

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Franklin Lakes, Oakland & Wyckoff

WEEKEND UPDATE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020





Facebook Live and Zoom gatherings

Thank you to all who have been joining in the other opportunities we have shared to be connected with each other. We have successfully launched evening services of Compline and Bedtime Bible Stories for children. Please watch your email for link invitations to these opportunities.

Stay tuned!

Remote worship and Coffee hour

This Sunday, May 3rd at 10 AM we will worship again live on our Facebook page! This is an opportunity to continue to worship together. Please check our Facebook page before Sunday morning and be sure you know how to log on. If you have any trouble, please reach out to Kathryn or your vestry contact person. The bulletin for Sunday's service is attached to this email. We will start streaming at 9:50 AM and begin the service at 10 AM. We are prohibited from allowing anyone to attend the worship service in person who is not part of the skeleton crew to facilitate broadcasting.

Following the service, we will hold a remote fellowship time for those that would like to stay on- line.

Compline

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 9 PM I will offer Compline over Facebook Live. Compline is a beautifully simple form of prayer to end the day. There service lasts about 20 minutes and is a beautiful way to give thanks at the end of the day and for the setting of the sun. It is my hope that others may be interested in leading this on other evenings once people become familiar with this meaningful service.

Bedtime stories for little ones

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7 PM I will live stream reading a Bible story for bedtime over a Zoom call. This will give me a chance to have some facetime with our youngest members and keep our connections strong. I will send the invite over the weekend.

Children's Sunday school

If you have children in your home you will find included in your *St. Alban's United* bags the materials for Sunday school lessons. Each will be numbered. I will send out an invitation to a Zoom call. I will let you know which lesson we will be doing each time. If there are additional materials or supplies needed it will be indicated on each package.



-IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY WITH BISHOP HUGHES - ZOOM MEETING OPEN TO ALL ON TUESDAY, MAY 5TH AT 7 PM

In the weekly Zoom meeting / call with the clergy Bishop Hughes announced that she will be hosting two new opportunities to gather virtually and stay connected. Beginning this Tuesday evening bishop Hughes will host a monthly information and conversation opportunity open to everyone in the diocese. Additionally, the diocese has been divided into regional groups. The clergy have been meeting within these groups for discussion and planning for over a month. These same geographic groups will now hold sessions with Bishop Hughes. Both of these new opportunities are open to all. The links for these sessions will be emailed to parish offices a day before the meeting and then forwarded by individual parishes to their parishioners. A schedule will also be forthcoming.



OUTREACH TO LOCAL FAMILIES CONTINUES

Your continued donations to the special outreach efforts of providing food and essential items to families in need in Oakland continued this week. Gift cards for Shop Rite, The Giant Farmer's Market, and The Dollar Store were distributed this past week to enable families to acquire needed items. We continue to coordinate through the public schools. We have received requests for support for additional families and we have added them to our efforts. Nurse Barbara Verga of Dogwood School said to me this week "I am quite sure that the efforts of your parish are all that stands between these children and hunger". We currently support about 2 dozen children and adults. Thank you to Dean Mohamed for helping to make deliveries.

Thank you to Maria Palmer who is keeping us up to date on resources available to these families through the food pantry at St. Paul's, Paterson. They have opened their pantry to anyone who lives in New Jersey during these especially challenging times.

If you are able and would like to support this ongoing ministry you may do so by visiting the parish website and making an online donation or by mailing a check to the parish office with OUTREACH indicated in the memo. Your donation will be recorded on your pledge statement and 100% will be used for food and essentials for these families in great need.

THE ALTAR OF ROSES
A Mother's Day Tribute



Purchase a rose and honor, not only mothers, but any woman who has been important in your life (living or deceased). It could be for wives, daughters, best friends as well as mothers and grandmothers.

The names of all the honored women and those who are honoring them will be included in the May 10th bulletin on Mother's Day. Help to support the Outreach Ministry. Funds will be used for Outreach to families in need in the midst of the challenging time.

If you are interested in ordering a rose, you **MUST** let us know by **Tuesday, May 7th**. Please use the order form on the reverse side.



MOTHER'S DAY ROSE ORDER FORM:
\$5.00 per rose, per person remembered/honored

In memory of:

In honor of:

Name _____
(please print)

Address _____

Phone # _____ Amount \$ _____

Payments can be made by mail directly to the church office or through the online giving on the parish website (flowers). Please make checks payable to St. Alban's Church.

You may also mail the names back to the parish office or email them to the parish email. Emailing the names is best if you can do so.

Please return all requests **no later than May 7th**. Any questions, email the parish office.

JOINING IN PRAYER

Please either email or call in any names you would like to add to our prayer list on Sundays so that we may surround all those in need with our love and petitions before God. I will include the names in the weekend updates as well as Sunday bulletins. Please keep the list in a place where you will be able to see it and be reminded throughout the day to lift them before God. If you would like us to know the reason for the prayer, please include that in the email or phone message.

It is our privilege and responsibility to bring before God our prayers for ourselves and on behalf of others. Let us pray.....



PRAYER
Requests

Pop Up YM

Due to the state-wide "Stay at home" order, Pop Up Youth Ministry has started to meet via Zoom. All youth grades 6-12 are invited to participate.

SUNDAY, MAY 3rd at 4PM

For more information or to register please go to:

<https://dioceseofnewark.org/event/pop-pop-online-meeting>