

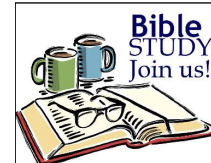
**St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Syracuse, New York**

April News & Inspiration

Sunday Mornings at St. Alban's

**8:30 a.m. Bible Study (not April 4 or 11)
Both In Person and on Zoom**

* Zoom Code and Password
835 9000 0245 and 562087



**9:30 a.m. Holy Communion In Person and
Spiritual Communion on Zoom**

* Zoom Code and Password
826 9515 6305 and 446765

Use your telephone for Zoom on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Dial 1-646-558-8656

When prompted Enter 826 9515 6305#

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When prompted Enter 446765#

That will put you in Zoom's waiting room and I will let you in.

Mother Julie is on vacation April 5-12.

Sunday, April 11 there will be no Zoom service. Steve Pekich will lead In Person worship.

Kate Bell will lead the service that is recorded and posted on our website.

Mother Julie's next weekly letter will be written on 4/13. Bulletins will still be mailed out.

The service of Holy Eucharist,
with organ music and hymns,
is taped on Saturdays and
posted on our website.

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Click on Pics & Vids

Tuesday
Abbreviated Morning Prayer
at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

Zoom Code and Password:
868 3084 1089 and 114552

Giving to St. Alban's

Send us a check or to give online go to cnyepiscopal.org/give-to-my-parish

Priestly Ponderings

In this newsletter you will find information for Holy Week and Easter worship. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when Jesus enters the capitol city of Jerusalem in the manner of a king, and ends with his crucifixion and burial. On Palm Sunday the service ends with the reading of Jesus' Passion - his betrayal, arrest, trial, and death on a cross. The Book of Common Prayer directs us to read the Passion on Palm Sunday so that people don't go from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the joy of Jesus' resurrection without experiencing the pain of the cross. Jesus doesn't go from triumph to joy. He goes from triumph to agony to joy. We mustn't skip over the cross. In the words of the "Collect for Fridays" in the Morning Prayer service:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we,
walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace.

It's of the utmost importance that we understand what the collect means when it says that walking the way of cross leads to the way of life and peace, for crucifixion is neither life-giving nor peaceful. It is violent and evil. Walking the way of the cross leads to life and peace *with God*. Walking the way of the cross means loving God more than we love our own lives. It means putting obedience to God above all else. Jesus gave us the supreme example of self-sacrificial love when he carried out the actions that would lead to his arrest and crucifixion. When Jesus entered Jerusalem in the manner of a Jewish king at a time when Israel was occupied by Rome, when he threw out the money changers and animal merchants from the Temple the next day, he knew he was provoking those in power and that it would not end well for him. Jesus acted with determined courage as God had directed him and then willingly suffered the consequence. The Romans crucified anyone who challenged their power and authority. When Jesus was an infant the Romans crushed a Jewish rebellion and put up 2000 crosses. But Jesus had life and peace with God, and his death had profound consequences for all humankind - forgiveness of sins, adoption as God's children, and eternal life for all who believe.

The March 23 reading in Jesus Always, by Sarah Young, says, "I am the Risen One - your *living* God. Celebrate the Joy of serving a Savior who is exuberantly alive! Rejoice also in My promise to be with you continually - throughout time and eternity. These truths can sustain you through the greatest trials or disappointments you will ever encounter. So walk boldly along the path of Life with Me, trusting confidently in the One who never lets go of your hand.

"Consider what I offer you: Myself, forgiveness of *all* your sins, forever-pleasures in heaven. This is all so extravagant and lavish that you cannot comprehend it fully. That is why worshipping Me is so important: It's a powerful way of connecting with Me that transcends your understanding. It also proclaims My Presence. There are numerous ways of worshipping Me: singing hymns and praise songs, studying and memorizing My Word, praying individually and with others, glorying in the wonders of My creation. Serving and loving others with My Love can also be worship. *Whatever you do, do it all for the Glory of God - My Glory!*"

This will lead you to life and peace - and the joy of Easter!

Wishing you a bless Holy Week and joyous Easter,
Mother Julie+

Holy Week Worship
March 28 - April 2



Palm Sunday
March 28

Blessing of Palms
Holy Eucharist
Reading of the Passion in Parts

Holy Tuesday: Morning Prayer on Zoom, 10:00 a.m.
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and

Holy Wednesday: Morning Prayer on Zoom, 10:00 a.m.
880 0235 5861 and 289331



Maundy Thursday

April 1
7:00 p.m.

East Side Episcopalians In-Person
at St. David's, DeWitt
and on
Zoom and Facebook

Mother Julie will celebrate.
Father Dan Handschy will preach.

In-Person registration is
required by St. David's.
The links will be emailed
after Palm Sunday.



Good Friday

April 2

12:00 p.m.

St. Alban's: In-Person & Zoom
861 6653 6484 and 361269

The service will be recorded and posted our
website later that afternoon.

