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St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar

On December 3, 2011, 10 o'clock a.m., former members and friends of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Bolton, will hold an Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar reminiscent of those held by St. Mary's in years gone by.

The event will take place on the grounds of St. Mary's Church as well as in the parish hall. Tim Waltman, sound engineer for a local television station, will be on the grounds with his wonderful sound system, ready to let the "good times roll." Live music and Christmas CDs will be featured.



Everyone is excited over reviving the chicken spaghetti made from the original 1937 recipe. Church members of long ago remember the spaghetti as being absolutely wonderful—so wonderful that the recipe was made to serve 100 people! Cooks from St. Alban's as well as St. Mary's have the original recipe and are planning to revive the old tradition. The spaghetti lunch will be served around noon in the parish hall.

Also featured in the bazaar will be handmade items donated by church members. Kenon Ruska, quilter from Bovina, is designing and making a wall hanging quilt that features St. Mary's. There will also be homemade baked goods and various delicacies one would expect to purchase at a bazaar. The cooks from St. Alban's and St. Mary's are famous for their culinary skills so don't miss out on getting some of the tasty treats. First-come-first-serve!

Members of St. Mary's and St. Alban's bonded during the summer of 2010 as they joined forces to clean and reopen St. Mary's Church which had been closed for over a decade. The beautiful space was reopened on September 12, 2010, and, under the

guidance of Reverend Billie Abraham, is once again a house of worship. Services are held every Second Sunday combined with a cultural happening. James Anderson, native of Bolton, has been instrumental in obtaining guest artists. Gloria Christiansen, columnist for the *Hinds County Gazette*, wrote that the Second Sunday concerts are comparable to those one would expect to hear in New York City.

Proceeds from the bazaar will be used to help with the expense of renovating St. Mary's Church. Over the past year many projects have been accomplished: the air conditioning/heating system and ductwork replaced, the new front door painted red, new electrical wiring and plumbing installed, and a new roof. All of these repairs have made St. Mary's functional again as well as a continued place of beauty.

Since the reopening of St. Mary's in 2010, residents of Bolton, Raymond, Bovina, Utica, Clinton, and Jackson have supported the worship services and concerts. The people come not only from various towns but also various churches to be a part of this wonderful movement happening in Bolton.

Everyone is invited to donate items for the Silent Auction as well as to provide items to sell at the bazaar. Those who attended the bazaar of years gone by remember that the women of the church made beautiful aprons, Christmas tablecloths, and all kinds of exquisite handwork. With Christmas just around the corner, the excitement of the bazaar and chicken spaghetti lunch bring back memories of times past.

Bring a lawn chair and a jacket (if it's cold) and prepare to spend a day reviving an old tradition while at the same time making a few new ones along the way.

Contact www.stmarysbolton.org for more information.

St. Alban's Website Attracts More Viewers

Last year, St. Alban's launched a new website utilizing the latest technology in website design. The new technology encompasses advanced photography and audio techniques, and other technical devices attractive to the viewer. Initially, after the site was launched, it drew about 500 hits per month. Now, that number has doubled to over 1,000 individual visitors a month. From the database of those visiting St. Alban's website, it is apparent that most of the visits occur early and late in the work day.


The site most visited is ***Rector and Deacon***, highlighting *Billie's Corner* and *Josie's Journal*. Their articles feature monthly inspirational messages as well as Billie's audio sermons. Also receiving numerous hits is the ***Albanac***, the church newsletter that goes out monthly to church members and friends. Now that visitors are finding their way around the extensive website, they also enjoy visiting: ***Closer Look***, introducing St. Alban's Church to all viewers; ***Spirituality & Worship***, featuring Billie's audio sermons and guides to worship—*Preparing for Sunday* and *Daily Office*; ***Reaching Out***, describing St. Alban's outreach programs such as The Reopening of St. Mary's

Episcopal, Bolton, The Blessing of the Animals, and the Lenten Arts Series featuring a variety of artist programs; *Parish Life*, a wonderful place to view the church calendar, and the people and families that make up St. Alban's Church.

Pass the word along to friends and those who might be interested in worshipping at St. Alban's.




Photo galleries from St. Alban's events are now featured. Click on the Photo Gallery icon on the home page. Photographs from the 2011 Fall Founders' Festival and the Blessing of the Animals are featured.



