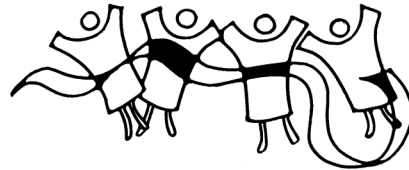


**St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Syracuse, New York**

September Newsletter

St. Alban's is
a Community founded in **CHRIST'S LOVE**,
Joyfully seeking to live our faith,
reaching out to **ALL** God's people.



**Announcing the Creation of the
Marge DeLancey Music Fund**



Following the funeral of our beloved Marge, her three children told me that they would like to donate \$5000 in Marge's memory. As I emailed back and forth with Debbie DeLancey I asked for time to consider carefully how to use their generous gift. At the August Vestry meeting I made a proposal to create the Marge DeLancey Music Fund. Having been without a choir for two years, I wanted to bring more music back into the Sunday service. The proposal was well received. As Marge was a teacher, the Vestry and I decided to begin by giving a paid internship to one or two choral students at neighboring Nottingham High School, and then expand from there. Organist Della Holtzapple is enthusiastic about the idea and is happy to work with high school students. The fund would also be used to pay for musicians at Christmas and Easter.

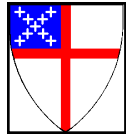
Here, in part, was Debbie DeLancey's response. "Dear Mother Julie - I can't tell you how happy your message has made us! I wish you could have heard the excitement in Blaine's voice when I read him your message over the phone. Scott, Blaine and I are all incredibly moved by the thoughtfulness that you've put into this proposal; and agree that there could be no better way to provide a legacy for our Mom than combining her passions for music, and for teaching.

"We were quite prepared for our gift to be invested in more mundane needs - a freezer, a lawn mower - which would have been fine, but this idea has got us really excited. Blaine is particularly moved because Nottingham High is his alma mater, which makes the investment in students there even more meaningful.

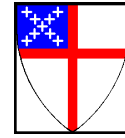
... "Thanks again for your love and support for our Mom for so many years, and for making this gift a lasting gift for our family as well."

The next step is for me to meet with the Music Director at Nottingham the second or third week of school. I am very excited about this opportunity to honor Marge and connect with our neighborhood.

Mother Julie+



East Side Episcopalians



Joint Holy Eucharist and Picnic Sunday, September 25 at 10:30 a.m.

All are welcome to come to the worship and picnic! The service begins at 10:30 a.m. and once again will be held at Ryder Park, next to the DeWitt Town Hall. Parking is plentiful and the pavilion is handicap accessible. We will be joined by the members of St. David's, DeWitt and Emmanuel, East Syracuse. Kiki White will be letting us know what food St. Alban's needs to bring.

Please Note: There will be no service at St. Alban's that Sunday.

Valley Worship Center Food Pantry, 2929 Midland Avenue

Volunteers are needed on Thursday afternoons.

We continue our new partnership with Valley Worship Center by providing volunteers to serve at their pantry. Our help is needed and our eight volunteers will tell you that we work hard! The first Thursday of the month is the biggest and busiest, as it is the monthly fresh foods pantry. Tables are full of fruits and vegetables, as well as eggs and dairy products. Pastor Claire Pietra has been on a month-long medical leave and the pantry will start up again on September 15.

First Thursdays the larger Fresh Foods pantry is from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

All other Thursdays volunteers are needed from 11:30-2:00 p.m.

Please sign up in the Fellowship Room.



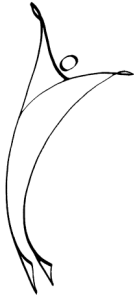
Thank You!

In May the Vestry sent out an appeal to the parish to help cover the cost of fixing the furnace (\$2200) and to pay for the unexpected additional roof expense to remove cedar shakes and put down plywood (\$6800). As of July 31 \$7,430 has been donated! Many thanks to all who have contributed to the appeal.

Mark Your Calendar!

Rector's 10th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 16
9:30 a.m.



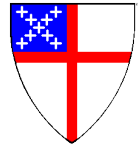
September 12, 2006, Mother Julie came to St. Alban's as Interim Rector. September 1, 2007 she became Rector.

Come and celebrate with her 10 Spirit-filled years at St. Alban's!

Farewell to Bishop Skip

Saturday, October 22

On October 31 The Rt. Rev. Gladstone B. Adams III retires as the 10th Bishop of Central New York. Members of the clergy and laity are invited to attend the celebration of his time with us.



Where: The OnCenter

When: Saturday, October 22

What: Morning Eucharist followed by a luncheon program and presentations

Fall Clean Up

Saturday
October 15



9:00 a.m.

Bring your yard tools and cleaning supplies. Storm windows also need to be put up. Members of Christ Church, who worship in the church on Sunday at 11:15, will join us. Coffee and donuts will be provided.



Vestry meets next on
September 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Quarterly Daytime Fellowship Meets at Noon

Fall: October 19 - Olive Garden

Christmas: December 7 - Christmas Lunch and Gift Exchange

St. Patrick's Day: March 17 - Traditional Boiled Dinner

Spring: May 17 - Olive Garden

We welcome through the
sacrament of Baptism:

Bailey Ryan Sabin,

Daughter of Kathleen Hogue
and Tyler Sabin
and

Daniella Elizabeth Sabin,

Daughter of Lani Fineberg
and Tyler Sabin.



