

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Herald deadline: Please email photos & articles to stalbanssalisbury@gmail.com. Content is due by Sunday, December 18th.. Due date is the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Join us in sharing Christmas carols with some of our parishioners on Sunday, December 11. Meet at the church at 4pm. A sign up sheet is in the breezeway. Deadline is December 4 so we can organize into groups and have copies of carols available.

St. Alban's Greening of the Church: The Greening of the Church is December 21st, starting at 4:30. Church members get together to decorate our parish in celebration of Jesus' birth. Volunteers needed to help decorate and bring live greens from your yard to use as decorations. All are welcome.

Can you be that friendly person with the warm smile that says "hello" to people coming to church on Sunday morning? If so, you're a great candidate to be a GREETER! The sign up sheet for December and January is on the table in the breezeway. Please sign up on Sunday!

Someone paid for soup, but left it at the church. If this is you, please contact Shelly at shelly.madsen@yahoo.com or 443-944-1684.

Magnolia Limbs: A parishioner has placed beautiful magnolia limbs beside St. Alban's Drive, adjacent to the Labyrinth. They are free for any use. Larger ones might need a lopper.

The Joseph House kitchen crew will resume soliciting monetary donations for food for the Joseph House lunches after the Sunday service preceding the first Wednesday of the month. We have resumed making hot soup and sandwiches to serve 40 people. Donations will be gratefully accepted! The Joseph House kitchen crew meets the first Wednesday of the month to prepare lunch. If you are interested in helping, contact Kathy Hayne at 410-546-4630 or email g_hayne@comcast.net.



Coffee Hours Hosts needed for December

Please sign up in the breezeway.

WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11:

Holy Eucharist, Rite II Service, 9:30am

LECTORS: Brian Raygor, Mike Mathers
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Sandy Grim
TECH TEAM: Katherine West
VESTRY PERSON/USHER: Mike Mathers
ALTAR GUILD: Linda Torbert
COFFEE HOUR: Cristina Machin
GREETER: Mary Doak

Happy Birthday

Charles DiMola 12/07

Elinor Wallace 12/08

Patti Serkes 12/10



MESSAGES
FROM

Rev. Margaret

*Even though Advent has begun,
it is not too late to start an Advent Calendar.*

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

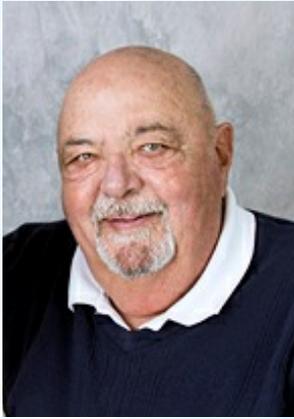
EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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Link to Vestry Minutes and Financials:
Please click [HERE](#) for the approved Vestry Meeting Minutes and approved Financial Statement.
(Minutes and Financial are posted once they are approved.)

Celebration of the Life of Earl Filippelli



Friends and family are invited to attend Earl Filippelli's Celebration of Life Service on December 10, 2022. Visitation 12:00 noon, and Service at 1:00 pm at St. Alban's Church.

A light luncheon will be served in the parish hall immediately following the service.

Susannah Southern will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Saturday, December 17 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Alban's. If you wish to attend the service and the reception which will follow, please RSVP to Stephanie by noon, December 12 (410-742-6595 / stalbanssalisbury@gmail.com). The link to Susannah's gift registry is below: <https://www.myregistry.com/wishlist/susannah-southern-sewanee-tn/3508057>

It's that time of year again! If you are cleaning out closets or attics before the holidays, please consider making a donation to Salisbury Middle School's annual Holiday Shop. This year, the Holiday Shop will be on December 14 and 15. It's a time for students to "purchase" gifts for their families with Eagle Bucks, token bucks earned for being respectful, responsible, or ready to learn. Please see the list below for items that make great donations. If you bring items to church, you can leave them in the "JOY" classroom, or I can pick them up. Additionally, we are always looking for volunteers to wrap gifts on Dec. 14 or 15. Please contact Katherine West (kwoodywest@gmail.com or 443-614-4295) if you would like to volunteer. Thanks for your generous support of Salisbury Middle! -Katherine

Items we LOVE receiving for donations:

