

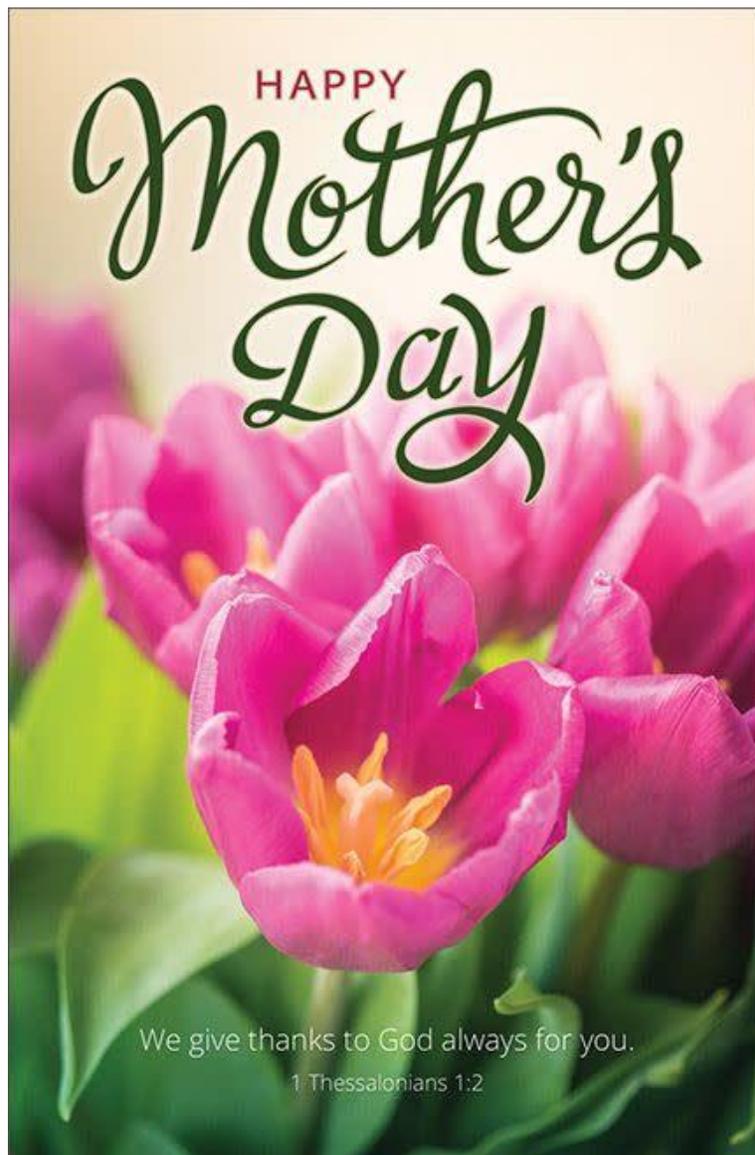
St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Oakland & Franklin Lakes

Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 9, 2021

Altar of Roses

WEEKEND UPDATE





Property Update

Good saints of St. Alban's,

It is with thanksgiving for all those who have been working tirelessly on the subdivision and sale process that I share with you that we have hit a huge milestone successfully! I want to give you a status update that, I hope, will answer lingering questions and give us all a general timetable of what we anticipate will be coming over the next two months. Our efforts in living and serving faithfully continue and are bearing fruit in many areas – this being just one. It is my honor to serve among you, good and faithful servants, as we draw nearer and nearer to ‘the Promised Land’!

Here's a status update on the process for the subdivision and sale.

1. Thursday, May 6th, the Franklin Lakes Zoning Board approved the subdivision. Now begins a 45- day appeal period. We do not anticipate any questions / objections at this point because the church agreed to a restrictive deed and the neighbors signed off on it. The restrictive deed indicates that the subdivision can only be 3 single family dwellings. The appeal period will expire on June 20th at which points site maps will be signed by town and county. That is the final step prior to closing.
2. Bruce Whitaker, our lawyer, notified us today that he has written to the buyers confirming that the due diligence period has expired and their deposit is due by Monday, May 10th.
3. I have instructed Bruce Whitaker and Eileen Bassi, our realtor, to pursue a closing date the week of June 20th allowing time for the needed map certifications.

