

**Kitchen Construction News**



*The Kitchen Committee put on their festive Christmas best at their recent Zoom meeting.*

*We pray, Blessed Lord, that you will strengthen and embolden our faith,  
 Inspiring us and encouraging us by your Holy Spirit,  
 That we may run to wherever your work and mission call us.  
 Guide us and inspire us to carry out the vision you have placed upon our hearts,  
 That we may be Christ's hands and heart in our community,  
 Feeding the hungry and caring for the poor and the oppressed.*

Happy New Year from your Kitchen Committee! We are very excited to kick off the New Year with just a few weeks more to go until the construction on the kitchen and new bathrooms is complete. The journey has been a long one for all, but completion is near! At the time of publication, we anticipate an estimated turnover date of January 31<sup>st</sup>. Here is an update on all of the construction happenings.

With the addition structure complete, the area around and in back of the new addition as well as the area adjacent to the playground were regraded. The steps leading up to the playground were removed and the mowers will be glad to have a gentler slope to work with when mowing resumes in the spring. Sod will be laid in the regraded areas once the project is complete. I for one will not miss the steep climb when taking out the garbage!

Also outside, the sidewalk along and the parish hall was poured on December 21<sup>st</sup>. The remaining sidewalk that will run along the back of the addition will be poured once the gas meter and other mechanical equipment are installed. Inside is where most of the action is these days. Field measurements have been taken for the counter installation in the parish hall and for all of the kitchen appliances. The electric and plumbing have been roughed in and a new electric breaker box has been installed. Speaking of electrical work, the wiring for the security system has also been installed. The framing for the drywall was also completed. Just in time for Christmas, pallets of tile and supplies arrived. Installation will have already begun by the time this issue reaches you.

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## From the Rector

I don't remember the last time I made a New Year's resolution. I learned early on that resolutions are too easy to break and then, at least for me, bring on a flood of guilt. That's just one more avenue of self-torture I don't need to venture down. But New Year's is still an exciting time. Nothing spells "change" more than flipping the page on a calendar AND increasing the year by 1.

This New Year promises to bring interesting changes – a new direction in the COVID-19 pandemic as we see both a sadly-promised post-holiday surge in infections, and the promise of a vaccine to bring the pandemic to an end. We'll see the inauguration of a new president, who will have to deal with an economy badly wounded over the past year. There will be change at St. Alban's as we eventually transition from fully pre-recorded worship to live-streamed/recorded services and, ultimately, the start of some kind of regathering for in-person worship later in the year. (I hope I'm not being overly optimistic here).

As we look to the changes coming in 2021, let's not totally disregard 2020 – as much as we'd like to pretend it never happened. For as long as I can remember I've heard the phrase, "the Church is not the building... the people are the Church." I think over the past year we learned that is indeed true. The word often translated in the New Testament as "church" is *ecclesia*, which originally meant "a gathering of people." If anything, we are re-living the reality of the early Church, when "church" didn't mean a building, but a gathering of the faithful people.

I believe that when we are eventually allowed to come together to worship in person, St. Alban's will be all the stronger for our time apart. We will have learned just how invaluable human contact is; how necessary it is to see people – any people – face to face, not on a computer monitor. But more importantly, we will have learned that we are a faithful people of God who pull together in a time of adversity. We will have learned how powerful prayer can be – bringing comfort in times of darkness; giving us voice to cry out to God our fears and frustrations, our joys and our sorrows. We will have learned that we can continue to help others, even as we do our best to protect ourselves.

As challenging as 2020 was, there were some bright spots. I'd like to thank all those who have volunteered their time, and continue to volunteer their time and talent, in the creation of the St. Alban's Virtual Choir. I hope you know how heart-warming and inspiring it is to hear your voices, and how much you add to our worship services, so beautifully assembled by **Fr. Paul**. So many others (too many to name here) continued to carry out their ministries in 2020, adapting and changing to make sure they were able to safely do so. I thank you, each of you, for your service to God and to his Church. Your dedication and commitment give me hope. I'm excited to see what unfolds in 2021.

