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Four Generations Celebrate Mother's Day

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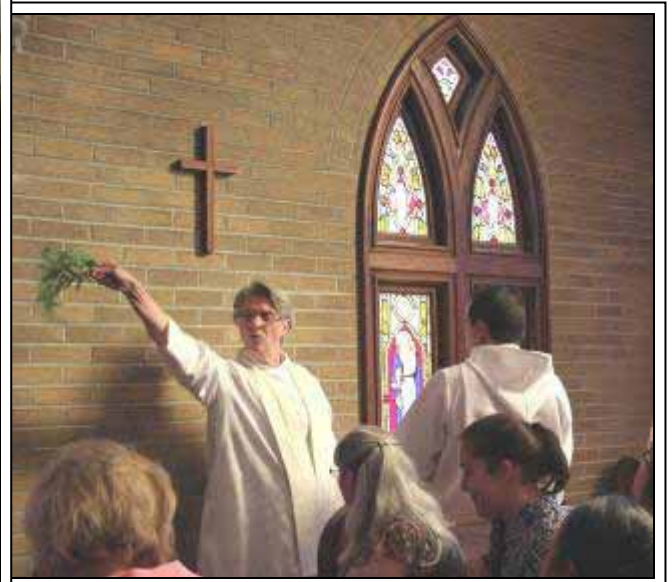
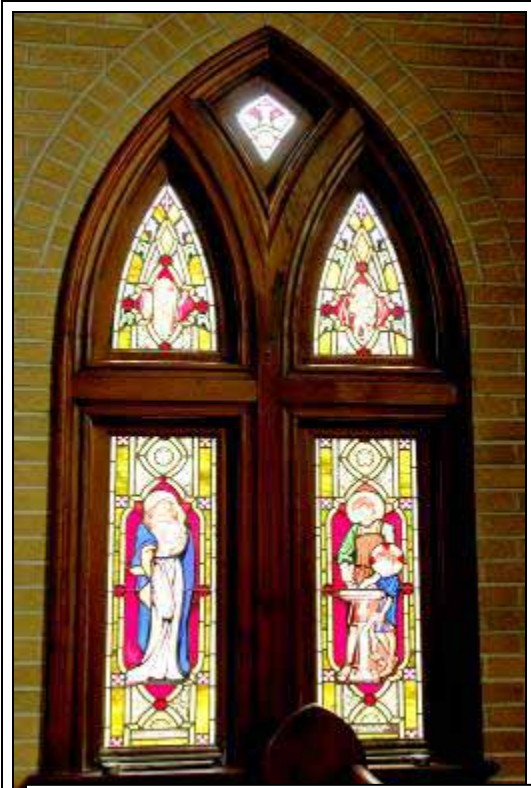
Stained Glass Windows Dedicated on Mother's Day



Mother's Day was a joyous occasion for all who attended services at St. Alban's Church. Members, past and present, and friends of St. Alban's gathered to celebrate the Holy Eucharist followed by a reception in the Parish House. A vocal sermon was delivered by Mary Carleton, soprano, who sang several arrangements of *Ave Maria*, honoring Mary, the Mother of Jesus: "Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus" — A perfect selection for Mother's Day.

During the service, The Reverend Billie Abraham dedicated an exquisite new panel of stained glass windows donated by Barbara Ramsay in memory of her husband, Dr. Charles Ramsay and her daughter, B. B. Ramsay.

The commemoration of Mother's Day ended with a beautiful reception in the Parish House. Those attending the service and reception lingered to visit and savor the beauty of the day.



Angel Bandits Featured in Holy Eucharist



On May 4, the Holy Eucharist was celebrated in the Outdoor Chapel with the *Angel Bandits* providing the music. A reception was held in the Parish House where the *Angel Bandits* performed a variety of bluegrass/gospel numbers for an appreciative crowd.



