



# The Albanac

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*Bishop Brian R. Seage*

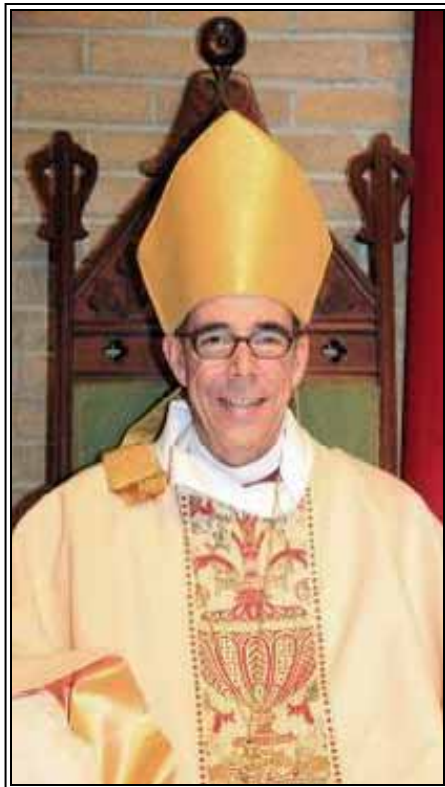
# Bishop Seage Visits St. Alban's—February 11

## The Sacrament of Confirmation



Front Row— Confirmed - Courtney Taylor, David May and Elisabeth Gent; Clergy - Bishop Seage, Deacon Josie and Reverend Billie; Back Row— Sponsors - Theo Williams, Betsy Selby and Kerri Williams.





# 191st Annual Council, Southaven—January 26-28



Harvey Smith and Deacon Josie



Dr. Lena Melton Verger & Deacon Josie



Tommy Skinner and Theo Williams



Harvey Smith, Sharon Hanks and Tommy Skinner



Diocesan Altar Guild: Left to right, Harvey Smith, Judy Ketchins, Lollie Everett, Ann Milstead, Babs Fowler and Mary Jackson

# Lent—A Journey to the Cross



## Lenten Arts Series



**The Jubilee Singers and Daughters of Bobby Cooper**—under the direction of Dr. Bobby Cooper, conductor and Cedric Smith, assistant conductor



**The Patrick Smith Band**  
Adib Sabir, Gary Scott, Caleb Armstrong and Sam Scott

## *In Memory*

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants*

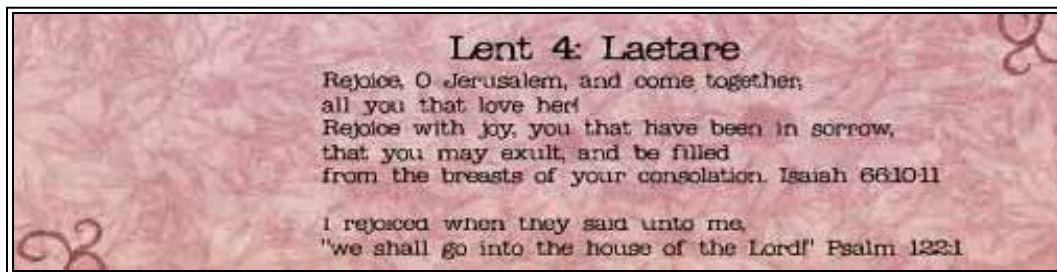
Psalms 116:13



*Michael Thomas Morrissey, Jr.*

*October 8, 1938—February 15, 2018*

## † Billie's Corner



How goes your Lent thus far? Sometimes the Lenten season can seem to stretch endlessly into the future. Sometimes we can get derailed and lose our Lenten momentum. Occasionally we can lose sight of the coming of the high, holy feast day of Easter – a time when we will joyfully celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The church thought of that and included *Laetare Sunday* in the Lenten liturgical calendar as a midway point to Easter.

Sunday, March 11 is *Laetare Sunday*. *Laetare* is Latin and means *to rejoice*. We will pause in the middle of the Lenten season to rejoice in anticipation of the approaching of Easter.