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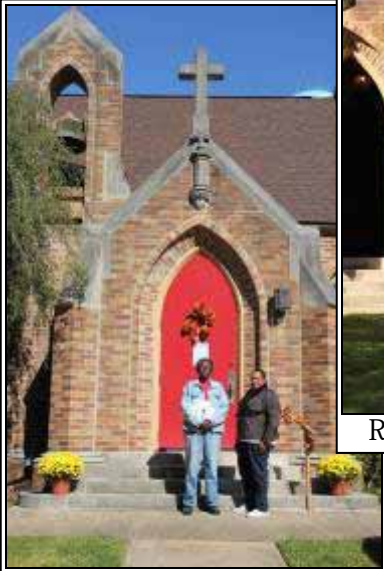
Blessing of the Animals - October 2011

Click a picture to see a larger view.



The Photo Gallery page for the October 2011 Blessing of the Animals. Visitors can click on a picture to see a larger view. Pictures can be copied and printed.

Fall Founders' Festival Weekend, October 28-29th



Guests enjoy touring St. Alban's Church



Reverend Billie Abraham unveils historic marker



Sid Champion, Roger Alford and James Anderson sing "Heaven Came Down" for Marker Dedication



Reenactor strums guitar in camp



Polly Marshall plays Matilda Townsend Palmer at Cemetery Stroll



Reenactors set up camp site



Sherry Horan serves fried chicken



Confederates fire cannon during skirmish



Bridging the Gap entertains crowd



Reverend Abraham poses with children



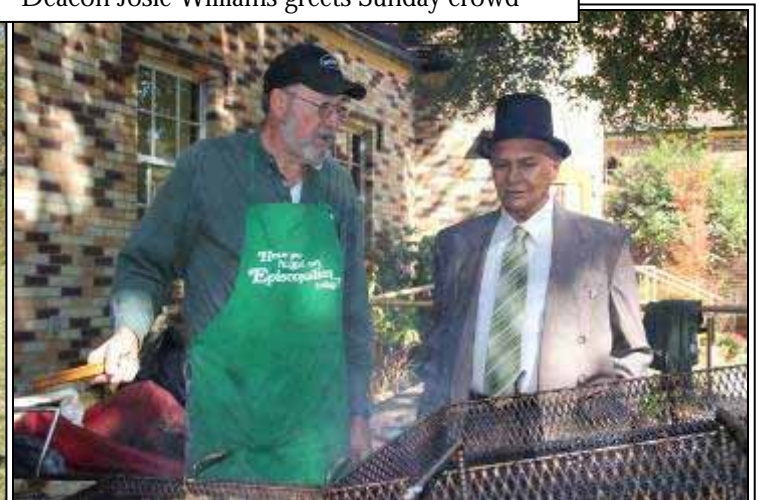
St. Alban's cooks prepare calzones



Deacon Josie Williams greets Sunday crowd



Johnny Lewis of Champion Hill poses with Union and Confederate reenactors



Charlie Brantley shows Johnny Lewis the chicken fryer

✠ Billie's Corner

*Silence is the mother of the Spirit.
It births in us the monastery of the heart.
It brings us beyond the noise
of chaos and clutter and confusion
of a spinning world
to the cool, calm center
of the spiritual self.*

*The Monastery of the Heart, An Invitation to a Meaningful Life
Joan Chittister*

My mind, body and soul are longing for extended silence. I am going to make a five day retreat at the Monastery of Saint John the Evangelist in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Tuesday, November 8—Sunday, November 13. The Brothers of Saint John the Evangelist are known for their holy hospitality and their spiritual guidance. I am privileged to be making my fifth retreat with the Brothers and my first retreat since I become a member of the Fellowship of Saint John the Evangelist.

The rhythm of my five days will revolve around times of solitude and times of community. I will participate in the Daily Office and Holy Eucharist with the Brothers and the other retreatants. We will share meals in the refectory while one of the brothers reads from a religious book. When not in community, I will have time to read, rest, walk and simply be. I will meet with one of the Brothers for spiritual direction. I am free to structure my days and nights as I desire.