I wish you all a blessed and peaceful New Year.

- Fr. Jeff

## Kitchen Committee Update (continued from page 1)

**Betsy Anderson, Fr. Jeff and Clark**, who was recently promoted to the feline project manager for his dedication to the project, continue to be on site every day. In addition to their daily visits on site, Betsy, Fr. Jeff, and **Delores Baisden** continue to meet with the project manager every other week, including over the Christmas holiday, to receive updates and discuss any necessary change orders that are then reviewed by the Kitchen Committee. The Committee continues to meet every other week or weekly as needed, via Zoom.

To stay up to date on the project progress, check out the pictures on the St. Alban's website and Facebook page as well as SAM for weekly updates.

As this project comes to a close and I reflect on my time involved with this project, one word comes to mind; gratitude. Gratitude for the countless hours spent by our kitchen committee, the capital campaign committee, the vestry, and all of the volunteers and pledgers who have made this possible. I also have gratitude for the timing of this project. While not ideal to be undertaking a project of this magnitude during a global pandemic, we were able to have this project run smoothly with less activity on site. Lastly, I am grateful for all of you, for your many prayers, support and blessings. My heart is full.

-April Kreller

Happy New Year  
2021

## New Year's Prayer

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains.

Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

- Rev. Marcy Sheremetta  
Cleveland Central Catholic  
High School Cleveland, OH

## From the Associate Rector

As soon as Christmas Day ended, the news programs all did their usual end-of-year retrospectives, just in case you forgot everything that happened this year. And, in many ways, it is astounding to be reminded of the gravity of the events of 2020.

How do we make sense of everything we've been through, both collectively and individually? I'm sure that perspective will come in time. And, as God works in each of our hearts, I pray that our parish community is strengthened even in these times of fear and trial.

Somehow, I ended up on the Christmas card list of the Dean of Virginia Seminary. The card he sent contained a curious and profound poem that I'd never encountered before. It may well be familiar to many of you. It articulates, better than I could, what's on my heart this Epiphany, as we go together into the coming year.

At Christmas 1939, just months after Great Britain entered the Second World War, King George VI addressed the nation (as monarchs there do each year). It was a time of great fear and uncertainty; very different from our time, and yet not entirely dissimilar. No one could know how war, spreading across the continent of Europe (and indeed, soon, across the world) would turn out. The fear that the Nazi regime could prevail was a real possibility.

The King's reading of Minnie Louise Haskins' poem reminded the people of Britain, and the world, that God held their future in His hands – despite the sense that all was spinning terribly out of control. God holds our future in his hands too!



### God Knows (a.k.a. "The Gate of the Year")

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.  
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.  
And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.



So heart be still:  
What need our little life  
Our human life to know,  
If God hath comprehension?  
In all the dizzy strife  
Of things both high and low,  
God hideth His intention.

God knows. His will  
Is best. The stretch of years  
Which wind ahead, so dim  
To our imperfect vision,  
Are clear to God. Our fears  
Are premature; In Him,  
All time hath full provision.

Then rest: until  
God moves to lift the veil  
From our impatient eyes,  
When, as the sweeter features  
Of Life's stern face we hail,  
Fair beyond all surmise  
God's thought around His creatures  
Our mind shall fill.

## From the Deacon

**Second Sacred Ground Circle**  
**Thursday, January 14 6:00 to 8:00 pm (Zoom)**  
Contact **Deacon Theresa** by Sunday, January 10  
if you have questions or would like to participate.

### Walking on Sacred Ground Together

Last summer, St. Alban's held its first Sacred Ground Circle. Since that time, the number of Sacred Ground Circles across the Episcopal Church has grown substantially as people of faith seek to understand our roles more deeply as we advance justice in our communities and country.

Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class and political and regional identity. The 10-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.

Sacred Ground is part of Becoming Beloved Community, The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. This series is open to all, and especially designed to help white people talk with other white people about race and justice. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love.

The next opportunity to participate in a Sacred Ground Circle will be January 14 through March 18, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm using Zoom. Co-facilitators the **Rev. Lucretia Mann, Adam Smith** and I invite you to pray and discern whether this might be the right time for you to participate in this dialogue series. Information about Sacred Ground on the Episcopal Church [website](#) may support your discernment. The webpage includes messages from the Presiding Bishop and the Canon for Evangelism and Reconciliation, the Rev. Stephanie Spellers.

To ensure that dialogue is possible, the Sacred Ground Circle size is limited. To discuss the dialogue series or to register, please email me by January 10 at: [theresa.lewallen@verizon.net](mailto:theresa.lewallen@verizon.net)

-Deacon Theresa



*Deacon Theresa delivering the homily on December 13.*

## Warden's Pen



As you read this, we will have already celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ, making us joyful in knowing the hope that this event brings.

The Year 2020 was difficult for so many, and we've been unable to gather together in person the way we would like. But we are strong in supporting each other, and we adapted to our new virtual life. And, we continue to support those in our community who have been hit the hardest by the pandemic.

Many thanks to **Deacon Theresa, Nell Dillard**, and all the volunteers who have continued to support our food distribution efforts at Fairmont Gardens and ACCA's food deliveries. Deacon Theresa, Nell, **Remy Jurenas** and I have been discussing how we can maintain our support and fill in the gap left open when food donors are not able to provide meals or foodstuffs. Your annual pledges help fund this feeding ministry.

Thank you to everyone for whatever you can give in 2021.  
Moira Skinner, Senior Warden



*Bill Calvert, Stewardship Committee, provides an update of the status of the pledge campaign at the November 29 service.*

**GIVING** These are difficult times, filled with uncertainty. We know that for some, income has been reduced or cut. If you are able to give, please remember that the church needs your financial support more than ever. It is only out of your generosity that we can do the good work that we do. Please don't forget about your annual pledge and your commitment to the Capital Campaign. If you normally place an offering in the plate, please consider using our electronic giving platform: [myEoffering](#)



Offerings are significantly down this pledge season. Our parish depends on your support. Please submit your pledges as soon as you can so that our 2021 budget can be developed. Thank you!

### **Compline: Wednesdays 8:30 pm Via Zoom**

About 15 minutes in duration, it's the perfect way to prepare for bed — whatever time that happens to be for you! You can follow along in The Book of Common Prayer (p. 127), or follow the customized liturgy PDF that will be sent by email each week, along with the Zoom link. Directions on how to sign in to the Zoom call are also in the email. Compline prayers are some of the most beautiful and comforting in our Prayer Book. A sampling:

We give you thanks, O God,  
for revealing your Son Jesus Christ to us  
by the light of his resurrection:  
Grant that as we sing your glory  
at the close of this day,  
our joy may abound in the morning  
as we celebrate the Paschal mystery;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Keep watch, dear Lord,  
with those who work, or watch, or weep this night,  
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.  
Tend the sick, Lord Christ;  
give rest to the weary, bless the dying,  
soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted,  
shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.  
*Amen.*

O God, your unfailing providence  
sustains the world we live in and the life we live:  
Watch over those, both night and day, who work  
while others sleep, and grant that we may never  
forget that our common life depends upon each  
other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Gifts for Samaritan Ministries Participants**



A note from Ivy Kilby:

*Hello all of you wonderful Saint Alban's Cookie Bakers! I delivered them to the NOVA office of Samaritan Ministry. The treats were so beautiful and smelled great in my van as I drove there. I promise I didn't sneak a bite but they were tempting! Thank you for making these cookies for our NOVA participants!*

*Oh, and someone from Saint Alban's also donated more eye-glasses/readers! Thank you! This is such a loving and generous church family! Amazing!*