Crafter's Evening at St. Alban's Church



Have you ever wished that you had learned to sew or crochet – embroidery – or make quilts? Perhaps you have a passion for designing and making jewelry but don't know where or how to start. Well, it's never too late to learn some of these talents known as crafting.

Penny Freund and her sister, Linda Wall, are beginning a *Crafter's Evening* at St. Alban's. Plan to spend Tuesday evenings with others who share a common interest. The classes are open to church members and anyone who would like to be a part of this unique learning experience.

Dress comfortably, bring whatever supplies you might need for the craft that you choose and plan to enjoy the companionship of others. Above all, the class will be fun and a time to share with others in the community.

Classes will begin Tuesday, June 2, 6:00 – 7:30/8:00 PM. For more information email Penny at pennyfreund@yahoo.com.

Volunteers Work on Habitat for Humanity House

"I see life as both a gift and a responsibility. My responsibility is to use what God has given me to help his people in need." Millard Fuller, founder

Members of St. Alban's Church donated their time and talent to help finish a Habitat for Humanity House on Jefferson Street in Vicksburg.

Habitat for Humanity, founded in 1976 by Millard Fuller of Alabama, is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Habitat works in partnership with families in need to build simple, decent homes that are sold at no profit through no-interest loans. Funds,



building materials, and labor are donated by individuals, churches, corporations, and other organizations who share our goal of eliminating substandard housing.

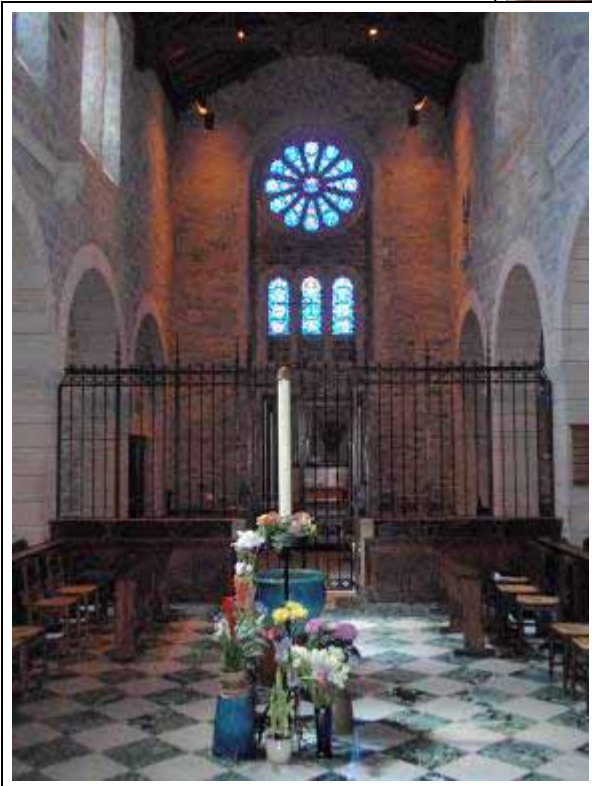
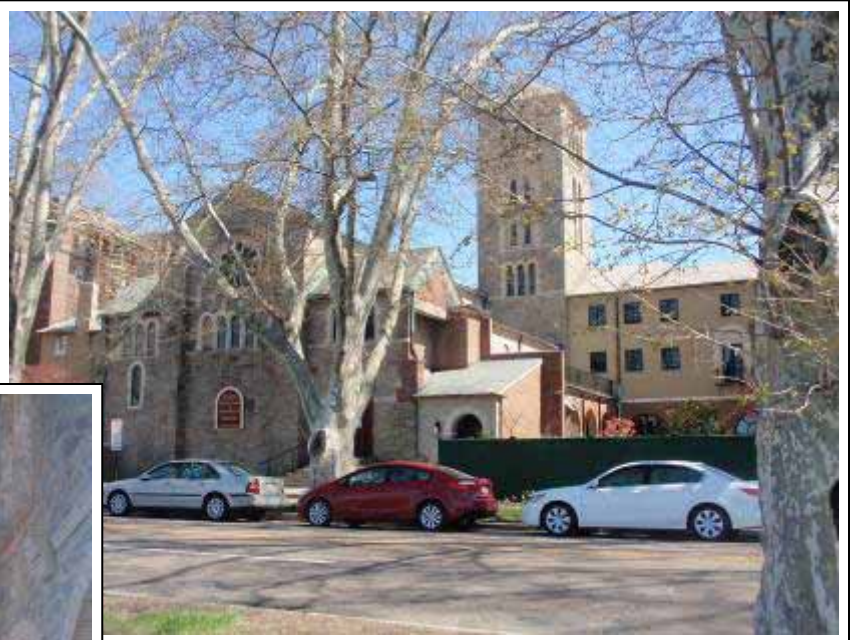
Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope for a better life.

