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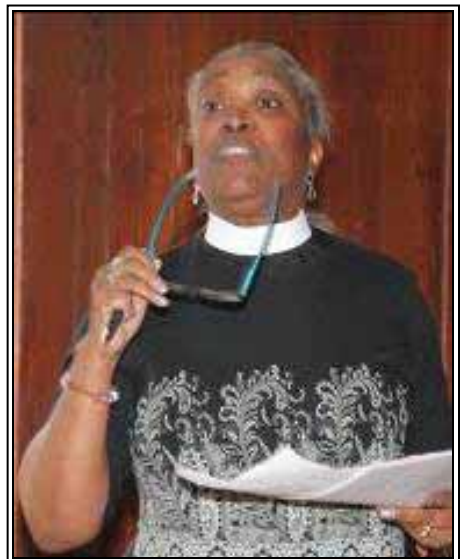
**February 2018**

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*St. Alban's Annual Parish Meeting*

# Parish Meeting, January 14th





Dawn Pickard

Newly elected officers—Sharon Hanks, Lance Stewart & Dawn Pickard, Vestry (inset) and Beth Guynes, Senior Warden





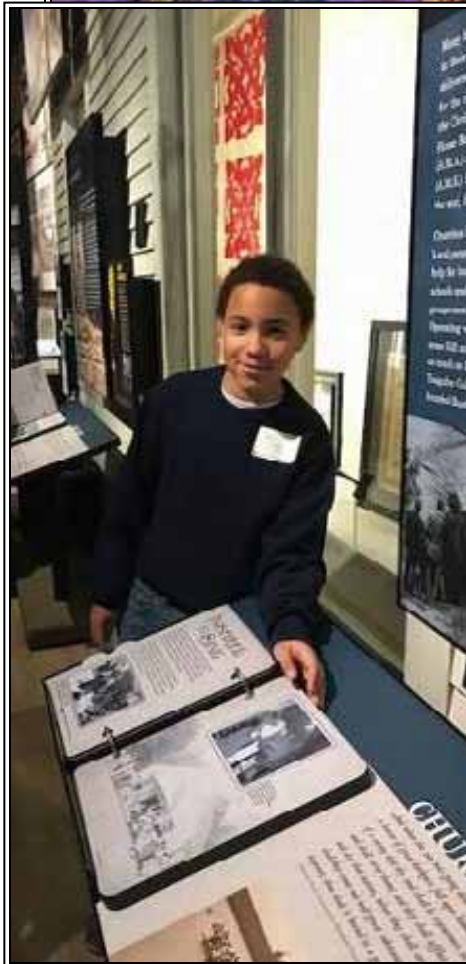
# Children Visit Mississippi Civil Rights Museum



Rev. Billie with Josh, Jonah, Suzanne & Jeff Artman, Peter & Kerri Williams and Lawson Selby visited the new Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. The \$70 million showpiece museum was dedicated December 9, 2017



The Central Gallery known as *This Little Light of Mine* is the heart of the museum. A dramatic light sculpture combined with period music fills the rotunda. Featured are the breathtaking images and words of prominent Civil Rights leaders.



*There's something out here  
that I've got to do for my kids,  
and I'm not going to stop  
until I've done it.*  
—Medgar Evers, 1958

# Keley Artman Hankins' Baby Shower







## † Billie's Corner



It is no secret that *The Society of Saint John the Evangelist* is a major influence in my life. The mission of the SSJE Brothers is to share their life of worship, prayer, hospitality and ministry with others. This is not a cloistered group of monks who have separated themselves from the world. This is a religious community that invites the world to grow in the love of God with them. They do so by opening their monastery for guests who wish get apart from their daily routine—to retreat in God—to rest with God—to pray to God.

The Brothers share their lives and their commitment to spread the Good News of God's love in ways that go far beyond those who retreat at the monastery. The Brothers are connected to the world through the use of modern technology, primarily the Internet. Who would have ever thought that I - a tech phobia person - would grab my phone first thing in the morning to read a meditation as part of my daily routine. Thanks to the Internet, I consider the Brothers of SSJE to be my daily spiritual directors. Every morning, when I awake, they are waiting for me with their meditation, *Brother Give Us a Word*.

I invite you to explore the SSJE website. It contains a wealth of sermons, special theme programs, past and current Lenten study curriculums, retreat information, liturgical seasonal material, *Rule of Life* guidelines and photographs. You can read or listen to the sermons. You can subscribe to get their daily email meditations.

