

# St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Oakland & Franklin Lakes

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 27, 2022

## WEEKEND UPDATE



**Please join us this Sunday for our 10 AM Worship Service.  
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!**



**Ashes to Go**

**Begin your Lenten Journey with Ashes to Go.**

**St. Alban's Episcopal Church**

**March 2, 2022 ~ Ash Wednesday**

**8 AM – 9 AM outside the preschool entrance**

**11:30 AM – 12:30 PM outside the preschool entrance**

**6 PM – 7 PM in front of the church entrance**

**St. Alban's will be outside distributing ashes on Ash Wednesday. We are happy to provide drive up ashes as well bring ashes to you at home. Please contact the parish office if you would like Ashes brought to you.**

**If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.**

**We will hold our Annual Meeting  
on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Reports will be sent out electronically  
prior to the meeting which will be  
livestreamed following our  
Sunday Worship Service.**

**Paper copies are available by request.**

**It is very important for the parish that  
everyone attend either in-person or virtually.**





**NEXT VESTRY MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022  
8 PM ON ZOOM**

# You're Invited

## Invitation to join in YOUR Regional Ministry Network

In the Spring of 2020, all congregations of the Diocese of Newark were grouped into eight **Regional Ministry Networks (RMNs)**, named for saints; we are in the **Benedict of Nursia** Region. The purpose of these Networks is to increase interaction between churches in a geographical region, both clergy and lay, separately and together.

The hope is that this interaction will result in sharing of events, resources, information, and brainstorming, along the lines of "this is what's working/this is what we need help with". The more the Regions are able to meet with and get to know their neighboring Episcopal churches, the more easily they will celebrate the good, support each other in crisis and unite around the work they can do together. In short, churches could become better equipped to run church ministries and operations. Another benefit of the RMNs is that parishioners can more easily join in ministries not supported by their home parish yet already in place in another. And another thing to think about: folks who don't need help may well be able to help someone else!

Our Regional Co-Conveners are in charge of organizing 3 meetings a year. For now, these meetings will be on Zoom; we'll see what the future brings! **Our next Regional Ministry Network meeting is on March 6 at 3 PM**; mark your calendars! Zoom information will be forthcoming



The BLESS Annual Appeal supports the mission and ministries of The Episcopal Church.

Ministries that impact the lives of people around the world and in your hometown.

Ministries including:

**Creation Care** – Advocating and acting to repair Creation and seek the liberation and flourishing of all people. Adopting practical ways of reducing our climate impact and living more humbly and gently on Earth as individuals, households, congregations, institutions, and dioceses.

**Evangelism** – Come and See! Through the spiritual practice of evangelism, we seek, name and celebrate Jesus’ loving presence in the stories of all people – then invite everyone to MORE.

**Indigenous Ministries** -- Working for the full inclusion of Indigenous people in the life and leadership of the Church.

Your gift to the BLESS Annual Appeal supports this work today and every day.

Please make your gift today to propel us forward boldly as witnesses to Christ’s love and presence in the world.

You can make a gift today:

- **Online - Here** <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/bless-annual-appeal/give/>
- Call (800) 334-7626 ext 6002
- Ground Mail

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**REMINDER**



# Every Perfect Gift



**PLEASE - WE NEED TO HEAR FROM EACH HOUSEHOLD – EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO PLEDGE AT THIS TIME**

It is a critical time for each of us to prayerfully consider how we can financially support the ongoing ministry of our parish family as we respond to the call of Christ to be his heart, hands, and presence in the world.

We need to hear from each household in order to make the necessary decisions and plans for the coming year. It is especially important that we all make our commitments known. Every pledge is critical and every member is needed to continue our vital ministries into the future.

Please review all the information carefully, think about all that this family of faith is about, and make a prayerful response. We are called to sacrificial giving to offer of ourselves as Christ poured himself out for us. Thank you for who you are and all that you offer to uphold and support our common life.

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.





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://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](mailto:stalbansofl@optimum.net)
- If you would like to add / remove any names from the list, please also email the parish office.

Thank you !

Prayer  
Request



## Happening at Cross Roads

*Cross Roads is the ecumenical camp and retreat center of our diocese and the NJ Synod of the ELCA (Lutheran Church).*

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### **NEW DATES! Youth Retreats 2022**

**Middle & High School Retreat (Grades 6-12): APR 29 - MAY 1, 2022**

**Elementary School Retreat (Grades 3-5): MAY 13 - 15, 2022**

Youth Retreats at Cross Roads combine fun activities, Bible study, worship, delicious food, and time spent outside to create an awesome weekend for youth and their adult leaders.

Read more about the retreats and register your youth group at:

[crossroadsretreat.com/youth-retreats](https://crossroadsretreat.com/youth-retreats).

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### **Work at camp this summer**

Applications for the Cross Roads Summer Staff 2022 are LIVE! We are hiring awesome young adults who would be a great fit for any of our open positions next summer.

Employment runs from mid-June through August 2022. Apply at:

[crossroadsretreat.com/employment](https://crossroadsretreat.com/employment).

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### **Summer camp registration is open**

***Register before 1/31/22 to receive a \$25 discount!***

Registration for Summer Camp 2022 at Cross Roads is now open! Explore all the offerings for youth in grades 2-12 as well as family camp programs at:

[crossroadsretreat.com/summer-programs](https://crossroadsretreat.com/summer-programs).

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**PLEASE SHARE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS**



**AVAILABLE NOW**

## LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT SPACE TO HOLD A SPECIAL EVENT OR PARTY?

St. Alban's Parish Hall and Kitchen are available for rent. The space is ideal for a family celebration or special event and is also a great space to hold an event for your organization.

The Parish Hall has a maximum occupancy of the is 98 seated at tables and 211 using chairs only. There is a full commercial grade kitchen available as well. Exclusive use of outside playground can be arranged. Rental facilities are handicap accessible.

Rental policy details can be obtained from the Church Office.  
For more information, please call us at (201) 337-4909 or send an email to [stalbansofl@optimum.net](mailto:stalbansofl@optimum.net).

\*Ask about our discount for registered preschool families