*We gave the treats to our participants when they came in to pick up their Christmas gift cards and new warm clothes! I think they were really touched by your fantastic generosity!*

*Again, thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.*

*Merry Christmas Saint Alban's Church Family!  
Hugs, Ivy Kilby*

**Needing help or able to help? Please contact the church office 703-256-2966**



**Chatting Fingers  
Handmades  
and  
Pressed Flower Art  
Sales Support  
St. Alban's  
2020 "Non-Bazaar"**



Chatting Fingers and Friends sold a whopping \$4402 in wonderful hand-made knits, fabric arts, beaded necklaces, ceramics, seasonal wreaths, cards and even Christmas-themed face masks. Also sold were sausage rolls, candy, lemon curd, marmalade and more! The catalogue will return in March with new items for spring!

Many thanks to all who created and contributed goods and to all the customers who made purchases in support of St. Alban's. Somehow, we made it work under a pandemic through sheer will and determination and support from you.

Looking forward to a more traditional bazaar next year! In the meantime, look for spring sales.

**Barbara Hallman** sold \$700 of recent pressed flower art in support of St. Alban's 2020 "non-bazaar," including framed and unframed art, 5x7 frameable cards, print cards, resin pendant necklaces and suncatcher ornaments. Stay tuned. A spring sale is in the works!

**Meet Jon Scarffe**

*Jon has been spotted on Zoom calls over the past months actively participating in online worship and social activities. Welcome Jon to St. Alban's!*



*Jon Scarffe*

Earlier this year I moved from the UK to Alexandria which I now call home with no plans to move. I really like the area. I am married to **Ron**. We have two cats; Jakob who is from England and Eddie whom we adopted from a rescue shelter in Arlington. I met Ron when he was based in the UK with the USAF. He is originally from California near Sacramento and I am originally from outside Dublin in Ireland, later moving to the UK.

I am a great believer in voluntary work. Some voluntary work I have done includes being a founder, member and organizer of the Peterborough (UK) LGBTQ social group. The group now has over 400 members and has founded an inclusive church in partnership with a local Church of England parish. In 2016 Ron and I did a three-day 320-mile cycle in 100 degree heat in Northern California to fundraise for HIV/AIDS groups in Sacramento. I was a volunteer counselor/listener with Samaritans UK and Treasurer for the Guild of Stewards at Peterborough Cathedral where I worked and was a committee member of the Cathedral forum. Other voluntary work included chaplaincy in Peterborough Prison a level 2 facility and a Front of House Visitor Advisor at the Cromwell Museum Huntingdon, UK. I am also a former Seminarian in the Church of England and lay minister.

In early 2020 I graduated with an MS in Counselling and Psychotherapy from Keele University in England. Previously I studied Theology at Trinity College, Dublin, ministry at St John's College, Nottingham, UK and Children's Ministry studies at Union College, Belfast, Northern Ireland. I am currently studying Clinical Pastoral Education, recently graduating with my 2<sup>nd</sup> Unit and I work as a Chaplain Resident in Goodwin House Hospice in Falls Church. I am due to begin my 3<sup>rd</sup> Unit in January 2021.

When I moved to Alexandria, I looked around for a worshipping community that I could join. I had attended a few churches in the area. Then one day we were invited by some members of St Alban's to attend the Chili Festival earlier this year. I really liked the feel of the place; it had a good sense of community and the welcome and friendliness of the people felt good. I decided that I would start attending services and get a better feel for the place. Sadly, COVID reared its head, changing everything and making it more difficult to become part of a new parish family. Despite COVID, St Alban's felt right so I started attending Sunday online services. Making use of online platforms has been helpful and has helped me connect. Recently I have been part of the team leading the Wednesday Compline Services and also reading lessons on Sunday. It is great to feel part of a church community again. I look forward to getting more involved and being an active member of St Alban's.

