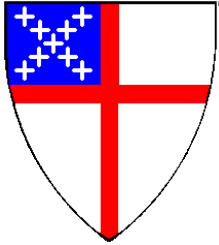


**St. Alban's Episcopal Church  
Syracuse, New York  
June-July 2018 Newsletter**



**Congratulations Dottie White  
2018 Onondaga County  
Senior Citizen of the Year**



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**Senior Citizen of the Year:**

This award honors an individual age 60 or older, who demonstrates the power of making a difference through civic engagement.



**Dorothy (Dottie) L. White** lives in Syracuse, NY 13224. She has a BS in Nursing, a Master's in Education and a MS in Administration. After working as a nurse for 8 years she joined the US Army Reserve Nurse Corps and served the military for over 30 years. She has been a volunteer for decades. Dottie is the Chairperson of the Community Outreach Ministry at St. Alban's Episcopal Church. Their Pillowcase Ministry has made and distributed 1,500 pillowcases to nursing homes in Onondaga County. She also makes quilts and quilt blocks as part of the Towpath Quilt Guild and the Sankofa Piecemakers Quilting Group for community service projects. Dottie volunteered at Elmerest Children's Center for 17 years.

**Parish Secretary to Resign**

On Thursday, May 31 I received Kim Privler's letter of resignation for health reasons. Kim and I talked and prayed as she explained how she came to this decision. As she said in her letter, "My favorite part of my job as Parish Secretary has been engaging with and getting to know the diverse and special people of St. Alban's, making many friends along the way."

Kim's last day in the office will be Friday, June 22. Please join me in wishing her Godspeed and in giving thanks for her heartfelt ministry over the last three years at St. Alban's.

If you know anyone who might be interested in applying for the position please speak with me. Hours are Tuesday- Friday, 3.5 hours a day, for a total of 14 hours/week. The annual salary is \$10,000.

Mother Julie+

## **Priestly Ponderings, by Mother Julie+**

The morning of Pentecost (May 20) was glorious at St. Alban's as our three East Side Episcopalians churches (Emmanuel, East Syracuse and St. David's, DeWitt) celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit. St. Alban's Quartet and St. David's Choir provided beautiful and uplifting music, as we directed our thanks and praise heavenward. Many people were wearing red, the color of the Holy Spirit, and the Rev. Kathy Corley of St. David's preached a spirit-filled sermon.

Why all the fuss, you ask? Pentecost is a major feast day for it is the day that the Holy Spirit was bestowed on the 120 disciples who formed the first Christian congregation. Led by Peter, the leader of Jesus' 12 disciples, they were gathered together on the Jewish feast of Pentecost in Jerusalem, where Jesus had told them to wait until they were "clothed with power from on high." Ten days ago Jesus had ascended into heaven in sight of the 11 faithful disciples, and since that moment they had been waiting for Jesus' promise to be fulfilled. As they were gathered together suddenly the sound of a great wind and tongues as of fire rested on each one of them as they received the Holy Spirit. They went out into the streets proclaiming the good news of God in Jesus Christ with great power, and the Bible tells us that on that day 3000 people professed the faith - Jesus Christ is the Son of God - and the Church was born!

Without the Holy Spirit there would be no Church, for it is the Spirit which makes Jesus present at all times and in all places. It is the Spirit that brings to our remembrance Jesus' teaching and helps us interpret it for the times in which we live. It is the Spirit who guides us in the way we are to go, and prompts us to respond as Jesus would have us respond to others. That still, small voice inside you; that nudge you feel or that sudden thought you had; that new understanding of the Bible that comes as you are reading it; that "aha" moment - all these are ways in which the Holy Spirit leads and inspires us.

However, and this is important (!), the work of the Holy Spirit does not end here. Jesus prepared the disciples to testify before rulers and kings. He told them in Luke 11:11-12, "When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say." This was necessary because the new thing that God had accomplished in Jesus Christ had to be told them. Talk about speaking Truth to power! Yet God did not send them in unaided, but with the power of the Holy Spirit. When the time comes, the Spirit of God always will provide what is needed in the moment. But notice this, the disciples put themselves in situations where they would be called on to proclaim the Gospel. The disciples acted fearlessly because they believed that Jesus Christ was the Son of God with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength. They were beaten, brutalized, and martyred, but still the Church's missionaries boldly went forth to proclaim the Good News. They knew they followed a crucified Lord, counted the cost, and went forth in the Name of Jesus.

