

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Oakland & Franklin Lakes

Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 25, 2021

WEEKEND UPDATE



Christ
is
Risen!

Alleluia



Church News

TRYING SOMETHING NEW! On Sunday we will be trying something new with our on-line worship. We will still send the bulletin along with the Zoom link but we will be screen sharing power point slides that will have the service on them. I have been participating in daily Morning Prayer with my colleague, The Reverend Susan Sica, and St. Gregory's Church, Parsippany. She uses this format and I have found that it makes worshipping more seamless. So, Christine and I met, and I asked her to create Powerpoint slides for our Sunday worship. She has done a beautiful job, as always!, and we will give it a try for the next month. After a month we will evaluate the experience and determine what we will do moving forward. We will still include the bulletin in the email for those who wish to print it and have a paper copy in their hands.

PENTECOST is May 23rd

Pentecost is one of the principal feasts of the church. It marks the conclusion of the Easter season and celebrates the day that the gift of the Holy Spirit was given. We traditionally mark this day with a festal Eucharist and wearing red, orange, and yellow to remember the flames that appeared upon the heads of the apostles. It is my hope that we will hold Festal Holy Eucharist in the parikiing lot in the manner in which we celebrated Easter. We are currently working to acquire a speaker and sound borad system like the one we borrowed at Easter. This kind of system will make outdoor worship possible on a regualr basis as long as the guidelines for gathering are met. Stay tuned. More information will follow!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Following an organizational meeting this past week I will be starting youth Confirmation classes to prepare for Confirmation in the Spring of 2022. We currently have 5 young people who will be participating: William Miles, Danny Phillips, Sierra Mohamed, Matt Phillips, and Stella Hancock.

If you know of a young person who is in the 7th grade or above who would like to join this class please be in touch with me.



CHILDREN'S SPORTS As is my practice, I would like, as possible, to attend some sports that our kids are involved in. If your child is participating in an outdoor sport I would like to know the schedule. I obviously would like to see as many of the kids as possible so if you know that multiple kids will be involved in the same game please let me know that as well. Thank you!

THE ACTAR 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 9th 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 this|challenging time.

If you are interested in ordering a rose, you **MUST** let us know by **Wednesday, May 5th**. 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 5th**. Any questions, email the parish office.



The Episcopal Diocese of Newark

The Episcopal Church in Northern New Jersey

A taste of justice: A message after the Chauvin verdict

Dear Companions on the Journey,

The guilty verdict delivered in the Chauvin trial elicited a range of reactions revealing our complex history and relationship with racism and racial violence. Relief, sadness, exhaustion, triumph, shock, and grief were only some of the responses that intermingled within us and so many other people across the nation.

The decision was a historic act of accountability for the loss of a Black man's life – something we have seen precious little of through decades of lynching, terror, and brutality. These dangers have been felt so strongly in African American communities that “the talk” has become a normal and necessary part of growing up Black in our country. Important to note that “the talk” is a misnomer and is not limited to one group of people. These conversations start in childhood, continue throughout life, and take place in many communities of color.

As is often the case with complex issues, people with no experience of this danger are surprised to know it exists or deny all evidence of a problem. This year of pandemic has been a year of deep discovery about the pernicious and insidious nature of racism and its impact on the nation, the church, and each of us as faithful Christians. It is this learning that has sharpened our efforts to develop our spiritual lives, to learn our history, and to gather with faithful people to take action. Our work continues.

Even with the sense of deep relief many experienced with this decision, we recognize this was only a start. We have been given a taste of justice. If we want more than a taste, then it will take sustained commitment, tenacious effort, and an abundance of God's love and healing to become Beloved Community. Holy Scripture and the Book of Common Prayer call us to love our neighbor. This call guides us to a life where all people are loved, valued, respected, safe, and thrive.

Our prayers continue for the Floyd and Chauvin families, for all victims and perpetrators of racial violence, and for Beloved Community to become the realized dream for all of God's people.

Prayer for the Human Family, BCP p 815

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace and peace,
Bishop Hughes

This message is also posted on the diocesan website [here](#).

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If you would like to add a name to the prayer list,
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Just a reminder to please continue to send in your pledges either by mailing them into the church office or through our online giving on our website at <http://www.stalbansflow.org/> Your support is greatly appreciated!

ALTAR CANDLE WEEKLY DEDICATIONS AVAILABLE

St. Alban's will be again offering an opportunity to remember your loved ones with a weekly dedication of the lit sanctuary candle. For a \$10 donation, your loved ones will be remembered in memory or thanksgiving during our weekly prayers and bulletin as well as dedicating the lit sanctuary candle to them for the week beginning on the Sunday Service of your choosing.

If you are interested in making a donation, you can either mail in your check with the names of your dedication or make a donation directly on our website <http://stalbanflow.org/> All dedications must be made by Thursday of the week prior to the date of your choosing.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 201-337-4909.





OPEN ENROLLMENT

WHERE CHILDREN SMILE, ARE LOVED AND SHINE !

ST. ALBAN'S PRESCHOOL



Our goal is to provide a program for ages 1-6 that allows every child to grow socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually.

- ➔ Loving & attentive staff with decades of experience
- ➔ Special areas in Music & Creative Movement, Cooking, Science & Social Studies, Read & Create, & Gym
- ➔ Flexible half & full day schedules with before care, lunch & aftercare options
- ➔ Large enclosed outdoor park like playground

Register Today!

Contact us today :
Teresa Ercan, Director ~ 201-337-5928
stalbanspreschl@optonline.net
<http://stalbansflow.org/pre-school>
<https://www.facebook.com/stalbanspreschl>

"Caring teachers, wonderful program. Such a gem!" – Maria P.

"The staff are extremely diligent and mindful of each child's needs. Having a place to send my kids where I feel extremely comfortable is so important, especially during these times. Miss Teresa and the staff are truly amazing!" – Jennifer R.