Hobbies include travel (thanks COVID), theatre, cycling, gym, yoga, eating, photography and podcasts. -Jon Scarffe

## Construction Progress!

The concrete trucks rumbled into the parking lot to pour the concrete floor. Outside, the area behind the addition is the new sidewalk. The construction is progressing as scheduled and looks like it will be completed at the end of January. Stay tuned!



## Birthdays

### January

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Trevor Hershner       | 3  |
| Hillary Leersnyder    | 3  |
| Mark Cummings         | 4  |
| Steve Hershner        | 5  |
| Jo Hodgkin            | 5  |
| David Allison         | 7  |
| Cole Lieberthal       | 8  |
| Jack Martin           | 10 |
| Dottie Stacy          | 10 |
| Ben Dillard           | 12 |
| Jeff Harre            | 12 |
| Erica LaPrade         | 13 |
| Lori Ebersohl         | 14 |
| Charles Becker        | 15 |
| Christopher Phillips  | 16 |
| Aiden Popescu         | 18 |
| Stephanie Rosse       | 18 |
| Patrick Summers       | 18 |
| Christina Van Balen   | 18 |
| Katie Slacin          | 19 |
| Amy Perina            | 21 |
| Chloe Achieng         | 22 |
| Ella Jackson          | 23 |
| Sandra Sawicki        | 23 |
| Karen Weinberg        | 23 |
| Steven Canales Romero | 24 |
| Natasha O'Loughlin    | 24 |
| Kathy Moore           | 25 |
| Fred Chatelain        | 27 |
| Kris Keyer            | 27 |
| Tom Tycz              | 27 |
| Matt Gelman           | 28 |
| Blaine Jackson        | 30 |

### February

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|------------------------|----|
| Marty Barringer        | 2  |
| DeeDee Payne           | 2  |
| Ted Blanchard          | 3  |
| Jayden Baer            | 4  |
| Gina Clune             | 4  |
| Gwen DeFilippi         | 7  |
| Wendy Cleland-Hamnett  | 8  |
| Marta Hyde             | 8  |
| Bethia Sherman         | 8  |
| David Allison-Espinoza | 9  |
| Harris Andrews         | 9  |
| Debra Becker           | 10 |
| Robby Larson-Ensinger  | 10 |
| Kit Ryan               | 11 |
| Michael White          | 11 |
| Bob Ensinger           | 12 |
| Soren Farley           | 13 |
| Evie Tanner            | 13 |
| Bill Calvert           | 16 |
| Stephanie Farley       | 17 |
| Ann Gamber             | 17 |
| Jinny Jennings         | 18 |
| Sarah Rutherford       | 18 |
| Henry Clune            | 20 |
| Maggie Barker          | 21 |
| Tammy Conkle           | 21 |
| Kevin Moore            | 21 |
| Linda Cummings         | 22 |
| Malcolm White          | 22 |
| Cathy Casey            | 23 |
| Jean Stonesifer        | 23 |
| Sipho Kargbo           | 24 |
| Dave Wildes            | 26 |
| Al Avellino            | 29 |
| Dennis Cook            | 29 |

## Hypothermia Week, December 20-26



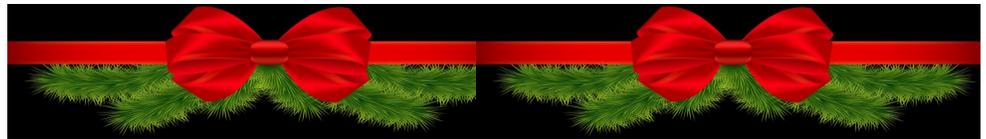
Our Hypothermia Week was different this year. Instead of hosting the shelter overflow in our parish hall, we took meals to the Lincolnia Senior Center. We delivered the food, but did not serve or clean up.