✚ Billie's Corner

*For God alone my soul in silence waits;
from God comes my salvation.*

Psalm 62:1

How do I write words that describe the experience of sustained silence? Words interrupt the silence, even written words. And so I rely on photographs to tell you the story of my retreat at the Monastery of Saint John the Evangelist.



Briefly, I will describe one experience during my time at the monastery. Upon arrival, after I had settled my belongings in my room, I went to the chapel. In the center space between the two rows of stalls was the Paschal Candle standing tall in a random arrangement of a variety of brightly colored flowers. The Paschal Candle looked as if it was growing in an English garden. A large basin of water was placed in front of the candle. After a brief time alone in the chapel, Brother Luke entered to tend to the flowers.

In silence he knelt down and snapped off the dead flowers and rearranged the configuration of vases. When he noticed me, he said, "Welcome home Billie."



Welcome home are the two words that sums up my time at the monastery—welcome home to a place that offers communal silence and communal prayer—welcome home to rest and refreshment—welcome home to solitude and stillness. I was home with God and myself.

In peace

Billie+



✝ Josie's Journal

Deacon classes for the second year started on September 4, 2009, with formation directed by Gay Yerger. Worship was rotated among four class members.

The New Testament Gospels taught by Rev. David Knight. Required reading texts were: *The Fortress: Introduction to the Gospels* and *The Four Witnesses*. One of my assignments was to answer four questions after reading the assigned passages:

- What is your favorite Gospel passage? Why?
- In the discernment of your call to the diaconate, what Gospel passage speaks to you the most?
- What Gospel passage when read in church do you think, “I really wish I was preaching a sermon on this passage”?
- What Gospel passage when read in church do you think, “I am SO glad I am not preaching on this passage this week!”?

Christian Theology taught by Rev. John S. Jenkins. There was no required text. He lectured and I gleaned much from his prophetic wit, wisdom and teaching. He knew most of the writers of the textbooks we had used in previous classes! He suggested that I watch the movies *Wit* and *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit* and observe the conflict, growth and theology of the characters. The insight that I learned from them was mind boggling. I was glad for the opportunity to watch them.

Prophetic Voice was taught by Rev. Carol Spencer. The required reading was *Prophetic Imagination* and *Economics Justice For All: A Pastoral Letter*. I was required to write a paper answering two questions:

- How is the Prophetic Voice tied to the interpretation, raising of alternative conscience and our sense of hope?
- State two issues needing the deacon's prophetic voice. How can deacons be a part of remodeling our communities?

Constitutions and Canons taught by Rev. Canon David Johnson. The required reading was the diocesan and national canons. I received instruction in the basic structure and precepts of diocesan and national canons and the revision of Title IV by the General Convention. My writing assignment was to choose two cases out of six Title IV cases and answer five questions:

- What are the ethical issues?
- How do ordination vows address this situation?
- Is this a Title IV violation? If so under which provision?
- Who could take action?
- What would be an appropriate response? By whom?