Outstanding items

1. The wetlands certification that was obtained in 2016 expires after 5 years so an extension was filed in early March. The granting is proforma but we need to have it in-hand and are awaiting that notification.
2. The required Builders Agreement has been prepared by Mr. Whitaker and is being submitted to the town.
3. The new site maps will need to be signed and filed in the town and the county following the 45- day appeal period. Mr. Whitaker has already established a system for this to occur swiftly under Covid circumstances.

4. It is my understanding that the Standing Committee of the Diocese, who has already given approval of the sale and current contract, will also need to certify the map / land prior to closing. I will contact Wendy Drake-Schneider, President of the Standing Committee, to verify the exact requirements. I will then coordinate directly with her to ensure a process to accomplish the needs expeditiously.

We are all, obviously, relieved to have reached this milestone. The two biggest hurdles, the town approval and a buyer, are now in place. We will continue to faithfully and diligently pursue the successful conclusion to this undertaking. Please continue to hold in your prayers smooth and swift actions in these final steps. I feel like we are dwelling in Holy Saturday now – past the trials of Good Friday, knowing the Easter morning will dawn, but not yet seeing the brilliant sky of sunrise. We are here, in this in-between time, and we are living with the anticipation of using a copy of the mortgage as kindling for a new fire!

Holy God, we thank you for setting us at tasks that demand our best efforts, and leading us to accomplishments that satisfy and delight us. May this, with God's help, finally be accomplished. Amen.

In Christ's service,

Kathryn+

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.