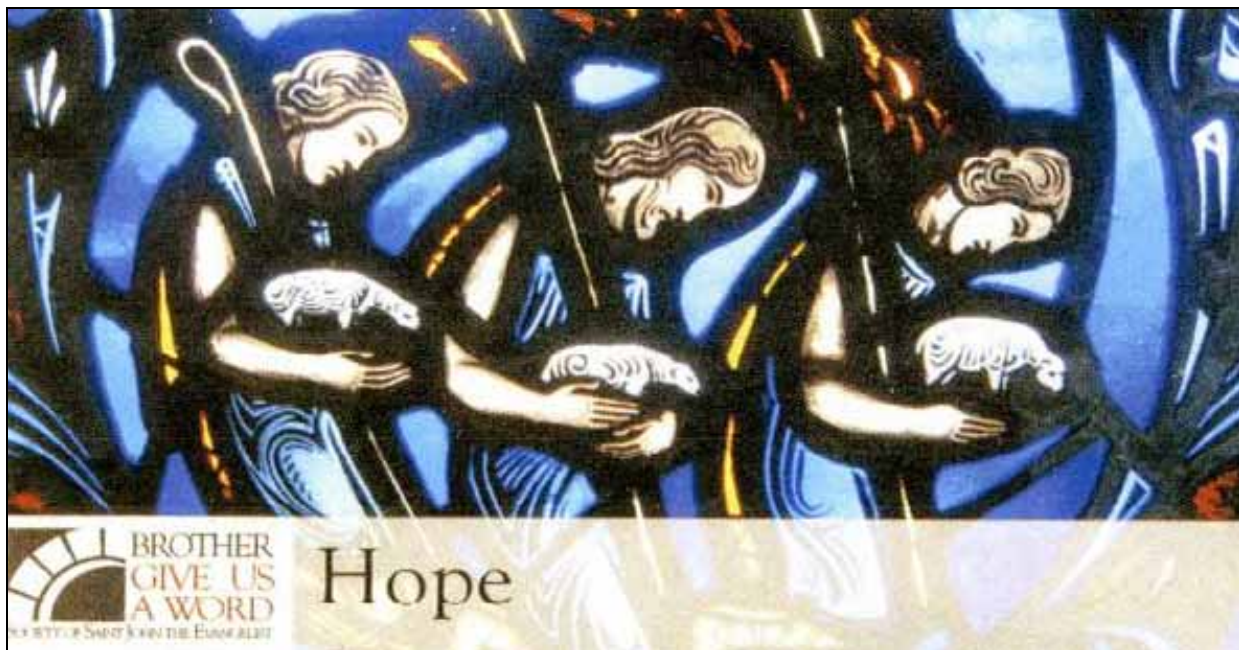
After a sales pitch like that, what more could I say? My purpose for this letter is to encourage you to sign up for the 2018 Lenten Series. You can do so by logging on to [www.meetingjesusinjohn.org](http://www.meetingjesusinjohn.org) or going to the homepage of SSJE. Scroll down until you see the logo *Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John* and sign up to participate in the program.

The website also provides a Prayer Journal if you wish to record your Lenten Journey through the writings of Saint John the Evangelist. You can download the Prayer Journal or order a printed copy that goes along with the daily video meditations sent to your phone, iPad or computer each morning.

The Brothers have a special devotion to John's Gospel and Epistles. The theme can be expressed in three words: "GOD IS LOVE" and the message is one of love—*"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son . . ."* The Brothers are advocates of God's love for us by way of our relationship with Jesus Christ. The invitation from the Brothers is simple: *"Have you ever wished to deepen your relationship with God? To experience a warm friendship with God? Maybe even fall in love with God—again---or for the first time? Join us in our Lenten Program, Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John"*

Come along for the Lenten Journey; travel the six weeks of Lent with the Brothers of SSJE and with each other and with the all the people throughout the world who are connected by way of the Internet.

In Peace,  
Billie



## ✠ Josie's Journal

### *Lent Madness: "The Saintry Smackdown"*



February 15 – March 28 marks the return of the highly anticipated online devotional game known as *Lent Madness*. Visit [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) to learn about the contest and to order your *Saintry Scorecard* (\$3.00 per card). The contest is also available on Twitter and Facebook.

How is *Lent Madness* a devotional? The contest, based on the NCAA basketball tournament known as *Midnight Madness*, is designed to inspire participants by reading and evaluating the lives of saints—past and present. The contest is broken into four groups—*Biblical*, *Monastic & Martyrs*, *Modern* and *Miscellaneous*. Thirty-two nominated saints will battle for a spot in the coveted *Saintry Sixteen* and ultimately only one will be the winner of the “*Golden Halo*”.

On weekdays during Lent, information will be posted on the website introducing two different saints. Each pairing will remain open for 24 hours as you read and vote. Sixteen winners will move up to the *Saintry Sixteen*—then eight to the *Elate Eight*—four to the *Faithful Four*—then two finalists competing for the *Championship*. The saint who wins the *Championship* will be awarded the coveted “*Golden Halo*.”

I invite you to participate in this unique and fun way to study the lives of the saints who have been nominated for the 2018 contest. Voting results and the winners of each round will be posted in the Parish House.