The Epistles taught by Rev. Dr. Minks S. Sprague. The required reading was *NRSV (Oxford Annotated Bible with the Apocrypha)* and *The New Testament: A Historical Introduction to the Early Writings*, 2nd edition. The highlight of this class was a field trip to the Jewish synagogue for a worship service. My most memorable assignment for this class was to write an epistle in the style of Paul to a church. My epistle was to the church at Bovina.

Ethics, Church & Society taught by Rev. Dr. Bryan Owen. Required reading texts were: *Christian Ethics: An Essential Guide* and *Justice: What's the Right Thing To Do?* I was able to view the on-line lectures of Michael Sandel, Harvard professor and author. This viewing greatly enhanced my reading of the text and provided me with a "heads up" for class discussion. I was required to complete a reflection on the assigned readings each class meeting. The final paper was to respond to two ethical cases and present my views.

Contemporary Issues taught by Dr. Anita George. The class consisted of lectures, videos, handouts and class participation. The final assignment was to write a contemporary paper that connected my understanding of the role of the deacon and the imperatives of addressing the sin of racism.

My summer project was an internship at Church of the Creator in Clinton starting June 1 and ending November 30, 2010, under the direction of Rev. Ann Whitaker. I immersed myself into the church community. I attended Sunday School, two Eucharists on Sunday, the summer film night and vestry meetings. I visited the sick and shut-in and administered communion. There was a stipulation, however, that I **not** worship at St. Alban's during the internship. I was required to write a monthly reflection paper for my formation director.

I was now a little bit closer to the end of deacon school.

Peace,

Josie

*This is the fourth in a series of articles to explain the role of the deacon. I appreciate the feedback I received from the first article. I look forward to your feedback and questions. Call me at 601-994-4370 or email me at josiew48@gmail.com with questions.

June Schedule

Weekly Activities & Services

Sunday, *Want to Learn More About the Episcopal Church?* Summer Adult Sunday School, Beginning on Sunday, June 8, Parish House, 10:00 AM

Tuesday, Crafter's Night at Saint Alban's Church, Parish House, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, 12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, Parish House 7:00 AM

Wednesday, Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Thursday, Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, Noon

June Activities

Sunday, June 1: Celebration of the *Feast of the Ascension*, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Tuesdays, June 3, 10, 17, 24, Crafter's Night(s) at Saint Alban's, Parish House, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, June 4: Quiet Day—*Come In, Be Still, Say a Prayer, Light a Candle, Leave in Peace*. The church will be open from 7:00 AM –7:00 PM.
Morning Prayer, 9:00 AM—Noon Prayer—Evening Prayer, 5:00 PM

Sunday, June 8: Celebration of the *Feast of Pentecost*, **WEAR RED!!!**
Honoring Graduates: Joey Gerache, Kerri Williams, Genevieve Walker & Ben Porter

Sunday, June 8: Second Sunday at St. Mary's, Howard Jones Jazz Eucharist

Monday, June 9: Light Dinner, 5:30 PM, Vestry Meeting, 6:00 PM, Parish House

Saturday, June 14, *Friends, Food, and Fellowship*, Potluck Luncheon at the home of Ed Shelnut and Koury Collins, 11:00 AM, 5000 Chichester Roads, Edwards

Sunday, June 15: Father's Day Eucharist and Reception, Parish House

Monday, June 16–Wednesday, June 18: Vacation Bible School—*Make a Joyous Noise unto the Lord*. Three Bovina churches are joining together to hold Vacation Bible School—St. Alban's, host church, Bovina United Methodist Church and St. Paul's Church, the site of all activities.