*I want to say many, many thanks to all the cooks, lunch preparers, food deliverers – everybody who participated in our Hypothermia ministry this year. We fed 50 people with hot dinners and bagged lunches every day. Even though this year we didn't get the greet and serve them in our parish*

*hall, we were still able to show them our love and support during Christmas week.*

*I know we all look forward to next year when (let's pray!) we get to greet them in person and serve them from our new kitchen. Thank you for your generosity!*

*-Delores Baisden*



## THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS

Here's a variation on Howard Thurman's  
When the Song of the Angels is Stilled  
by Michael Dougherty, Co-chair, Social Justice Committee  
Sacred Heart Cathedral in Whitehorse, Yukon.

When the carols have been stilled,  
When the star-topped tree is taken down,  
When family and friends are gone home,  
When we are back to our schedules  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To welcome the refugee,  
To heal a broken planet,  
To feed the hungry,  
To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,  
To share our gifts,  
To seek justice and peace for all people,  
To bring Christ's light to the world.

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## The Nativity

At St. Alban's we display a crèche in the sanctuary (during the Christmas season through the Epiphany) made up of carved, wooden figures.

There is an interesting story behind the St. Alban's crèche. **Mrs. Christina Heimlich**, whom most of our long-time parishioners remember for her school of dance at St. Alban's, died in 2012.

**Lisa Filipy**, who took over Mrs. Heimlich's dance school, gave St. Alban's the wooden Nativity scene with this letter: "These nativity figurines were a treasured display at the home of Col. William F. Heimlich and his wife Christina Heimlich. I spoke with Mrs. Heimlich's nephew, Eric Leutiger, and he said he remembers them at the home of his grandparents, Mrs. Heimlich's parents, Margaret and George Otto, when they lived on Heinzel Strasse, in Goelitz, Germany. My belief is that these figurines are over 85 years old.

The story Mr. Heimlich told me was that the gentleman who played Jesus in the Passion Play at Oberammergau carved them. Mrs. Heimlich left them to me in her will, but I would like to give them to St. Alban's to share their beauty and reverence with all of you. St. Alban's was such a big part of Mr. and Mrs. Heimlich's lives, and continues to be in mine as well."

**Fr. Jeff** did a little research and found this information from an article in Time magazine dated May 12, 1930. Given the dates and circumstances of our Nativity scene it's quite possible that our mysterious woodcarver is Alois Lang, the woodcarver and actor who portrayed Jesus in the 1930 Passion Play in Oberammergau. According to the article I read: "Alois is tall, robust, 38. In 1922 he lost the election to play Jesus by only a few votes, thereafter understudied Anton Lang. He is elegantly mannered, confident, magnetic. He keeps 40 hives of bees, likes to smoke and drink beer with the Apostles at the Hotel Alte Post. He carves innumerable wooden Christs, and exhibits no false modesty about his exalted position in the Passion Play. No one is happier in Oberammergau than his stout, simple wife, who might easily be mistaken for his mother. Some villagers will tell you that the hair of Alois Lang owes its luxuriant curliness to a permanent wave."



*I poured, cleaned and fired our ceramic nativity, 1965-1966 at Fort Ord California. The cat Sammy did some damage to a few pieces. Steve was stationed at the Naval Post Graduate School. Sally Sare*

See more parishioner nativity scenes on the next page and even more on St. Alban's website at: [The Nativity Scenes of St. Alban's – St. Alban's Episcopal Church \(wearstalbans.org\)](http://www.wearstalbans.org)

## The Nativity Sets of Parishioners

According to legend, the tradition of displaying a crèche (a depiction of the Nativity scene) at Christmas was begun, or at least popularized, by St. Francis of Assisi in 13<sup>th</sup> century Italy. While visiting the village of Greccio at Christmas, St. Francis wanted to recreate the sense of awe and wonder he felt when he visited the site of Jesus' birth in the Holy Land, and so St. Francis created a "living Nativity" in a cave outside the town. The practice became popular throughout Italy and quickly spread. To this day Nativity scenes are a visible reminder of the humble birth of our Savior. Since we can't be together this year, and there were no holiday open houses or Christmas parties, we invited parishioners to send in photos of their home nativity scenes to share with everyone. See more parishioner nativity scenes St. Alban's website at: [The Nativity Scenes of St. Alban's – St. Alban's Episcopal Church](#)