In Loving Memory of

Joanne Wingerter,

whose memorial service
was held on August 13,

and

Lorraine Merrick,

whose funeral
was held on August 27.

Priestly Ponderings

Ten years ago when I came to St. Alban's Bobbi Lombardo was Senior Warden, Sharon Wilson was Junior Warden, Betsy Watson was Secretary, Lorraine Merrick was Treasurer, and David Gregg was Financial Secretary and Webmaster. Pauline Stanley was active in many aspects of the life of the parish and a force of nature! My sons Russell and Chris were 12 and 6 years old. We had two services on Sunday, a choir with four paid section leaders, and a Sunday School. After more than 50 burials and Chris' illness and brain surgery, people often wonder how I can still keep coming to St. Alban's with a smile on my face and optimism in my heart. When asked, I often respond, "As long as I have Jesus and Brian I can do anything!" Walking close to my Lord and Savior, my Jesus, gives me resurrection hope for the future. We worship a God who is both all-loving and all-powerful. Brian, my life partner and husband of 30 years, is a gift from God.

Forty three years ago when Jesus told me, "Julie, I want you to be a priest in the Episcopal Church," I never could have imagined that I would serve my priesthood in what's known now as a "post-modern" world. In a post-modern world mainline Christianity has lost much of its influence. No longer can one assume that the majority of people go to church on Sunday and sanction Christian ethical behavior. In fact, last year "unaffiliated" became the largest group of people's religious preference, at just over 50%. Two days ago I was getting on 690 from Erie Blvd. and saw a billboard that read, "Don't believe in God? You're not alone," and had an email address for cnyhumanists. In mid-August I led the "Protestant" service at The Nottingham senior living community, which is attended by a number of Unitarian Universalists. Since it was the day after the feast day of the Assumption (or Dormition) of the Blessed Virgin Mary I chose that as my topic. I was met with outright hostility by two participants, one of whom stated that "God exploited Mary." How terribly, terribly sad.

How does one respond in faith to such incidents/advertizing? Mainline Christians can ignore it and stick their heads in the sand. Or - and this is exciting and scary all at once - we can return to our roots of 2000 years ago and follow the examples of our mothers and fathers in the early Church, who lived out their faith in Jesus Christ in a world that was hostile to them. The words "love" and "faith" and "hope" need to be seen as verbs by Christians. We are loved, and so we love. We believe, and act accordingly. We are a people of hope, and hope never dies when it is based in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is not our job to convince people that God is real and His only-begotten Son is our Savior. It is our job to make known what God has done in Jesus for all humanity. So let us love and act boldly in the Name of Jesus Christ, upon whom all our hope is founded. - Mother Julie+

**St. Alban's
Leadership**

Rector: The Rev. Julie E.
Calhoun-Bryant

Wardens

Senior: Susan Grosso
Junior: Bobbi Lombardo
Emeritus: Beverly Hays

Vestry Members

David Houston
William Knodel
Margo Kowalczyk
Marge Maynard
Kiki White
Fred Wilson,
Kate Bell, Vestry Clerk

Parish Secretary

Kim Privler

Organist

Della Holtzapple

Treasurer

Kathleen Eckermann

**Financial Secretary
and Webmaster**

David Gregg

Property Liaison

Margo Kowalczyk

Ministry Team Leaders

Communications Team

David Houston

Community Service

Ministry Team

Bobbi Lombardo
Dottie White

Congregational Life Team

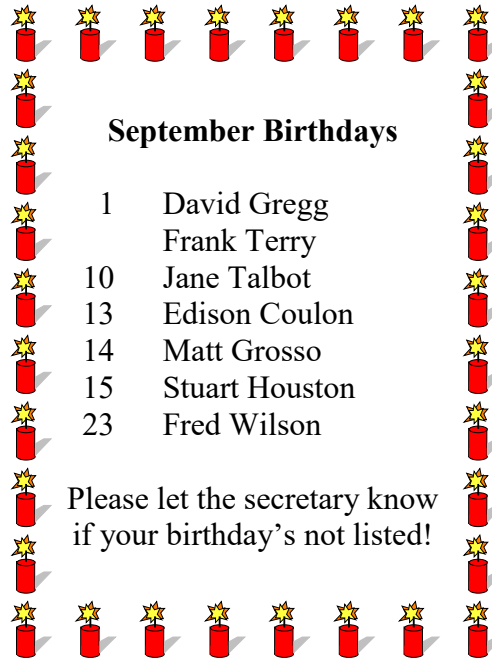
Kiki White

Spiritual Life Team

Mother Julie

Sunday worship is at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday worship is at 9:00 a.m.



September Birthdays

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| 1 | David Gregg
Frank Terry |
| 10 | Jane Talbot |
| 13 | Edison Coulon |
| 14 | Matt Grosso |
| 15 | Stuart Houston |
| 23 | Fred Wilson |

Please let the secretary know
if your birthday's not listed!

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**Please don't leave urgent or time sensitive
messages on the church answering machine.**