On May 17 our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, preached the love of Jesus Christ before royalty at Prince Harry's wedding. On May 20 Grace Joseph testified at our Pentecost service about David's medical assistance to a stranger in need and the power of prayer. Both kinds of living the Gospel are so urgently needed in our world. Today, when so very many of our youth and young adults receive no religious training and must choose for themselves which religion to observe, if they choose one at all, the message of the forgiveness and reconciliation with God through the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ needs to be shared boldly by all Christians. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Thanks be to God.



## Marilyn "Mimi" Osmun

went to be with our Lord on May 17, 2018.  
Her life was celebrated at St. Alban's on May 22.

May her soul and the souls of all the departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



## Second Thursdays

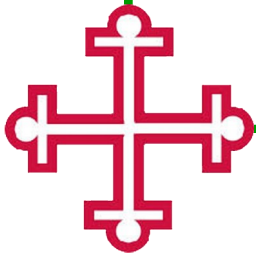
Join us for food, fellowship and worship.

**June:** Regular schedule on **Thursday, June 14.** Dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Service of Healing and Holy Eucharist. At 7:00 p.m.

**July: The Sunday morning, July 29** service will be Healing and Holy Eucharist. This replaces the Second Thursdays gathering in July, when Mother Julie will be on vacation.

**August:** Stay tuned.

**September: Bishop DeDe** will join us for our Second Thursdays Dinner and the Service of Healing and Holy Eucharist on **September 13.** During the service she will bless our new windows.



I see God in all kinds  
of Father figures.

Teaching me  
Loving me  
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Praying for me

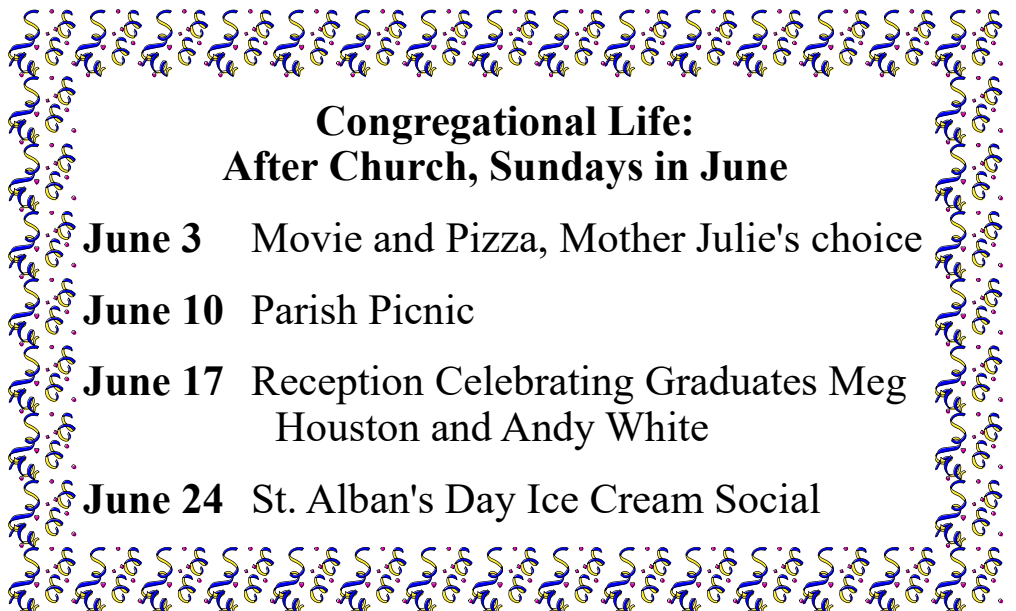
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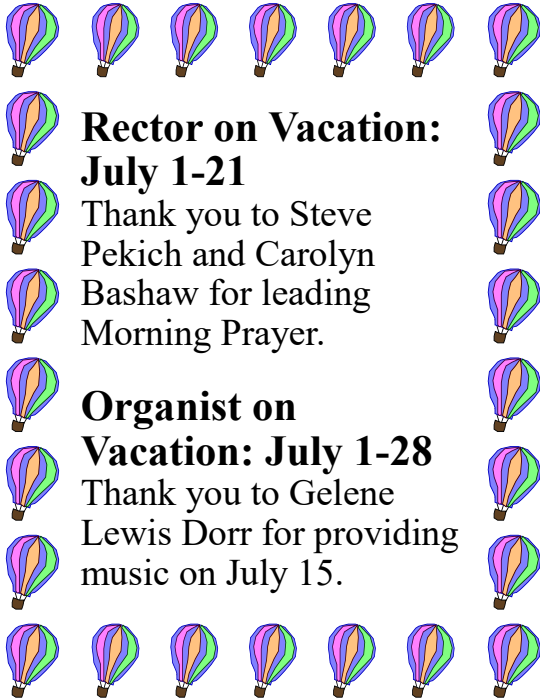
**June 3** Movie and Pizza, Mother Julie's choice