7:00 p.m.

Church of the Savior, Syracuse, In-Person only
The Rev. Dr. Gerry Beritela

or

St. David's, DeWitt
In-Person with registration, Zoom & Facebook
The links will be emailed after Palm Sunday.



Easter Service

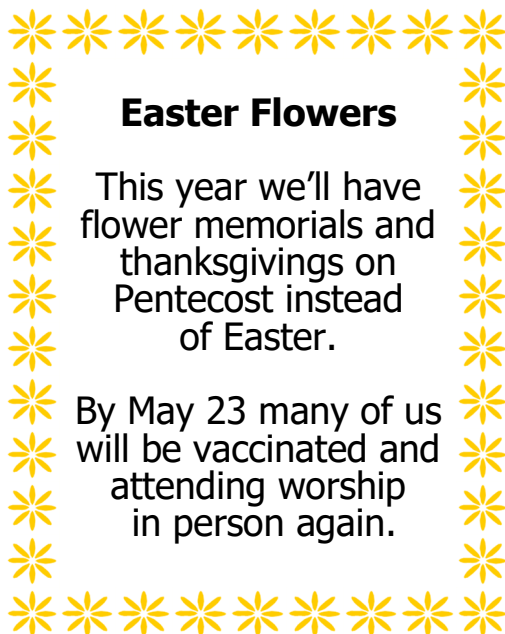
April 4 at 9:30 a.m.

In-Person and on Zoom
With Organ and Trumpet

**Please let us know if you are attending
in person as soon as possible.**



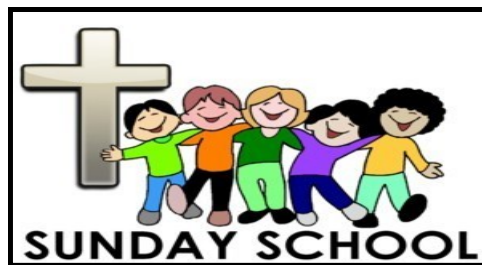
**Easter Egg Hunt
After the Service**



Easter Flowers

This year we'll have
flower memorials and
thanksgivings on
Pentecost instead
of Easter.

By May 23 many of us
will be vaccinated and
attending worship
in person again.



Sundays at 9:30 am.

**1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays,
including Easter Day**

David Gregg, March 18, 2021

David Gregg passed away at home and was welcomed into glory. He was a graduate of Nottingham High School, class of 1958, and Syracuse University. He served in the Army and then taught high school chemistry in Norrisville, PA. He returned to Syracuse in 1979 and worked as an independent computer software professional.

David was devoted to his charitable work. At St. Alban's Episcopal Church he served for several decades as the financial secretary and webmaster. He also served on the altar and trained altar servers for many years. He was a 30 year volunteer at Meals on Wheels with his own weekly route and for 29 years he served as a tax preparer for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. Illness prevented him from serving a 30th year. He helped hundreds of people over his lifetime.

David is predeceased by his parents, Dr. Robert and Frances Fannie Gregg. He is survived by several cousins. A memorial service will be held at St. Alban's on May 1 at 2:00 p.m. Donations may be made to the church at 1308 Meadowbrook Drive, Syracuse 13224. Arrangements will be made by Bush Funeral Home in Elbridge. (written by Mother Julie)

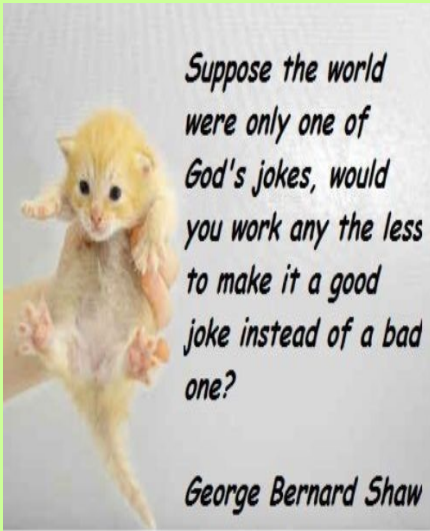
Jane Ruth Talbot, March 4, 2021

Jane Ruth Talbot, born September 10, 1921, passed peacefully March 4, 2021, in Bradenton, FL. Jane, daughter of Howard Zogg and Ina Peck, Syracuse, NY, with her brothers Robert and Richard, graduated Valley Academy. She graduated Mechanics Institute (RIT) where she met the love of her life, Frederick B. Talbot, Sr. They were married on June 3, 1943.

Jane worked at the Bausch and Lomb plant in Rochester, NY. Later, Jane joined the Syracuse Police Department as a crossing guard. She and Fred celebrated 73 years of marital bliss.