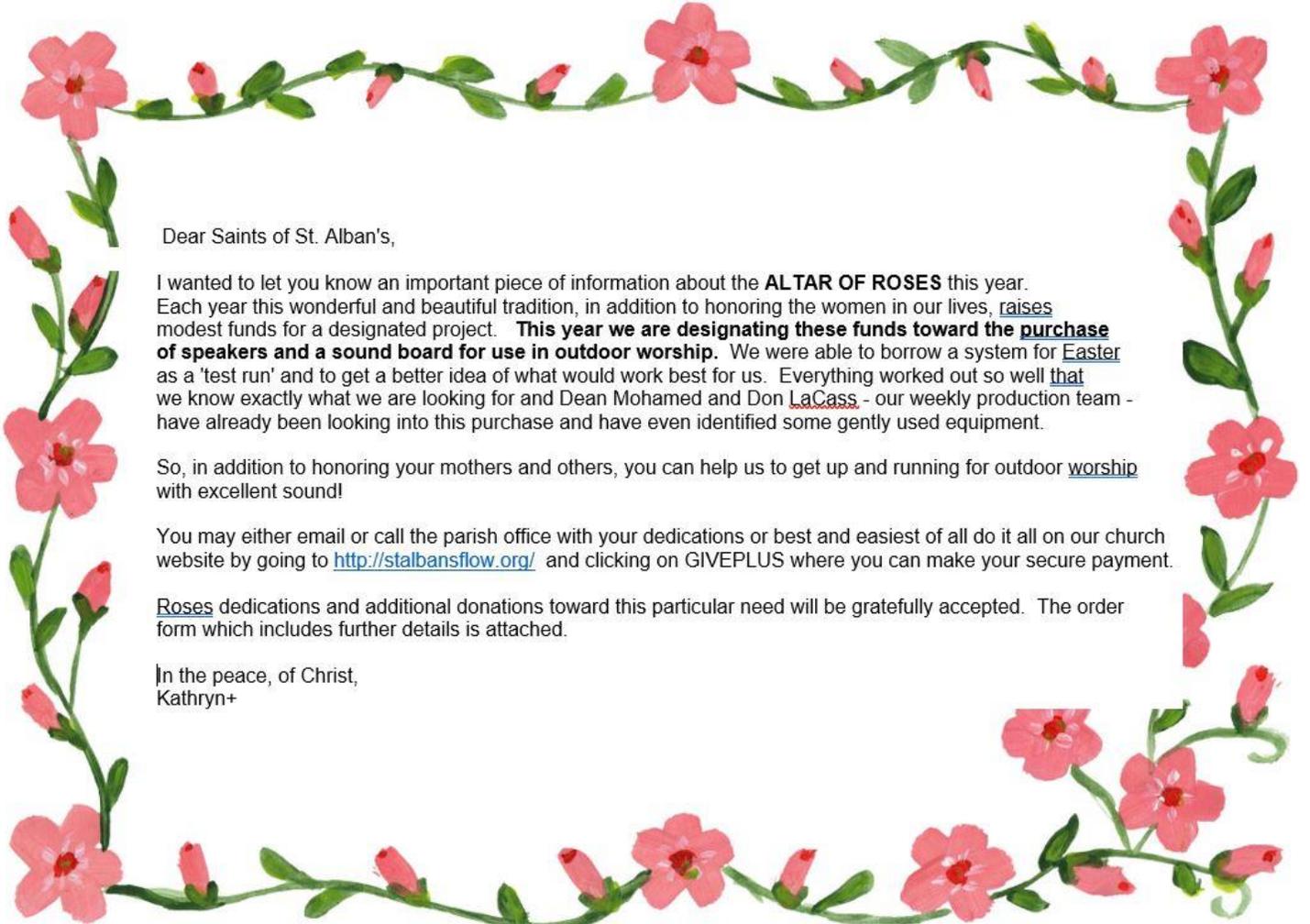


PENTECOST is May 23rd

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 parking lot in the manner in which we celebrated Easter. We are currently working to acquire a speaker and sound board system like the one we borrowed at Easter. This kind of system will make outdoor worship possible on a regular basis as long as the guidelines for gathering are met. Stay tuned. More information will follow!



ORDERS ARE STILL BEING TAKEN PLEASE EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE



Dear Saints of St. Alban's,

I wanted to let you know an important piece of information about the **ALTAR OF ROSES** this year. Each year this wonderful and beautiful tradition, in addition to honoring the women in our lives, raises modest funds for a designated project. **This year we are designating these funds toward the purchase of speakers and a sound board for use in outdoor worship.** We were able to borrow a system for Easter as a 'test run' and to get a better idea of what would work best for us. Everything worked out so well that we know exactly what we are looking for and Dean Mohamed and Don LaCass - our weekly production team - have already been looking into this purchase and have even identified some gently used equipment.

So, in addition to honoring your mothers and others, you can help us to get up and running for outdoor worship with excellent sound!

You may either email or call the parish office with your dedications or best and easiest of all do it all on our church website by going to <http://stalbansflow.org/> and clicking on GIVEPLUS where you can make your secure payment.

Roses dedications and additional donations toward this particular need will be gratefully accepted. The order form which includes further details is attached.

In the peace, of Christ,
Kathryn+



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.

SUNDAY, MAY 23rd after Church

We need your help with some cleaning out from the rectory and the church.

**Please join us after service on Sunday, May 23rd .
Any amount of time you can give is much appreciated.**

Please contact Don La Cass with any questions.



A parish email was sent out on Friday with a survey regarding our return to In-Person Worship.

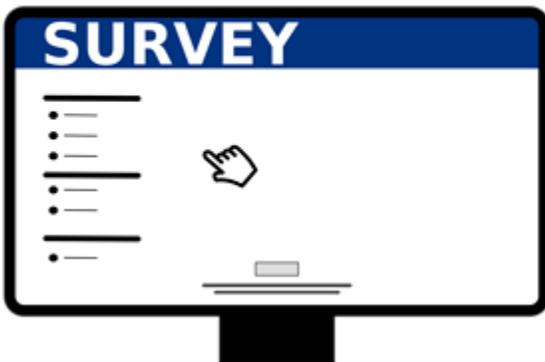
Please take a few minutes to answer 3 short questions to help our Journey Forward Team as they reassess the reopening.

You can also click on the link below to complete the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G7KXS9C>

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Nazare or the parish office.

Thank you for your prompt attention !



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If you would like to add a name to the prayer list,
please email the parish office stalbansofl@optimum.net .

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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.



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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!

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stalbanspreschl@optonline.net

<http://stalbansflow.org/pre-school>

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"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.

