

Third Sunday of Advent 2018
 Service of Lessons & Carols
 December 15, 2019



SUNDAY, December 15th Services:

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

THANK YOU TO OUR SERVICE PARTICIPANTS FOR TODAY, SUNDAY, December 15, 2019

Celebrant..... Rev. Kathryn L. King
 Organist..... Lisa Leigh-Dempsey
 Eucharistic MinisterJeanne Sylvester
 Ushers/Greeter.....Paula Hoffman & Don La Cass
 Acolytes..... Shane Mohamed & Matthew Phillips
 Lectors Cheri Mc Cusker & Mike Mc Cusker
 Readers.....Maria Gargano, Cheri Mc Cusker, Carol Guzzo, Nicholas King, Annabelle Felice
 Counters & ClosersPaula Hoffman

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, December 22, 2019

Celebrant..... Rev. Kathryn L. King
 Organist..... Lisa Leigh-Dempsey
 Eucharistic MinisterCarol Guzzo
 Ushers/Greeter.....Craig Flug & Don La Cass
 Acolytes.....Willie Miles & Chris Flug
 Lectors Dave Ludwig & Annabelle Felice
 Counters & ClosersDon La Cass



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 8th (unwrapped) and Oakland school children gifts are due back on December 15th (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 22nd, 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.





*St Alban's Friday Luncheon's
Friday, November 13th @ Noon*

Come join us on the second Friday of the month at noon for good food and fellowship. We will be meeting at the Double Ai 107 Terhune Dr, Wayne; although we do change the location on occasion.

All are welcome for this time of conversation and getting to know each other better. Come once, every so often or all the time. Please join us.

For more information, talk to Dagi Murphy at 201 745 8835.

#1 holiday hack:

When you shop at
smile.amazon.com,
Amazon donates



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

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

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



ORDERS DUE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18th



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. 18th
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: _____

In Thanksgiving For: _____

December 22nd 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 be 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 24th ~ 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 12th 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



NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR WELCOME!!
Sunday, January 12th, The Feast of the Epiphany (observed)

EPIPHANY DATE CHANGE

Kathryn has just confirmed that she will be having knee surgery on December 31st and will be out until Sunday, January 12th. Therefore, we are transferring our Epiphany celebrations until her return. Thank you!

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+





Tuesday, December 17, 2019
Vestry Meeting 7PM in the narthex

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

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

You can donate on the website at <https://dioceseofnewark.org/giving/alleluia>
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.



Amahl and the Night Visitors is a timeless story of the power of faith and the meaning of love. The one-act opera tells the story of Amahl, a poor crippled boy, who lives with his mother in a village somewhere on the road to Bethlehem. When the Three Kings following the star in the East seek shelter for the night, the lives of Amahl and his mother are changed forever.

*Two performances:
Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 5pm
Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 5pm
Admission is free*

High Mountain Presbyterian Church
703 Franklin Lakes Road, Franklin Lakes
(just east of the circle at Market Basket)

Kathryn highly recommends seeing this production if you can!!