Jane is survived by one daughter, Janis I. Talbot (Farmington NM) and one son, Frederick, B. Jr. (and wife Marilyn) of Parrish, FL. She had four grandchildren: Michael (Lisa) Talbot of Farmington, NM, Matthew Talbot of Greenville SC, Andrew (Alana) Talbot of Bradenton, FL, and Kristen (Alexander Schlatter) of Boston, MA. She also had four great-grandchildren: Jack and Kate (Farmington, NM) and Greyson and Milo (Bradenton, FL). There will be a small gathering at St. Alban's Church to honor her loving memory on September 10th, 2021, at 11 a.m. Contributions in Jane's memory may be made to St. Alban's Church, 1308 Meadowbrook Drive 13224, or Tidewell Hospice 3335 26th Street, Bradenton FL, 34205. Private condolences to www.brownsandsonsfuneral.com.

Happy April Fool's Day



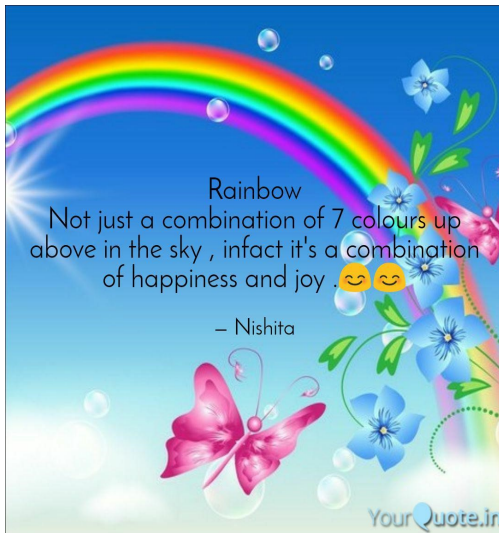
What is April Fools Day?

- It is commonly believed that in medieval France, New Years was celebrated on April 1st. Then in 1562, Pope Gregory introduced a new calendar for the Christian world, changing New Years to January 1st. With no modern communications, news traveled slowly and new ideas were often questioned. Many people did not hear of the change, others chose to ignore it, while some merely forgot. These people were called fools. Invitations to non-existent 'New Year' parties were sent and other practical jokes were played. This jesting evolved over time into a tradition of playing pranks on 1 April.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Following Directions **quiz**

1. Read ALL the directions before doing anything.
2. Underline this sentence.
3. Circle the letter A everywhere on this page.
4. Put a box around all the verbs on this page.
5. Draw a heart in this box:
6. Draw a smiley face in the heart that you drew.
7. Hum your favorite song.
8. Stand up.
9. Sit down.
10. Stand up again.
11. Sit down again.
12. Clap 3 times.
13. Write your name backwards: _____
14. Skip steps 1-3.
15. Turn your paper over and write "Happy April Fool's Day."



Red – This is the first color of the rainbow from the top. Red signifies passion, vitality, enthusiasm and security. It is the light with the longest wavelength.

Orange – This light or color is a combination of yellow and red. It is a dynamic color representing creativity, practicality, playfulness as well as equilibrium or control.

Yellow – This is the color of the sunshine itself. It represents clarity of thought, wisdom, orderliness and energy.

Green – This is the middle color of the rainbow and denotes fertility, growth, balance, health and wealth.

Blue – This the fifth color of the rainbow makes us think of the Unknown. The sky and the wide oceans are in this color and hence it has been associated with Spirituality and Divinity.

Indigo – It is believed that where Blue is calming, Indigo is sedating. Indigo is mystical as it bridges the Gap between Finite and Infinite. Indigo colored gem stones are often used for spiritual attainment, psychic abilities, self awareness and enhancement of Intuition.

Violet – The last color of the rainbow is a mix of red and blue. It is considered the highest element of spirituality. It can ignite one's imagination and be an inspiration to artists. Dark tones of violet are associated with sorrow. Deeper shades of violet or purple denote high spiritual mastery.

St. Alban's Leadership

Rector: The Rev. Julie E.
Calhoun-Bryant

Wardens

Senior: Bert Bookhout
Junior: Margo Kowalczyk
Emerita: Emera Bridger Wilson

Vestry Members

Jan Bookhout
Meg Houston
Don Keefe
Gina Odell
Mary "Kiki" White
Fred Wilson
Kate Bell, Vestry Clerk

Parish Secretary

Valerie Warfield

Organist

Cynthia Bromka-Skafidas

Treasurer

Kathleen Eckermann

Financial Secretary

Fred Wilson

Ministry Team Leaders

Communications Team

David Houston

Congregational Life Team

Kiki White

Mission Team

Bobbi Lombardo
Dottie White

Property Team

Margo Kowalczyk
Don Keefe

Spiritual Life Team

Mother Julie
Music: Jan Bookhout

April Birthdays



Meets
Tuesday,
April 20,
at 7 p.m.
on Zoom

St. Alban's is

a Community founded in *Christ's Love*,
Joyfully seeking to live our faith,
reaching out to **ALL** God's people.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

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

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