **Monday, June 9th** .*



St. Alban's Pre-School

1 Church Lane
Oakland, New Jersey 07436
(201) 337-5928
Teresa M. Ercan, *Director*



JOIN US FOR SUMMER FUN!

Summer Session at St. Alban's Pre-School

Begins Monday, July 1st and ends 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 half days from 9 AM - 12 PM or full days from 9 AM - 3 PM.

Campers can stay for lunch and/or additional hours from 9-3 PM at a rate of \$9.75 per hour. 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 for the 2019-2020 school year. There will be no second child discount during summer camp.

Applications are available on our website: www.stalbansflow.org. All summer camp forms, including medical records, must be returned along with payment at the time of enrollment.

We look forward to a fun filled summer!





UPCOMING VESTRY MEETINGS:

TUESDAY, May 28, 2019

TUESDAY, June 25, 2019

**Both meetings will start at 7:30PM
in the narthex**

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