

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Oakland & Franklin Lakes

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

WEEKEND UPDATE



Please join us this Sunday for our 10 AM Worship Service as we light the Third Sunday in Advent "Joy" Candle. The Service will be In-Person and livestream.

We welcome back Rev. Fr. David B. Rude who will be presiding and preaching.

WE WILL BE INDOORS WITH PLENTY OF ROOM FOR DISTANCING. PLEASE WEAR A MASK FOR SINGING, AND BE CONSCIOUS OF SOCIAL DISTANCING

PLEASE JOIN US!!! ALL ARE WELCOME!



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/Oakland Families in need. You may choose as many or as few as you wish or a combination of both.

Please either mail or place completed forms and checks in the red basket in the narthex or the offering plate.

ORDERS ACCEPTED – through Dec. 17th

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: _____

Adopt a Family FOR CHRISTMAS

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO PURCHASED GIFTS FOR THE ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM THIS YEAR! YOUR KINDNESS & GENEROSITY IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED AND SURE TO HELP MAKE SOMEONE'S CHRISTMAS SPECIAL. A BIG THANK YOU ALSO TO MARIA PALMER FOR GIVING US THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF THIS SPECIAL EVENT AND MISS TERESA FOR ALL OF HER EFFORTS IN ORGANIZING IT FOR ST. ALBANS.



Thank you to all who donated to our Thanksgiving Food Drive. We were able to provide 4 local families with Thanksgiving Dinners as well as deliver food to both the Center For Food Action and Ponds Food Pantry.

We will continue to collect food donations in the hopes of doing the same for Christmas. You may drop off your food donations in the bin on the bench outside the church office (we will check daily) or on Sunday mornings in the narthex. If you would like to make other arrangements, please contact the parish office.

In addition to holiday dinner items, some of the most needed food items needed at the food pantries include:

- Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, etc.)
- Canned Hearty Soups
- Canned Vegetables
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Tomato Sauce
- Toothpaste, Toothbrush & Dental Floss
- Cold Cereal (low sugar) and Oatmeal
- Powdered Milk and/or Boxed Milk, such as Parmalat
- Canned Fruits
- Instant Potatoes
- 100% Juice
- Baby Formula & Diapers sizes 4, 5 & 6
- Bar or Bottled Soap
- Canned Dog Food & Canned Cat Food





MORNING
PRAYER

We are looking for volunteers who can help with Morning Prayer as needed in the future. We will review and provide you with a reference binder with step-by-step instructions.

Morning Prayer can be led from the church In-Person or on Zoom from your home.

Please email the parish office if you can help out.

**PREPARE
THE WAY
OF LOVE
THIS
ADVENT**

ADVENT RESOURCES

Journeying the Way of Love Advent Curriculum

For the season of Advent, *Journeying the Way of Love* offers four sessions to be explored as we await the coming of Christ by moving through the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke. Luke's gospel provides a pattern for understanding how we can live the [Way of Love](#) as individuals, as families and friends, as a community, and out in the world.

Advent Calendar 2021

To accompany the "Journeying the Way of Love" curriculum, use the Advent calendar, which offers daily suggestions for engaging in the seven practices that encompass the Way of Love: turn, learn, pray, worship, bless, go, and rest. The calendar can also be used as a stand-alone resource—keep it at your desk or on your fridge and refer to it every day!

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/journeying-way-love/>

REMINDER

Every Perfect Gift



Our Parish In-Gathering was held on Sunday, November 21st at which time we began as a parish family to make our pledge for 2022. If you haven't done so already, please send in your 2022 Stewardship pledge. You can either mail it to the church office or bring it with you to Sunday's Service. Thank you!

"Every Perfect Gift" 2021 Year B ~ Stewardship 2022~

We are called in this moment to reflect on the cycle of abundance sparked with the first light and made manifest in the Creation, in the calling of prophets, and in the gift of God's own son on Earth. As we share our gifts through the Eucharist and through our service to the world, we participate in the ongoing creation of abundance and generosity.



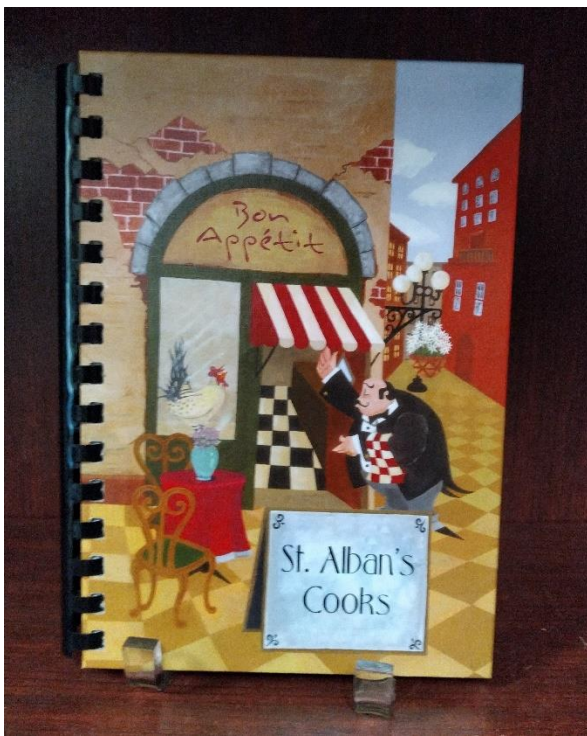
Shopping for the holidays?

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

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PLEASE REMEMBER AS YOU START YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Don't forget to choose St. Alban's as your designated charity at smile.amazon.com/ch/04-3802711 to generate donations for Rector Wardens Vestrymen of St Albans Episcopal Church in OfI and check out our [AmazonSmile Charity Lists](#) to donate items we need most.



Love to try new recipes, consider purchasing a St. Alban's Cookbook.

These cookbooks were put together years ago by parishoners who shared their favorite recipes.

Cookbooks are just \$5

Please contact the parish to purchase office or pick up at Sunday Service



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!

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](http://www.stalbansflow.org/), you can either mail in your check with the names of your dedication or make a donation directly on our website <http://www.stalbansflow.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.



We will be updating our prayer list after this Sunday's Service.

- If you have added names to the list and would like those names to remain on there, please email the parish office stalbansofl@optimum.net
- If you would like to add / remove any names from the list, please also email the parish office.

Thank you !



From the Episcopal Diocese of Newark to all parishes.....



Pastoral Letter

The Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes, XI Bishop of Newark

To be read in all congregations of the diocese, or otherwise made available to all members by email or other distribution.

December 3, 2021

Dear Companions on the Journey.

This fall, in response to New Jersey's temporary extension of the Civil Statute of Limitations for Sexual Assault which ended on November 30, the Diocese of Newark and some of our parishes received notices about claims of childhood sexual abuse in our churches and/or affiliated ministries. There were fewer than ten claims made and they ranged in time from the 1950s to the 1990s. This was disturbing news and we have moved quickly to respond to the claims.

Our immediate concerns are for the welfare of any victims and for the needs of the churches involved. The diocese and parishes are represented by legal counsel who are providing much-needed advice and guidance as we seek to be just and fair in this process.

While this has been distressing news, it has also reminded us of the importance of being a safe church that honors the dignity of all people. Our commitment to safe church practices continues along with our prayers for all involved in these claims.

Grace and peace,

The Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes
XI Bishop of Newark