**June 10** Parish Picnic

**June 17** Reception Celebrating Graduates Meg Houston and Andy White

**June 24** St. Alban's Day Ice Cream Social





**Rector on Vacation:  
July 1-21**

Thank you to Steve Pekich and Carolyn Bashaw for leading Morning Prayer.

**Organist on  
Vacation: July 1-28**

Thank you to Gelene Lewis Dorr for providing music on July 15.



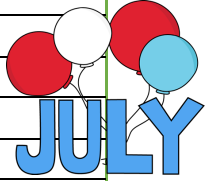
**Vestry Meeting:  
June 20—6:00 p.m.  
Dinner and Planning**

**No Vestry in July**



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June-July Calendar	
Saturday, 06/2	Diocesan Guiding Team Meeting
Sunday, 06/3	11:30 a.m. Monthly Pizza and Movie (Mother Julie's choice)
Thursday, 06/7	2-5 p.m. Valley Worship Center Fresh Foods Pantry
Sunday, 06/10	10:30 a.m. Parish Picnic
Thursday, 06/14	Noon-2 p.m. Valley Worship Center Food Pantry - 6:00 p.m. Second Thursdays Dinner and 7:00 p.m. Healing Service.
Saturday, 06/16	Diocese participates in CNY Pride Parade
Sunday, 06/17	10:30 Reception Honoring Graduates Meg Houston and Andy White
Wednesday, 06/20	6:00 p.m. Vestry Dinner and Planning Meeting
Thursday, 06/21	Noon-2 p.m. Valley Worship Center Food Pantry
Sunday, 06/24	10:30 a.m. St. Albans' Day Celebration and Ice Cream Social
Thursday, 06/28	Noon-2 p.m. Valley Worship Center Food Pantry
Sunday, 07/1	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer led by Steve Pekich
Thursday, 07/5	2-5 p.m. Valley Worship Center Fresh Foods Pantry
Sunday, 07/8	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer led by Steve Pekich
Thursday, 07/12	Noon-2 p.m. Valley Worship Center Food Pantry
Sunday, 07/15	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer led by Carolyn Bashaw, music by Gelene Lewis Dorr
Thursday, 07/19	Noon-2 p.m. Valley Worship Center Food Pantry
Saturday, 07/21	Mother Julie returns from vacation
Sunday, 07/22	9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Thursday, 07/26	Noon-2 p.m. Valley Worship Center Food Pantry
Sunday, 07/29	9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service



# JUNE JULY

## St. Alban's Leadership

**Rector:** The Rev. Julie E. Calhoun-Bryant

### Wardens

Senior: Kiki White  
Junior: Grace Joseph  
Emerita: Bobbi Lombardo

### Vestry Members

Bert Bookhout  
Emera Bridger Wilson  
Mark Johnston  
Margo Kowalczyk  
Gelene Lewis Dorr  
Fred Wilson  
Kate Bell, Vestry Clerk

### Parish Secretary

Kim Privler

### Organist

Della Holtzapple

### Treasurer

Kathleen Eckermann

### Financial Secretary

Fred Wilson

### Property Liaison

Margo Kowalczyk

### Ministry Team Leaders

#### Communications Team

David Houston

#### Community Service Team

Bobbi Lombardo

Dottie White

#### Congregational Life Team

Kiki White

#### Spiritual Life Team

Mother Julie

### Learning Initiative Guiding Team

David Houston  
Gina Odell  
Kiki White  
Emera Bridger Wilson  
Mother Julie

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



Birthdays	
<b>June</b>	
12	David Norton
13	Phoebe Swope-Askeland
18	Ian Wilson
<b>July</b>	
9	Mary "Kiki" White
13	Steve Pekich
14	Hamilton White
15	Pearl Fisher
16	David Joseph

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**Facebook:** Click link on website home page or go to St. Albans Church Syracuse

### Secretary's Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday, 11:00-2:30 (To June 22)  
Late June to Early July—To Be Determined

**Secretary's Email:** [stalbans.syr@gmail.com](mailto:stalbans.syr@gmail.com)

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