On Ash Wednesday, we were invited *to the observance of a holy Lent. The Book of Common Prayer* offers a list of Lenten disciplines: *self-examination and repentance; prayer, fasting, and self-denial; reading and meditating on God's holy Word*. If your Ash Wednesday intentions seem to be unrealistic—questioning your ability to maintain your Lenten disciplines—you can “rejoice” on *Laetare Sunday* then live into the anticipation of the resurrection and splendor of Easter day.

On *Laetare Sunday*, be intentional about rejoicing. Give yourself time to ponder on the amazing resurrection of Jesus Christ when he reversed the order of things—when he took death and made it into life. Think about the times in your life that you have already experienced resurrection—the times that you somehow regained a sense of peace after a devastating event in your life—the times you forgave the unforgivable—the times you have been forgiven the unforgivable. Think about the times when your spirit somehow miraculously rose out the ashes to discover a new way of being. We do not have to literally die to experience Jesus’ resurrection; Jesus’ resurrection is ours now. Remember his words. *The Kingdom of God is within you*. (Luke 17:21). Resurrection is within you – NOW!

*“Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice.”*    Philippians 4:4

In Peace,  
Billie



## † Josie's Journal

*Notes of Love, Cheer and Encouragement*

*“See what kind of love the Father has given us,  
that we should be called children of God.” 1 John 3:1*



A picture is worth a thousand words. These are cards being sent to the sick, lonely and elderly who are unable to worship with us as frequently as they would like. I am being intentional in letting them know that they are loved and missed by the St. Alban's community.

Prayerfully,

Josie

## March Birthdays

1 Michael Guynes Lisa Langford Parker Ramsay	15 Lanore Fulgham Ben Harper
7 Anita Collins Herb Jones	18 Margarette Swett Burke Torrey
8 Eleanor Chaire Monti	21 James William Troups
10 Chasity Dunaway Mary Ellen Dunaway	24 Jeff Artman Olivia Curtis
11 Sherry Horan	25 Penny Freund
12 Jeanne Lunz	27 Stacey Sumrall
	31 Clare Huntley

## March Anniversaries

11 Michael & Ashley Abraham

## Prayers for the People

Allen & Nancy Teeter	Hollis Newman	Mark Green
AmeriCorps Youth	Jackson Monti	Marlene McLaurin Family
Analiese Wasson Bryan	Janice Herrington	Mary Jo Wright
Ann Hanks	Jean Inman	Martha Benson
Ann & Jimmy Jones	Jim & Sherry Horan	Mary Ann Seage
Barbara Ramsay	Jim Dantin	Mike Bieser
Bertha Kolb	Jim Jones	Millie Gasaway
Betty Biedenham	Jimmy & Mamie Bright	Norma Jones
Bo Whittenberg	Joan Leese	Parker Ramsay
Bradley Freeman	John Hardy	Paula Bandy
Bryan Brabston	John Tompkins	Pat Halloran-Burton
Carol Green	Kristi Biedenham	Payton Price
Charlie Brantley Family	Larry Sanders	Peggy Lynn
Christine Nelson Family	Landrieu Townsend	Philip Summerlin
Dalton Glatt	Linda & Jim Dooley	Rachelle Ferris
Damion Hansford	Linda Washington	Randy Wright, Sr.
Dan & Mary Carleton	Liz Curtis Family	Selby Parker & Family
Evelyn Hunt	Lucas Guynes	Slade Lyons
Glenda & Lee Ferguson	Lynette Smith	Lance Tompkins Family
Hallie Jo Ragsdale	Margarette Swett	The Selby Family

## Schedule of Events

### Weekly Activities & Services

#### Church Office Hours

Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Phone: (601) 636-6687

#### Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Choir Practice, 10:00 AM

Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM

Nursery, 10:00 AM

Children's Chapel, 11:00 AM

#### Tuesday

Bible & More Discussion Group, Parish House, 6:00–8:00 PM

#### Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:30 AM

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Soup Dinner, 6:30 PM

Lenten Arts Series, 7:00 PM

Quiet Day, First Wednesday of Each Month, 7 AM—7 PM

#### Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, 12:30 PM

#### Fridays During Lent

Lenten Spiritual Prayer Practice, Stations of the Cross, at 6:00 PM

**Sunday, March 4**—Kids Ministry: *Lifting Lives Family Shelter*, after the 11:00 AM Eucharist

**Wednesday, March 7**—*Madrigal Singers*, Vicksburg High School, Angela Chapin Conductor, 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, March 14**—*Full Circle, Fiddle & More*, Nicholas & Julia Blake, Joanne Ryan & Christie Beasley, 7:00 PM