The interior of the Monastery invokes quiet, from the chapel, to the library, and the sitting room with a fireplace. The exterior of the Monastery includes a walled cloister (a lawn and garden) and a view of the Charles River. I always enjoy walking along the river and watching the





Harvard crews row their shells on the river. The Monastery offers sacred space, inside and out.

In each guest room is posted a request. Each occupant is asked to pray for the next occupant. Someone is praying for me right now. I will in turn pray for the next person who will stay in the same room.

The latest edition of the quarterly publication from the SSJE Brothers

includes a letter from The Superior, Geoffrey Tristram. He expresses the essence of the Monastery, *“Entering the Chapel one is struck by the familiar. . . there exists a timeless sense of being surrounded and held by the love of God and by the prayers of all those who have worshiped in this place over the decades and by the whole company of heaven.”*

Although I will be physically away from Saint Alban’s Church, I will take Saint Alban’s with me. I ask that you pray for me as I am praying for you. We will be connected by the prayers we offer for each other.

I will depart from the Monastery on Sunday, November 13. From Boston, I will take the train to New York where I am going spend some days with Amy and Scott, my daughter and son-in-law. Amy is planning the agenda that includes viewing the 9/11 Memorial and seeing a theater production. Amy and Scott’s apartment is overflowing with two adults and a Saint Bernard so I am lodging at Saint Margaret’s Episcopal Convent that is located in sight of Trinity Church where Wall Street Protestors are demonstrating. I am going from the quiet pace of the Monastery to the fast pace of the Financial District. It should be interesting!

I am returning to Bovina on Wednesday, November 16.

In peace

Billie+

✝ Josie's Journal

I attended my first clergy conference October 24-27 at Gray Center. It was a renewal process that I was very happy to have had. I had a chance to talk with priests and deacons from all over the diocese.

The speaker Brian McLaren was electrifying and the music was uplifting and helped guide the conference. Music seems to play a part in our lives and this was no different. Monday evening worship included the song *The Day Thou Gavest, Lord*. Tuesday worship included *Morning Has Broken* and concluded with worship in the chapel where we were anointed with water and renewed our baptismal vows. It wouldn't be a time for renewal and rededication to service without singing *The Magnificat*, which we did. Wednesday we ended the worship with the song *Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid*. Our concluding worship before we departed on Thursday afternoon included the reaffirmation of our ordination vows ending with the hymn *Go Forth for God*.

Sessions started with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and concluded at 8:30 p.m. This was an opportunity to worship, think, reflect, and renew. I came away refreshed and eager to return home to St. Alban's.

P.S. I almost forgot—Theo and I attended the closing ceremony at Cursillo 121. We saw friends from all over the diocese and experienced singing and communion with them and David Pruett, who we sponsored. Hugs and tears were shared by all. It was a great experience just to be at Gray Center on a beautiful Sunday afternoon with people you love.

Daughters of the King retreat was in Starkville on October 21-22. The Rev Carol Mead gave a presentation entitled "The Word Resurrected." I took notes and am anxiously waiting to hear the next part when she presents it at Holy Trinity in Vicksburg, time to be announced. Our own Very Rev. Billie Abraham delivered the sermon and I have the notes from it. It was a weekend of prayer and fellowship with forty other *Daughters of the King* from the diocese.

I have been fed with spiritual food and inspiration as I return to St. Alban's renewed.



Peace

Josie+

Fall Schedule

Second Sundays Schedule, “Bring a Friend”

Pot Luck Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall
Holy Eucharist, 10:00 a.m., one service only.

Wednesdays

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness, 7:00–8:00 a.m.
Men's Work Force, 10:00 a.m.
Healing Service & Holy Eucharist, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Bible Study every Tuesday, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

November Events

Friday, November 4

“A Day Apart” Gray Episcopal Conference Center

9 a.m.—2 p.m., Billie will lead a quiet day at Gray Episcopal Conference Center. The day will focus on a simple prayer practice. The day will offer time apart from the demands of life to be with God in the beautiful setting of Gray Center. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Bring your own lunch. The cost is \$20.00.

