

St. Alban's E-Pistle

Christ Centered – Radically Embracing People and Creation



E-Pistle Week: 12/5/2018 - 12/12/2018

December 5, 2018

Weekly Highlights:

Joseph House:

The youth of St. Alban's are collecting personal items to make "survival kits" for the homeless. There is a collection basket in the parish hall. Disposable razors, washcloths, travel tooth brushes, hotel size shampoo, lotion, soap, and body wash, toothpaste, and deodorant (not gel). See Cindy Hartigan or Leighann Yackel.

Level 2 Atrium & Adult Formation:

Jeanne Gitano has resumed Level 2 Atrium at 9:00 a.m. On Sundays. Level 2 Atrium is for children ages 6-10 years old. Adults will discuss "Being Generous with Others," from Practicing Generosity, beginning at 9:15 a.m.

December 30:

On Sunday, December 30, there will be ONE SERVICE at 9:30 a.m. It is a service of Lessons and Carols. Please mark your calendars!

CD Player:

If you have a reliable CD Player that you would like to donate to the Atrium classroom, please contact the office.

Altar Guild:

The Altar Guild will be polishing brass on Saturday, December 22 at 9:00 a.m. All Altar Guild members are asked to attend. RSVP to Meg Caton.

Link to Bishop's Christmas Appeal:

<https://dioceseofeaston.org/bishops-christmas-appeal-2018/>

Both Mary and Frieda have been called to Jury Duty for the month of December. They have no way of knowing ahead of time when they may need to serve. Please be aware that there may be days when no one is in the office. As always, if you have an emergency, please call the pager number (410-380-7052) and leave a call back number.

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday December 5, 2018:

Jos. House meal, 8:15 a.m., kitchen

Wed. Night bible study, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday December 6, 2018:

NO Choir rehearsal

Sunday, December 9, 2018:

8:00 a.m.

Altar Guild: Judy Gracey, Megan Caton, Sandy Grim
Eucharistic Minister: Megan Caton
Greeter: Bev and Geoff Smoot

10:30 a.m.

Acolytes: Widmy Joseph, Kim O'Grady, Charlie Cox
Altar Guild: Deb Rossi, Jim Cockey, Linda Torbert, Susannah Jones-Hochmuth
Eucharistic Ministers: Megan Pomeroy, Susannah Jones-Hochmuth
Lectors: Jeremy Cox, Katherine West
Oblations: Ellen and Doug Girardeau
Ushers: Jen and Jeremy Cox
Greeter: Don and Cindy Hartigan
Vestry Person: Kim O'Grady

Advent Soup Lunch, after the 10:30 a.m. Service, with Maddie Raygor and friends providing background music

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

December 8 Elinor Wallace

December 10 Patti Serkes

December 12 David Southern

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WiHi Food Pantry and Needy Student Christmas Fund:

Thank you St. Alban's for your generous contributions to the Wi-Hi Food bank at this Thanksgiving holiday, and on a regular basis! It is such a great help to the school community, and the larger community. The goods you generously provided at Thanksgiving helped to feed at least 40 students' families, so we estimate more than 180 family members by our count, probably more (who doesn't invite family for the holidays?! We will continue to collect food items weekly for the Wi-Hi Food Pantry & appreciate any and all donations! Thank you so much!

The staff at Wicomico High School work together to give, collect and provide gift cards, new gloves & hats for our Needy Student Christmas Fund each year. If you are able to donate gift cards (\$5 -\$15) to Walmart, Target, coffee shops, fast food, etc, or would simply like to give a monetary gift, please see or call Rebecca Raygor to do so. Gloves and hats may be placed in the Wi-Hi basket in the parish hall. The collections will be December 9 and 16.

Links to Vestry Minutes and Financials:

Please go [HERE](#) for the latest approved Vestry Meeting Minutes and [HERE](#) for the latest approved Financial Statement. Or go to our website stalbanssalisbury.com and click on News>Updates for this information.