**Thursday, March 15**—Vestry Meeting, Parish House, 6:00 PM

**Sunday, March 18**—Kids Ministry after the 11:00 AM Eucharist

**Wednesday, March 21**—*Mississippi Boychoir*, Nancy Robertson, Conductor, 7:00 PM

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Palm Sunday, March 25**—Palm Procession & Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

**Monday & Tuesday, March 26 & 27**—Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, March 28**—Healing Service & Eucharist 6:00 PM

**Maundy Thursday, March 29**—Liturgy of the Washing of the Feet & the  
Institution of the Holy Eucharist, 6:00 PM

**Good Friday, March 30**—Liturgy of the Crucifixion, 6:00 PM

**Holy Saturday, March 31**—Morning Prayer, 8:30 AM  
The Great Easter Vigil, 6:00 PM

**Easter Sunday, April 1**—Feast of the Resurrection, Eucharist 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
Easter Reception following 8:30 & 11:00 AM Eucharist  
Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 AM



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# Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in March 2018

	<b>March 4</b>	<b>March 11</b>	<b>March 18</b>	<b>March 25</b>
	Lent 3	Lent 4	Lent 5	Palm Sunday
<b>First Reading</b>	Exodus 20:1-17	Numbers 21:4-9	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Isaiah 45:21-25
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 19	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Psalm 51:1-13	Psalm 22:1-21
<b>Second Reading</b>	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Ephesians 2:1-10	Hebrews 5:5-10	Philippians 2:5-11
<b>Gospel</b>	John 2:13-22	John 3:14-21	John 12:20-33	Mark 14:32-15:39 -47
				<b>Separate Liturgical Schedule for Gospel Passion Reading</b>
<b>LWL</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> Harvey Smith <b>11:00 am</b> Richard Price	Tommy Skinner Harvey Smith	Theo Williams Betsy Selby	Tommy Skinner Theo Williams
<b>MC</b>	Jennifer Normand	Deacon Josie	Beth Guynes	Deacon Josie
<b>OT Lector</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> Bitsy Sloan <b>11:00 am</b> Susan Price	Bitsy Sloan Ed Shelnut	Bitsy Sloan Gloria Hall	Bitsy Sloan Elisabeth Gent
<b>Psalm</b>		Canada Stewart	Lawson Selby	
<b>Epistle</b>		Canada Stewart	Lawson Selby	
<b>Crucifer &amp; Acolyte</b>	Jennifer Normand	Koury Collins	Beth Guynes Gray Weaver Sam Hall	Koury Collins
<b>Wooden Cross</b>			Harris Southall	
<b>Gospel Bearer</b>	Dawn Rickard	Deacon Josie	Gabby Rushing	Dawn Rickard
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Harvey Smith	Deacon Josie	Kerri Williams Peter Williams	Sharon Hanks
<b>Oblation Bearers</b>	David & Bonnie Pruett	Sara Margaret Porter Dalton Thames	Kerri Williams Peter Williams	Laura Cook Sharon Hanks
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	David Normand Dale Gibson	Lance Stewart Dale Gibson	Jonah Artman Josh Artman	Dale Gibson Lance Stewart
<b>Standing Communion Station Altar Guild</b>	Susan Price Herb Jones Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey	Deacon Josie Ed Shelnut Cassandra Price Dawn Rickard	Deacon Josie Dawn Rickard Beth Guynes Liz Gent	Deacon Josie David Pruett Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Betsy Selby Cynthia Strawn	Bitsy Sloan Beth Sojourner	Butch Mitchell Theo Williams	Ann Tompkins Rev. Billie
<b>Nursery</b>	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley
<b>Children's Chapel</b>	Betsy Selby	Betsy Selby		Betsy Selby
<b>Offertory Counters</b>	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Jennifer Normand	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Betsy Selby	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Michael Southall
	<b>March 7</b>	<b>March 14</b>	<b>March 21</b>	<b>March 28</b>
<b>Healing Service</b>	Theo Williams	David Pruett	Theo Williams	David Pruett