Prayerfully,  
Josie

## February Birthdays

1	Charlie Brantley	18	Janice Herrington
4	Georgia Turnage	19	Linda Kitchens
5	Sharon Hanks	20	Christine Nelson
6	Michael Abraham	21	David Selby
	Lucas Guynes	22	Mary Margaret Brabston
11	Bonnie Pruett		Jane Hanks
14	Beth Guynes	24	Ian Ulmer
	Charles Langford	25	Walker Biedenharn
16	Joyce Butler	27	Barbara Torrey
	Joey Gerache		

## February Anniversaries

11 Josh & Maggi McCarthy

## Prayers for the People

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

## 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

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, February 4—Jenny Newman's Final Sunday at St. Alban's.** Jenny will preach at the 8:30 & 11:00 AM Eucharists

**Sunday, February 4—Children's Chapel** will continue its Outreach Ministry to *Lifting Lives Family Shelter* on Sunday, February 4. The plan is to meet for pizza after church, make up snack bags then go to the shelter for games and play time.

**Wednesday, February 7 – Saturday, February 10—Leaders Training for Walking the Mourner's Path Grief Program,** Desoto, Texas. Mary Ruth Jones, Stacy Weaver, Betsy Selby and Rev. Billie will attend training program

**Sunday, February 11—Bishop Seage's Annual Visitation,** Eucharist at 10:00 AM, Potluck Luncheon following service. To be confirmed: Elizabeth Gent, Courtney Taylor, David May, Callie & Zane Russell

**Wednesday, February 14—Ash Wednesday** services at Noon and 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, February 21—Jubilee Singers,** Lenten Arts Series, 7:00 PM

**Saturday, February 24—Vestry Retreat**, Easy Biedenarn’s Farm House, Bovina Cut-Off Road. This retreat will include our February Vestry Meeting.

**Sunday, February 25—Deacon Josie Williams** will serve as Bishop’s Chaplain at Trinity Church, Natchez, Mississippi

**Wednesday, February 28—Patrick Smith**, Lenten Arts Series, 7:00 PM



**Patrick Smith**



**The Jubilee Singers**

Hinds Community College, Utica Campus  
Dr. Bobby Cooper Conductor



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# Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in February 2018

	<b>February 4</b> Epiphany 5	<b>February 11</b> Last Sunday after Epiphany	<b>February 18</b> Lent 1	<b>February 25</b> Lent 2
<b>First Reading</b>	Isaiah 40:21-31	2 Kings 2:1-12	Genesis 9:8-17	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 147:1-12, 21	Psalm 50:1-6, 9	Psalm 25:1-9	Psalm 22:22-30
<b>Second Reading</b>	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	1 Peter 3:18-22	Romans 4:13-25
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 1: 29-39	Mark 9:2-9	Mark 1:9-15	Mark 8:31-38
		<b>Bishop's Visitation Eucharist 10:00 AM</b>		
<b>LWL 8:30AM</b>	Harvey Smith		Theo Williams	Tommy Skinner
<b>11:00AM</b>	Herb Jones	Tommy Skinner	Betsy Selby	Harvey Smith
<b>MC</b>	Deacon Josie	Beth Guynes	Beth Guynes	Deacon Josie
<b>OT Lector 8:30AM</b>	Penny Freund		Penny Freund	Penny Freund
<b>11:00AM</b>	Ed Shelnut	Mary Ruth Jones	Macy Weaver	Elisabeth Gent
<b>Psalm</b>			Lawson Selby	
<b>Epistle</b>		Canada Stewart	Peter Williams	
<b>Crucifer &amp; Acolyte</b>	Koury Collins	Beth Guynes	Beth Guynes Gray Weaver	Dawn Rickard
<b>Wooden Cross</b>			Harris Southall	
<b>Torch Bearers &amp; Choir</b>			Gloria Hall Sam Hall	
<b>Gospel Bearer</b>	Jenny Newman	Deacon Josie	Gabby Rushing	Deacon Josie
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Jenny Newman	Deacon Josie	Kerri Williams Peter Williams	Sharon Hanks
<b>Oblation Bearers</b>	David & Bonnie Pruett	Sara Margaret Porter Dalton Thames Lance Stewart Dale Gibson	Gloria Hall Sam Hall	Laura Cook Sharon Hanks
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	Dawn Rickard Dale Gibson	Bishop Seage Rev. Billie Deacon Josie Tommy Skinner	Jonah Artman Josh Artman	David Pruett Peter Meyers
<b>Standing Communion Station</b>	Jenny Newman Herb Jones		Deacon Josie Dawn Rickard	Deacon Josie David Pruett
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Beth Guynes Liz Gent	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing	Mary Ann Wright Susan Price	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Ann Tompkins Rev. Billie	<b>Potluck Lunch following 10:00 Eucharist</b>	Theo Williams Cynthia Strawn	Mary Ruth Jones Tommy Skinner
<b>Nursery</b>	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley	April & Ashley
<b>Children's Chapel</b>	Betsy Selby			Betsy Selby
<b>Offertory Counters</b>	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Herb Jones	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Beth Guynes	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks John Bonar	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Lance Stewart
	<b>February 7</b>	<b>February 14</b>	<b>February 21</b>	<b>February 28</b>
<b>Healing Service</b>	Theo Williams	Tommy Skinner	David Pruett	Theo Williams