

Herald

St. Alban's Mission:
"Christ-Centered, Radically Embracing People and Creation"

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
OF SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH, SALISBURY, MARYLAND

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New t-shirts!

HOT OFF THE PRESS!

Purchase a t-shirt and represent St. Alban's Episcopal Church, our commitment of Creation Care, and our identity "Christ Centered – Radically Embracing People and Creation". When you wear this shirt, it will serve as a reminder yourself and others that you are a part of this warm and welcoming parish.

October 15th is Green t-shirt Sunday. We invite everyone to wear a Green t-shirt or something green and celebrate St. Alban's commitment to Care for Creation.

Arlene White will be selling the t-shirts. They will be available for purchase after Sunday services starting October 1st.





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WORSHIP



WATCH ONLINE EVERY SUNDAY

FALL SERVICE HOURS

SUNDAY

8am Rite I Holy Eucharist

10am Rite II Holy Eucharist *with hymns*

WEDNESDAY

12pm Wednesday Midday Service

ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Alban's: Christ-Centered, Radically Embracing People and Creation



This is our identity as a parish, which we articulated with these words. We endeavor to follow Christ in welcoming "all sorts and conditions of [humanity]." We offer baptism and eucharist to all, and the pastoral offices of reconciliation, ministry to the sick, and Christian burial to those who ask. We do not discriminate with regard to gender, ethnicity, or sexual orientation or identity, or mental capacity. With regard to marriage, our policy is to meet all couples desiring a Christian wedding. The legal requirements, both civil and church, must be met. We do not discriminate on the basis of gender. However, the clergy may decline to officiate for other reasons.



A Message from **Rev. Margaret +**

2024 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

'Great is Thy Faithfulness!'

I ask for your generous support of St. Alban's 2024 Annual Stewardship Campaign this year! I give you this prayer for your use as you consider your level of support for this upcoming year.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, I know that all I have received is from your hand. Gracious and loving God, You call us to be stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Amen!

***Here are dates in October for us to be aware of as a Creation Community**

- 10/4 **Energy Efficiency Day** – *Do an energy efficiency check of your home!*
- 10/7 **Diocesan Ministry Fair** – *Displaying St. Alban's Environmental Efforts*
- 10/7 **Feast of St. Francis Pet Blessing** – 4:30pm at the Labyrinth. *Bring your pets!*
- 10/13 **Int'l Day Natural Disaster Reduction** *Building disaster resilient communities*
- 10/14 **Int'l E-Waste Day** *Eliminating wastage of small electronic products*
- 10/15 **Green T-shirt Sunday** *Celebrate St. Alban's commitment to Care for Creation*
- 10/16 **World Food Day** *-Together we create a sustainable food future for all.*

BLESSING OF ANIMALS Saturday, Oct. 7th at 4:30pm at the Labyrinth

I will be blessing your pets during this service of thanksgiving for these very important members of your family!! Pets of all types and sizes are welcome to join us! Those of you with dogs who enjoy following your lead may wish to experience a Labyrinth Dog Walk, especially designed for you and your dog! This walk will be immediately following the Pet Blessings. If you would like to know more, please contact me at (240) 904-6171 or at revmargaretsbrack@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 1st is the first Sunday of the month and we begin our Children's Ministry of having the Gospel and the beginning portion of the Sermon focused especially towards our youngest. Please bring your kids & grand kids to church!

If you would like to be Received as an Episcopalian when the Bishop comes to visit November 11th, please let me know and we can schedule you!



A message from the Senior Warden

Mary Doak, October 2023

The Importance of a Thriving Vestry

The vestry is the heart and soul of our Episcopal congregation here at St. Alban's. The vestry is the elected lay representatives of the parish in partnership with the rector. As such, it is responsible for the missional, spiritual, strategic and fiduciary life of St. Alban's. So, you can see that a healthy, effective, and functional vestry is critical to the smooth running of our church.

We have been blessed to have so many thoughtful, dedicated, responsible and caring people serve on our vestry. It is a gift that I cannot overstress.