*This Nativity set was made for Dave's mother by her sister. **Wendy and Dave H.***



*All the way from Abu Dhabi! **Alison D.***



*Each year my grandmother would buy us one of the pieces. The year she passed away the collection was discontinued so Lee and I spent the Christmas season going to every Macy's store in the area buying up as many pieces we could find. The set reminds of my grandparents and that Christmas season where we were on the hunt to finish the collection.*

**Kristi P and Lee H**



*Ed's parents got these figures for us at a craft show, picking the colors for the Wise Men and camels. His father made the stable. **Fran W.***



*This is our outdoor scene. This Nativity is one of our favorite Christmas decorations. Several years ago, we started using it as a decoration for the bazaar. **Bill and Nancy C.***



*This Nativity scene belonged to my grandmother and is over 50 years old. My grandmother's favorite holiday is Christmas and she took great pleasure in decorating her home for the season. This Nativity scene was one of her favorite decorations and we would set up the scene together when I was very young. When I moved away for the first time in my 20's, she gave me this Nativity scene because she knew how much I loved it and it was a way to remind me of the Christmases I had when I was a child. Now that my grandmother is 100 years old and I can't see her this holiday season, this scene is even more special. **Adam H. and Nick H.***

## Scenes from January 3 Service



They looked up and saw a star

Artwork by *Elizabeth Cheek*

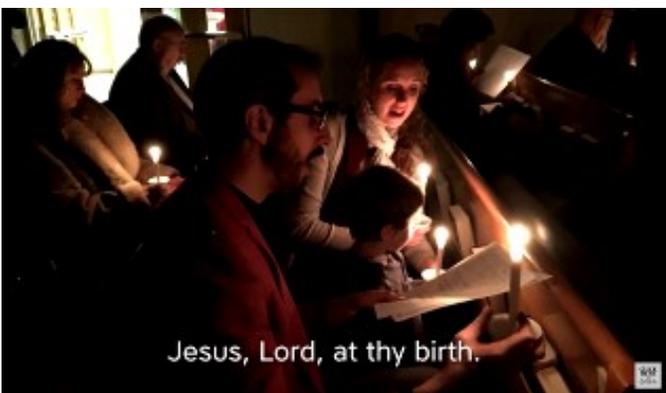
Hymn Choir: Betsy Anderson, Harry Baisden, Marc Cheek, Wendy Hamnett, David Holland, Joan Jurenas, Angela Leersnyder, John Lesko, Chris Martin, Nancy McSlarrow, Paul Moberly, Fran Walinsky, Karen Weinberg, Cathy Williams, Clarence Zuvekas. Lectors: Harry Baisden, Delores Baisden. Intercessor: Delores Baisden. Altar Flowers: Kate Wettstein and Delores Baisden. Acolyte: Kate Wettstein. Production: Fr. Paul Moberly. Music and Organ: Dr. Jason Farris. Original artwork: Elizabeth Cheek. Gospeller: The Rev. Deacon Theresa Lewallen. Preacher & Celebrant: The Rev. Jeff Shankles. Soloists: John Lesko, Harry Baisden and Joan Jurenas



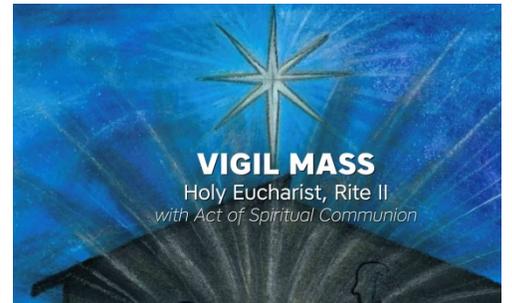
## Scenes from December 27 Service by the Diocese of Virginia



