

First Sunday of Advent 2018  
December 8, 2019



**SUNDAY, December 8<sup>th</sup> Services:**

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

**THANK YOU TO OUR SERVICE PARTICIPANTS THIS, SUNDAY, December 8, 2019**

Celebrant..... Rev. Kathryn L. King  
Organist..... Lisa Leigh-Dempsey  
Eucharistic Minister ..... Dave Ludwig  
Ushers/Greeter..... Preston Young & Don La Cass  
Acolytes..... Sean Mohamed & Willie Miles  
Lectors ..... Cheri Mc Cusker & Mike Mc Cusker  
Counters & Closers ..... Don La Cass

**SERVICE PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, December 15, 2019**

Celebrant..... Rev. Kathryn L. King  
Organist..... Lisa Leigh-Dempsey  
Eucharistic Minister ..... Jeanne Sylvester  
Ushers/Greeter..... Paula Hoffman & Don La Cass  
Acolytes..... Shane Mohamed & Matthew Phillips  
Lectors ..... Cheri Mc Cusker & Mike Mc Cusker  
Counters & Closers ..... Paula Hoffman



## **THIS SUNDAY ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS OBSERVED**

**Please join us this Sunday, the Second Sunday of Advent, December 8th, as we observe the Feast of St. Nicholas. The saint himself will visit and we will share our traditional hand pressed cookies. All are welcome!**



## **ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS**

Each year our parish family shares the love of Christ by sponsoring gifts for children in need through our local school ministry in Oakland and St. Paul's Community Development Center in Paterson. Please return them on the date indicated.

St. Paul's gifts are due back on December 8<sup>th</sup> (unwrapped) and Oakland school children gifts are due back on December 15<sup>th</sup> (wrapped).

## **PAGEANT COSTUMES & REHEARSAL**

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!

There will be a rehearsal today after our service for anyone who has a speaking part in the pageant.

Thank you-  
Kathryn





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

On **Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**, the fourth 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.**

Girls need to **arrive at church at 9:45** to get sashes on and join the incoming procession to the Advent wreath. 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!

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



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Guess what?!?!? The residents from Cedar Crest Senior Living, where I do a monthly Eucharist, are coming to St. Alban's on Sunday, January 5th at 10 AM service!! They asked and I said absolutely! I hope that 8-10 of the regulars (typically about 18) will be able to come by Cedar Crest transport bus. They are SO EXCITED! They want to see our church so Epiphany will be the perfect time. The church will still be decorated for the Christmas season, the kids will don crowns and king / queen costumes, the choirs will be singing, we will bless and chalk the door, offer the take-home house blessing kits, and then host the festive Epiphany Star coffee hour which we will ramp up a bit to include breakfast casseroles. This is an AWESOME opportunity for us to welcome this senior population and offer them the gift of hospitality. Mark your calendars for another this great day in the Advent / Christmas / Epiphany cycle! More information will be coming!

Blessings! Kathryn+



We are collecting canned and dry cat food for God's Creatures Ministry this Christmas. The blue bin is in the narthex.



### #1 holiday hack:

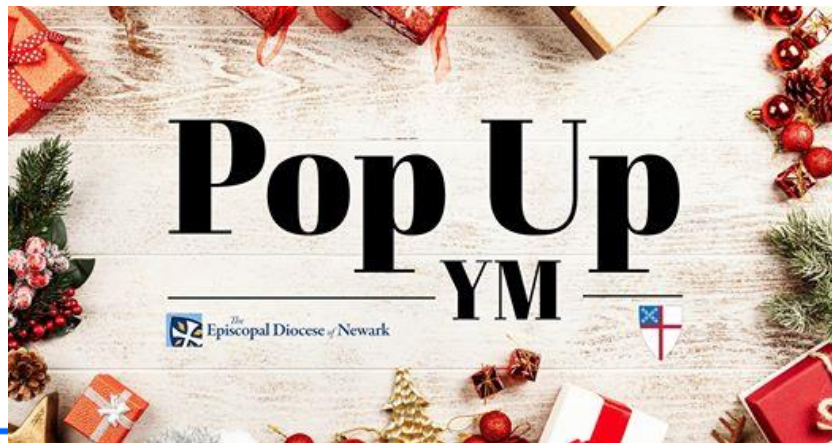
When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon donates.



**DON'T FORGET.....**  
**WHEN SHOPPING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to generate donations for Rector Wardens Vestrymen of St Alban's Episcopal Church in Q. Take advantage of the upcoming shopping holidays: Black Friday on Nov 29 and Cyber Monday on Dec 2.





**Pop Up Youth Ministry : Christmas Party**  
**Saturday, December 14, 2pm – 6:15pm**



We will again host the Diocesan Youth Ministry program at St. Alban's. All middle school and high school youth are encouraged to attend and help us welcome youth from across the diocese. The program will focus on giving and includes fellowship, and outreach project, supper, and special holiday activities. Be sure to wear your fun ugly Christmas sweater. Please visit <https://dioceseofnewark.org/event/pop-youth-event-christmas-party> to register.



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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 poinsettia 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 – through Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**  
For questions, please call the Parish Office 201-337-4909

Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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In Thanksgiving For: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### December 8<sup>th</sup> The Second Sunday of Advent

- The Feast of St. Nicholas with special visitor
  - Distribution of pageant costumes & speaking parts
- Rehearsal at 11:30am.



### December 15<sup>th</sup> The Third Sunday of Advent

- Family Sunday
- Lessons & Carols

### December 22<sup>nd</sup> The Fourth Sunday of Advent

- The Feast of St. Lucy Celebration with special visitors.
- Procession and Blessing of the Greens
- All parish greening of the church beginning at 6 PM followed by a heavy hors d'oeuvres for supper/snacking will provided. Come for as long as you can.
- Pageant rehearsal following 10:15 AM Service

### The Eve of the Feast of the Incarnation Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Two Services:

4:30 PM Festive Holy Eucharist with Pageant

10 PM Festive Holy Eucharist with Christmas  
Lessons and Carols

Candlelight carols at both services



### January 12<sup>th</sup> The Feast of the Epiphany

- All children are invited to wear king and queen costumes
- Blessing and marking of the doors
- Visitors from Cedar Crest Assisted Living
- Epiphany brunch with guests from Cedar Crest



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## Alleluia Fund for Outreach



Please support the Alleluia Fund for Outreach with your end of year gift today!

The Alleluia Fund for Outreach is a vital diocesan ministry. By supporting the Alleluia Fund with your financial contribution, you join Episcopalians across the Diocese who are generously responding to our sisters and brothers in need. As donors to the Alleluia Fund for Outreach, we are able to accomplish things that would likely be impossible for us to do as individual Christians. Food pantries, after school programs, shelters for those most vulnerable, and critically needed international programs – all these are among the vital ministries of our Alleluia Fund partners.

Grace and peace,

*Carlye J. Hughes*  
Bishop of Newark

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Or by check to: Alleluia Fund, c/o Diocese of Newark, 31 Mulberry St., Newark, NJ 07102 or by text to 844-982-0152 and follow the prompts to make your donation.

The Finance Committee and Vestry are in the process of preparing the budget for 2020. 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 2020. 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*