Soon, we will have 4 openings on our vestry. We have 4 openings this year because Vic Evans moved and resigned from the vestry in the summer. Brian Raygor was elected to Vic's position for the remainder of the year. We have 3 people moving off the vestry as a matter of course: Nancy Linck (eligible for one more term), Mike Mathers (not eligible for another term) and Richard Hunter (not eligible for another term).

Each vestry member serves for a 3 year term. The vestry meets once a month, in the evening at church but we may be able to have hybrid meetings if someone needs to join electronically.

As you may be aware, we elect new vestry members at our annual Congregational Meeting in November. This is traditionally done on the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving. This year it is November 19. Our meeting will be between the early service and the late service, at 9:00 a.m. and presided over by our rector.

Only "communicants in good standing" are eligible to vote at the meeting or to be vestry members. What does that mean? One is expected to: 1) be a baptized Christian enrolled as a member of the parish, 16 years of age or older and; 2) who shall be an enrolled member of the parish for at least 6 months preceding the day of election and; 3) who shall have shared in the work of this parish by contribution, donations, or personal services. (Taken directly from The By-Laws of St. Alban's Parish.)

It would be ideal if we had 5 people to put forth as willing to serve on the vestry. We also need to elect 2 alternate delegates to the next convention of the Diocese of Easton. These alternate delegates will then be the delegates to the 2025 convention.

All this to say, please respond prayerfully to any request to join the vestry! Our parish needs YOU and YOUR voice!

Nana and Big PopPop's bench. in memory of Earl Filippelli and Barbara Filippelli.



It was a lovely afternoon in the Salisbury Zoo. Our sincere thanks to Molly Sause and Brett M. Sause who donated a bench in memory of our parents, Earl Filippelli and Barb Filippelli. The zoo and playground hold many lovely memories for our family; we are so grateful for this gift and look forward to visiting often. Please stop and rest for a moment next time you're visiting the park. Here are their oldest and youngest grandchildren, Owen and Murphy, taking a break on Nana and Big PopPop's bench. This would make them so happy.

From Pam Morris, daughter of Earl and Barbara Filippelli

Fall Fest Auction just around the corner! -Shelly Madsen

St. Alban's long-awaited **2023 Fall Fest Auction** is just around the corner, which means now is the time we need your help with preparations.

The auction committee is currently accepting **donations of parties, gift cards, services** and items for our **artisan market**. Your donations will be accepted October 1-15. Simply fill out a donation form (they're available on the auction table in the breezeway) and put the donation form in the box. If you'd like a letter with which to solicit a gift card or certificate from your favorite restaurant, store or local activity, the letter is now available on the auction table.

Dinner details will be announced soon. **Dinner reservations** must be made in advance, and will be accepted October 15-29.

October 15 will be **Auction Volunteer Sunday**, when auction committee chairs will seek volunteers. Whether you want to bartend, check in guests, set up or clean up or any of many other jobs, **please sign up!** If you have questions about what volunteer opportunities exist, please see me, Cristina or Arlene.

The auction will take place Saturday, November 4 at 5 p.m. We look forward to seeing you in the Parish Hall!

THE AUCTION IS BACK!!!

By: Arlene White

Gift cards have been a very popular item for the auction and this is yet another way for parishioners to participate in the fundraising process.

1) Please solicit or purchase a gift card from LOCAL BUSINESSES. We have great local gems and, often they are happy to contribute to our auction OR you can simply purchase the gift card yourself. There will be a solicitation letter in the breezeway and let Cristina Machin (443-880-8778 / cmachin@mattice.com) know which business(es) you will be contacting.



2) But, if you are thinking of donating a gift card from a franchise restaurant or retailer, would you consider it buying it through the “RaiseRight” program which supports P.E.O., a Philanthropic Educational Organization raising funds to assist women with their educational goals. Buying a gift card through “RaiseRight” **will not cost you any additional money** but our local PEO chapter, AE, will receive a percentage back for the order. You will be supporting two awesome causes with one donation! Several of our parishioners belong to this organization. For more information on buying gift cards through the RaiseRight program, again, please contact Cristina Machin.