Scenes from Past Candlelight Services Christmas Eve



# Christmas Eve December 24 Service



Hymn Choir: Soloists Emma Conkle, Kay Lusk, John Lopez. Cantor Fran Walinsky. Hymn Choir Betsy Anderson, Delores Baisden, Marc Cheek, Darby Clinard, Wendy Hamnett, Nancy Harrell, David Holland, Elizabeth Howton, Joan Jurenas, Danielle Larmett, Angela Leersnyder, Hillary Leersnyder, John Lesko, John Lopez, Kay Lusk, Chris Martin, Duncan McBride, Nancy McSlarrow, Paul Moberly, Darien Roby, Arianna Rodriguez, Debbie Rosse, Lauren Walinsky Savoy, Taylor Simpson, Fran Walinsky, Tyler Walinsky, Karen Weinberg, Michael Weinberg, Cathy Williams, Clarence Zuvekas. Music and Organ: Dr. Jason Farris. Lectors: Clarence Zuvekas, Cole Lieberthal. Intercessors: Cheryl and Michael Sinsabaugh.. Altar: Kate Wettstein. Altar Flowers: Kate Wettstein and Delores Baisden. Acolytes: Gerardo Mazariegos, April Kreller, Cole and Rory Lieberthal. Creche Prayers: The Canales-Romero family. Still Photography: Barbara Hallman. Production: Fr. Paul Moberly. Original artwork: Elizabeth Cheek. Gospeller: The Rev. Deacon Theresa Lewallen. Preacher: The Rev. Jeff Shankles. Celebrant: The Rev. Paul Moberly.

## Scenes from December 20 Service



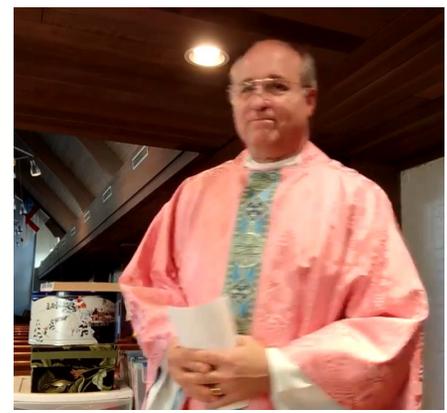
Serving in today's liturgy

Hymn Choir: Betsy Anderson, Wendy Hamnett, David Holland, Angela Leersnyder, Hillary Leersnyder, John Lesko, Nancy McSarrow, Paul Moberly, Debbie Rosse, Fran Walinsky, Karen Weinberg, Cathy Williams, Clarence Zuvekas. Music and Organ: Dr. Jason Farris. Lectors: Cecilia Howton, Felix Howton. Intercessor: Elizabeth Howton. Production: Fr. Paul Moberly. Altar: Kate Wettstein. Acolyte: Kate Wettstein. Gospeller: The Rev. Deacon Theresa Lewallen. Preacher: Mr. Jon Guest-Scarffe. Celebrant: The Rev. Jeff Shankles.

## Scenes from December 13 Service and Sunday School



Hymn Choir: Betsy Anderson, David Holland, Angela Leersnyder, Hillary Leersnyder, Chris Martin, Nancy McSarrow, Paul Moberly, Debbie Rosse, Fran Walinsky, Karen Weinberg, Cathy Williams, Clarence Zuvekas. Music and Organ: Dr. Jason Farris. Lectors: Delores Baisden, Jon Guest-Scarffe. Intercessor: Harry Baisden. Production: Fr. Paul Moberly. Altar: Kate Wettstein. Acolyte: Kate Wettstein. Gospeller: The Rev. Deacon Theresa Lewallen. Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Theresa Lewallen. Celebrant: The Rev. Jeff Shankles.



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