- Brand new, clean, with TAGS STILL ATTACHED clothes
- Children's toys
- Books for both children and adults
- Candles, trinkets, decorations
- Mugs & dishes
- Purses, bags, wallets
- Jewelry
- Belts, sunglasses, scarves, gloves, mittens, hats
- Holiday decorations (Christmas, New Year, Valentine's, St. Patrick's, Easter, Passover, 4th of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving)
- Wrapping paper, tissue paper, gift boxes, gift bags

Items we unfortunately must refuse:

- Dirty clothes, clothes with holes, old undergarments
- Electronics
- Rated-R (or worse) movies
- Weapons

Requesting donations of Bibles and other spiritual books (in any condition, new or used) from all denominations (Christian or not). They will go to an inpatient substance abuse rehabilitation for those who are seeking their higher power to help manage their addiction. There will be a box for drop offs in the breezeway. Thank you for your support, Cristina Machin.

From: The coordinator for the Wicomico High School Food Pantry. Thank you parishioners at St. Alban's for their generosity and support over the last several years, including the generous donation that arrived just a few weeks ago. Your donations are so greatly appreciated and needed.

We have been asked by the coordinator at WiHi to help restock their food pantry. (Use the boxes in the Parish Hall for donations.) Here is what she says— *When donating, we ask for small sized items. Most of our students are walking home, and they put everything in their backpacks (most are trying to hide the food from peers), so smaller, lighter, packaged items that transport well are best, especially plastic packaged, not glass. Another consideration is that many of the students we serve do not have a way to prepare food, so they are usually looking for ready to eat items that don't require a lot of preparation. Some students are in transitional housing and only have access to a microwave. We don't have a refrigerator, so everything needs to be shelf stable. With all that in mind, donation suggestions include: Peanut Butter, cereal, pop tarts, granola bars, oatmeal, microwave meals, canned meats (Chicken, tuna, pork) white rice, spaghetti or plain pasta, condiments, deodorant, soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, etc. (small sizes) We will accept just about anything, though, so donations are not limited to this list. Students choose what they want to take; we don't prepack bags, so they are responsible for their own allergies and other dietary restrictions. I do try to steer away from snacks, juice, and too much junk food because I want them to have some healthy options. Due to limited transportation, many of our students' nearest "grocery stores" are gas stations, so they rely on a lot of junk food. We also will take food anytime. Students will be in school until December 16th, then out for winter break until January 2nd. Thank you so much for your support!*

The Holy Family's Advent Journey to St. Alban's 2022

This week the Holy Family visited Donna Parks, who was enjoying the Ravens Broncos game. Next, Mary and Joseph stopped by to see the Isaacs family, who showed them the Christmas decorations at their condo.

Finally, to explore Salisbury a bit they swung by Island Creamery to try the seasonal Sugar Cookie and Egg Nog flavors.

The Holy Family will continue stopping in to meet members of St. Alban's throughout Advent as they journey to Bethlehem. If you would like a visit, email mikemathers@gmail.com.



Gaudete Sunday / Rejoice!

From: [https://www.episcopalchurch.org/December 13, 2015/Advent Reflections](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/December%2013,%202015/Advent%20Reflections)

The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term is derived from the Latin opening words of the introit antiphon, "Rejoice (Gaudete) in the Lord always." The theme of the day expresses the joy of anticipation at the approach of the Christmas celebration. This theme reflects a lightening of the tone of the traditional Advent observance.

This Sunday is sometimes known as "Rose Sunday." Many churches and individuals include a pink candle among the four candles of an Advent wreath. It is always the third of the four lit.

Gaudete Sunday is a time to think about what it means to "rejoice in the Lord" and how to live into the peace that guards our hearts and minds in Christ.

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone." ~ Philippians 4:4-5a

BLUE CHRISTMAS

For those who are lonely, grieving
or at a loss during this season.

Sunday, Dec. 18th 3:00pm -

'Walking the Labyrinth - Blue Christmas' together'

Led by Rector Margaret Brack,

St. Alban's Outdoor Labyrinth, Salisbury, MD

[Guide for 'Walking the Labyrinth-Blue Christmas' available
in church office after Dec. 9th.]

Monday, Dec. 19th 6:30pm

Blue Christmas Remembrance Service

with Eucharist

Led by Rector Margaret Brack,

St. Alban's Church Salisbury, MD