Offering **services**, is yet another way to get involved with this year's auction! You can personally offer a service to an attendee at the auction. In the past, many of our services involved providing FOOD such as soups, desserts, bread, applesauce as well as meals (entrée, side, dessert, for example). You can determine the quantity of food you wish to prepare.



Image by Anna Bratiychuk



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Image by Matt Nelson mnelson



Image by John Bogna

Other services included pet sitting, transportation to doctors' appointments or the airport, dump runs, yard work, "how to lessons" for crafts or cooking, personalized creations – such as quilts or memoirs. In all instances, all services are provided on a mutually agreed upon date and if applicable to delivery, must be within 20 miles of St. Alban's. If you need some ideas, review what you did before, please contact Arlene White (410-251-0584 / afwhite@salisbury.edu).

Forms will be available on September 24th and then a donation box and additional forms will be on the auction table in the breeze way October 1, 8, 15. **10/15 is the last day to turn in donations and forms.**

ST. ALBAN'S ACTIVITY FAIR

By: Arlene White Photos by Cristina Machin, and Kim O'Grady

The 2023 St. Alban's Activities Fair took place after each service on Sunday, September 10 in the Parish Hall with many parishioners signing up for a variety of committees, looking at the posters of past years' activities, catching up with old friends and making new ones and enjoying great food provided by the Fellowship Committee.

If you were unable to attend, the posters are still up until the end of October. Vestry members and their portfolio responsibilities are listed on the back of the bulletin if you still have questions or wish to sign up for any committees or activities.





Party Time!

By: Dee Rinehart

We look forward to the return of our Fall Auction on November 4. Among the popular events offered are parties hosted by parishioners. Over the years, the variety of parties provided great fellowship experiences for the people who won them. Sandy Grim and Dee Rinehart are soliciting volunteers to host parties. Our goal is to have 20 parties, spread throughout the calendar year. You will find a calendar and donation form in the breezeway. Please consider hosting a party. Think about what you enjoy doing and build a party around that idea. Sandy and Dee will be glad to answer questions. A couple of questions are answered below.



What is involved?

The host decides on the type of party. People have partnered with others to host jointly. Food and beverage choices are up to the host, but be aware that if alcoholic beverage is served, there must be nonalcoholic beverages available. Pick your date and the number of guests. You will decide the per-person cost based upon the type of party that is offered.

What types of parties have been offered in the past?

- Game nights
- Tours (Historical or Zoo)
- Outdoor activities: a backyard barbeque, brunch and kayaking, sunset sail with appetizers, porch parties, homemade ice cream socials, dessert, pickleball, and bocce



- Theme Parties: mystery night, chili and game night, Kentucky Derby Party, Literary Dinner Party, October Fest, Musical Nights, Bread-Making Lesson, dessert and painting, Valentine supper, Presidents' Birthday Bash, Savory Pancakes



- Cuisine- based suppers: French, German, Czech, Italian, Danish, Spanish, Japanese, Indonesian, Mexican



Look for the party display coming in the parish breezeway, Donation forms are available and the box in which to place them.



Our Faith Partner, Wicomico Sr. High

By: Kim OGrady

On August 29th, the administration cooked for the breakfast for the teachers first day back to school. St. Alban's donated a gift card from Food Lion to help with supplies fir the breakfast.

We also collected several items like umbrellas, blankets, ponchos, clear water bottles, personal hygiene supplies and many other school supplies to deliver to the students at WiHi.

Thank you all for your donations and continued support. Keep up the great work. It is greatly appreciated.





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EPISCOPAL NEWS SERVICE



The Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent was consecrated bishop coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland on Saturday, Sept. 16 at Washington National Cathedral. Photo: Randall Gornowich

[Diocese of Maryland] The Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent was ordained and consecrated as bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Maryland on Saturday, Sept. 16 at Washington National Cathedral. She will become the 15th bishop of Maryland when the Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton steps down as bishop diocesan in late spring 2024.

The Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves, vice president of the House of Bishops and managing director of the College for Bishops, was the chief consecrator. Joining Gray-Reeves as co-consecrators were Sutton; the Rt. Rev. DeDe Duncan-Probe, bishop of Central New York; the Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen, bishop of Maine, resigned; the Rt. Rev. Anne Bryson Jolly, bishop coadjutor of Ohio; the Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, bishop of Georgia; the Rev. William J. Gohl, Jr, bishop, Delaware-Maryland Synod, ELCA; and the Rt. Rev. M. Blair Couch, bishop of the Northern Province, Moravian Church in America.

Attending to his health at home, Presiding Bishop Michael Bruce Curry participated online. The service was livestreamed through Washington National Cathedral's YouTube channel and the Diocese of Maryland's website.

Schofield-Broadbent has served as a priest since 2003, most recently as canon to the ordinary for transition and leadership in the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York. She is committed to honoring the dignity of every human being, and consistently attends to her own work around race, climate change, economic justice and the full-inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in the life of the church. And she is committed to helping The Episcopal Church grow in these areas. Her consecration represents a significant step in furthering the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland's commitment to inclusive leadership and fostering a vibrant, diverse and welcoming faith community.

Upon her consecration, Schofield-Broadbent said, "We've seen church attendance rise and fall across U.S. history. Sometimes it's fashionable; sometimes it's needed. Sometimes people are finding God in other places. I do think when people look at the Church today, too many look back to the way things were in the 1950s and '60s and say, 'We were so much bigger then; we had to set up chairs in the aisles.' I also know those churches didn't always do the justice work we needed. They didn't always form disciples. Some people showed up because it was weird not to. Having a nimble church, a faithful church, churches where people are committed to being there — I'm excited to see what that can look like."

Birding

By: James Isaacs

I was asked by a member of St. Alban's Green Team to write an article for the Herald about Birding. I am a newbie Birder; started about 4 months ago at the Ward Museum under supervision of museum staff. Little did I know, the Ward Museum would be closing 2 months later; wish I had started sooner. I enjoyed seeing such beautiful creatures in their nature environment. I felt I was eavesdropping into their private conversations when other birders identified birds' presence solely by their song.



Why I originally wanted to Bird was mainly to have a reason to regularly get outside and relax in a natural setting. An extra bonus, I had not anticipated, was associating with such a pleasant group of folks - friendly, relaxed, and anxious to share their knowledge of birds. I found it refreshing to be in such a non-competitive atmosphere.

Listed below are three local Bird Watching groups that welcome anyone interested in Birding:

1. Tri-county Bird Club (<http://mdbirds.org> - general website for Maryland Ornithological Society referencing local chapter - Tri-county Bird club -)
2. Delmarva Birding (<https://delmarvabirding.com>)
3. Informal meeting at Ward Museum at 9:00 am Wednesdays

St. Alban's and Community News



On Saturday, September 9, Rev. Margaret attended the Celebration of New Ministry for Pastor Jill Williams, at St. Paul's by the Sea in Ocean City. Other clergy, parishioners and guests joined in this joyful occasion.

photo provided by. Rev. Susannah Southern



Happy Halloween

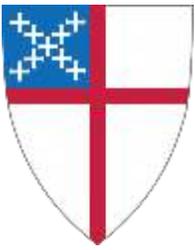
Halloween Trick O' Treat Prayer

God bless all the people whom we will meet. Let our visit with them be a pleasant treat. Whatever the costumes we wear tonight, may all your children be clothed with Christ. Protect us from danger and evil ways, that tomorrow with the saints we may give you praise.

-Unknown



The Rev. Margaret Brack attended the ordination of The Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent as bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Maryland on Saturday, September 16 at the Washington National Cathedral.



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FALL CLEAN UP DAY



To all the stalwart weed rippers, tree amputators, and general clean up goons: we will have our glorious Fall Clean up day on Saturday October 21st in the year of our Lord 2023 at 9AM. If the weather is too nasty (and it rarely is for us hard core goons') We will meet again same time same station the following Saturday, the 28th.

Thanks lots, Steve Crabill