June Birthdays

1 Theo Williams	21 Ashleigh Ford Artman
5 Kathryn Sullivan	Lawson Selby
10 Josh McCarthy	22 Jimmy Jones
12 Cassandra Price	Mary Ruth Jones
13 Kerri Williams	24 Amanda Monti
14 Mike Beiser	25 Deborah Lee
19 Megan Davis	26 Laura Beiser
Sebastian Panelo	28 Eleanor Price
	30 McKinley Gayle

June Anniversaries

3 David & Anna Selby	14 Terry & Beth Guynes
4 James & Sherry Horan	17 Matthew & Lauren Guynes
5 Chad & Robin Price Toups	Ross & Jeanne Abraham Lunz
9 James & Cassandra Price	21 Dan & Mary Carleton
10 Mike & Laura Beiser	24 Don & Charlotte Biedenbarn
13 Carroll & Beth Sojourner	

Prayers for the People

For those Sick or in Need:

Sharon Perkins	Morgan Gates	Larry Lambioette
Charlotte Biedenbarn	Anna	Sherry Horan
Richard Massey	Lucas Guynes	Jackson Monti
Alice Pronger	Mary Ellen Flowers	Michael Stevens
Lawrence Fields	Betty Meyers	Phillip Doiron
Brian Robinson	Edd Greer	Modena Henry
Mary Margaret Brabston	Beverly Biedenbarn	Rev. Jim Biedenbarn
Rev. Matt Buckles	The Sid Champion Family	Danielle Nail
Mary Branciere	Parker Ramsay	Delores Nossier
The Lewis Family	Koury Collins	Sherry Barton
Rudy, Allison & Whitney Nieto		

Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in June

	Jun 1 <i>Sunday after the Feast of the Ascension</i>	Jun 8 <i>Day of Pentecost</i>	Jun 15 <i>First Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Jun 22 <i>Feast of St. Alban</i>	Jun 29 <i>Third Sunday after Pentecost</i>
First Reading	Acts 1:1-11	Acts 2:1-21	Genesis 1:1-2:4a		Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm	Psalm 47	Psalm 104:25-35, 37	Psalm 8	Psalm 34: 1-8	Psalm 13
Second Reading	Ephesians 1:15-23	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	1 John 3:13-16	Romans 6:12-23
Gospel	Luke 24:44-53	John 20:19-23	Matthew 28:16-20	Matthew 10:34-42	Matthew 10:40-42
			Father's Day		
Lay Worship Leader					
8:30 a.m.	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Harvey Smith	Theo Williams	Tommy Skinner
11:00 a.m.	Betsy Selby	Theo Williams	Ann Tompkins	Betsy Selby	Harvey Smith
Master of Ceremonies	Betsy Selby	Josie Williams	Jennifer Normand	Penny Freund	Beth Guynes
Crucifer	Theo Williams	Koury Collins	Jennifer Normand	Penny Freund	Beth Guynes
Gospel Bearer	Kerri & Peter Williams	Deacon Josie	Kelsey Artman Josh & Jonah	Deacon Josie	Jess Gates
Lector	Susan Price	Ed Shelnut	Mary Ruth Jones	Penny Freund	Mary Carleton
Prayers of the People	Deacon Josie	Sharon Hanks	Herb Jones	Deacon Josie	Beth Guynes Betty Rushing & Margie Scott
Oblation Bearers	Terry Brantley Janice Herrington	Jess Gates Marci Turner	Linda Gerache Jenni & Caroline Sciro	Betty Rushing Butch Mitchell	Margo Massey Richard Massey
Ushers & Greeters	Charlie Brantley Allan Leese	David Pruett Bonnie Pruett	Joey Gerache Jay Sciro	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	Dan Carleton John Scott
Children's Chapel	Summer Vacation	Summer Vacation	Summer Vacation	Summer Vacation	Summer Vacation
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Wright Margo Massey	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey	Cassandra Price	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing
Eucharistic Minister	Susan Price	Ed Shelnut	Herb Jones	Penny Freund	
Coffee Host	Margie Scott Beth Guynes	David Pruett Bonnie Pruett	Father's Day Reception	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	Betsy Selby Ann Jones
Wednesday Healing	Jun 4	Jun 11	Jun 18	Jun 25	
	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Harvey Smith	Theo Williams	