Sunday, November 13

Second Sundays at St. Alban's

9 a.m. — Pot Luck Breakfast

10 a.m. — One Eucharist, Rev. Jennifer Deason celebrant

Second Sundays at St. Mary's

4 p.m. — Lester Senter to perform, *Songs from the Natchez Trace*

Sunday, November 20

Ingathering Stewardship — 11 a.m. Eucharist (no 8:30 a.m. service)

Sunday, November 24

Thanksgiving at St. Alban's

10 a.m. — Eucharist

— Pot Luck Lunch

November Birthdays

3	Bubba Gerache, Jr. Beth Kolb Kevin McDaniel	19	David Pruett
8	Whitney Nieto	22	Letty Biedenharn
9	Mignon McDaniel Margie Scott	23	Josie Huntley
12	Jonah Artman	24	Kay McWilliams
		25	Barbara Ramsay Margharita Davis
		29	Eva Panelo

November Anniversaries

6	Bonnie & David Pruett	18	Jamie & Greg Trice
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Prayers

For those Sick or in Need:

Chuck Bond	Bobbie Jean Abraham	Jewel Miller
Bill Mobley	Ruthie Gray	Bryan Brabston
Jim Wiseman	Rusty Henderson	Newell Brabston
Doug Beard	Carol Bowden	John Meritt
Mike Ray	Jay	Mary Kavanaugh
John Williams	Lauren Stamm	Betty Logue
Frances Marble	Kay & Jerry McWilliams	Johnny Bottom
Jean Roberts	Louis Field	Ed & Bessie Norwood
Ashleigh Ford	Charles & Lou Housholder	Lorrayne Cox
Pat Pierce	Jan Robinson	Walker Biedenharn
George Hammack	Lessie Baker	Lessye Williams
Sherry Scott	Bill Brunson	Walter Cade Sr.
Tim Davis	Harold Lee	
	Faith, Bridget & Mike Wildschuetz	

Pray for men and women of the Armed Forces, especially:

Christoph Martin	Cynthia Horan	Billie Hubbard	Lt. Jonathan Fanelli
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Liturgical Schedule Sundays in November

	November 6	November 13 Rev. Jennifer Deaton	November 20	November 24	November 27
	Feast of All Saints	Second Sunday	Ingathering Stewardship	Thanksgiving	First Sunday in Advent
		10:00 a.m. Eucharist	11:00 a.m. Eucharist	10:00 a.m. Eucharist	
First Reading	Revelation 7:9-17	Judges 4:1-7	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Deuteronomy 8:7-18	Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm	Psalm 34:1-10, 22	Psalm 123	Psalm 100	Psalm 65	Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18
Second Reading	1 John 3:1-3	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Ephesians 1:15-23	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel	Matthew 25:1-13	Matthew 25:14-30	Matthew 25:31-46	Luke 17:11-19	Mark 13:24-37
Lay Worship Leader					
8:30 a.m.	Richard Price	10 a.m. Eucharist		10 a.m. Eucharist	Tommy Skinner
11:00 a.m.	Betsy Selby	Harvey Smith	Ann Tompkins	Harvey Smith	Richard Price
Master of Ceremonies	Beth Guynes	Beth Guynes	Jennifer Normand		Susan Price
Acolytes					
Crucifer	Rachel Sullivan	Michael Rangel	Koury Collins	Harvey Smith	Megan Norris
Gospel Bearer	Shay Sullivan	Beth Guynes	Peter & Kerri	Deacon Josie	Beth Guynes
Lector	Jeff Artman	Sandra Melsheimer	Ed Shelnut	Theo Williams	Susan Price
Prayers of the People	Linda Walker	Deacon Josie	Sharon Hanks	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie
Oblation Bearers	Clarissa Walker Genevieve Walker	Becki & Max Rangel	Easy Biedenharn Betsy Selby	Peter & Kerri Williams	Jim & Becky Drake
Ushers & Greeters	Josh & Bobby Sullivan	Bobby Barlow John Scott	David Normand John Tompkins	Charlie Brantley	Charlie Brantley John Scott
Altar Guild	Susan Price Kerri Williams	Cassandra Price Margie Scott	Sherry Horan Sharon Hanks		Mary Ann Wright Lisa Langford
Eucharistic Minister			Ed Shelnut		
Coffee Host	Margie Scott Sherry Horan	Breakfast Overseers: Sandra Melsheimer & Becki Rangel	Harvey Smith Catered Luncheon		Lisa Langford Ruth Green
Wednesday Healing	November 9	November 16	November 23		November 30
	Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith	Ann Tompkins		Tommy Skinner