St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Annual Gala and Silent Auction

April 21, 2018

Auction Catalog

Welcome to the St. Alban's 2018 Auction and Gala. We're so happy you're able to participate!

This year, we are partnering with three wonderful organizations. Remember all funds raised this evening go directly to these organizations and help keep all kids bright and beautiful both here in the DC area and beyond.

South Sudan has one of the highest rates of illiteracy in the world, 84% among women. Since building a girls' dormitory for **Hope and Resurrection Secondary School in South Sudan**, St. Alban's has sponsored full scholarships for two girls, supported the salary of the girls' dorm matron and English teacher, and covered the costs of an assistant headmaster position. Funds raised this year will enable us to continue this level of support.

Zarka is a gritty industrial city, whose economy has been ravaged by the presence of the near-by Zataari refugee camp. Parents of students at **St. Saviour's School in Zarka, Jordan** struggle to make a living, and many can no longer pay tuition. Gala proceeds will fund scholarships to keep children in school and provide needed equipment. Because of its unique mission to "mainstream" sight-impaired and blind students, last year we purchased a Braille internet reader machine. This year, in addition to scholarship aid, we have been asked to support the purchase of "Smart Boards" which enable classroom learning from the internet.

Many of the students at **Harriet Tubman Elementary School in Washington, DC** come from the near-by homeless shelters or from struggling immigrant families. Many have been exposed to traumatic events with teachers struggling to help them. Last year's proceeds sent an initial team of teachers to a training program designed to help create "trauma sensitive schools." This year's proceeds will send an additional one or two teams to the same training

Thank you for participating in this valuable mission and remember your dollars will impact the lives of children here and throughout the world.

Objets d'Art and Collectibles

101 Caravaggio painting

Exquisitely custom framed print of Carravaggio's famous painting "Taking of Christ", 1602. The beauty of this print is matched only by the riveting story of its loss, mis-attribution and rediscovery by Sergio Benedetti in 1933, later to be challenged yet again by curators in Rome. Purchaser will receive both the painting and the history of its journey ending up in a Jesuit monastery in Ireland.

Donor: Ann and Pat Morrison **Starting Bid:** $100

102 Turkish "Palace" mirror

This exquisite 900 carat silver repousse mirror will dress up any room in your home. The mirror, made of 900-carat silver leaf and used at palaces during the Ottoman Empire, is called a "Palace Mirror". It is hung reversed so that the mirror side faced the wall. The reason for this was the belief that looking at the mirror permanently would bring bad luck. The back side of the mirror which faced foreword was decorated with beautiful Turkish motifes.

Donor: Pamela Melby **Starting Bid:** $100

103 Acrylic/Mixed Media Painting by Parishioner Leo Coco

Painting with Mixed Media encourages one to step out of the box, to move beyond the concept of simply applying paint to canvas and to try new things, explore new combinations, and experiment with new techniques. See the brilliant colors in parishioner Leo Coco's paintings and enjoy what can be accomplished though this media. (Measures 5" x 5")

Donor: Leo Coco **Starting Bid:** $50

104 Alan Klug Print of Mexican Door from Las Arcos, Mexico

Alan Krug says about his own art: "If there is a steady current in these images, I believe it is this: it is a search for a quiet alternative to the noise and hustle of modern living. Television, radio, social media, constant chatter. There is much to be revealed in silence, for lack of distraction, for concentration on a "lucid stillness" at the center." The print of a Mexican Door is a mixture of contrasting surfaces from the rough hued stone steps made up of a medley of rocks to the motley pastel stucco to the gleam of the brass door at the center. It all seems to work together to envelope one in a stillness which even the prickly cactus above the door doesn't penetrate.

Donor: Jane Schubert **Starting Bid:** $75

105 Bark Painting

An original hand painting on Almate Tree Bark, it was painted by a member of the Alvarado family, Nahault Indians inhabiting the State of Guerrero, Mexico. These motifs recur as real and then imaginary beast and birds. They come alive in brilliant colors. Nahaults are descendants of the Aztecs and Experts agree that the ex Nahualt Bark Paintings are fine examples of ancient Aztec art.

Donor: Jan Grogan **Starting Bid:** $50

106 Sri Lankan Batik Silk Painting

This Batik print is by famed Sri Lankan artist Vipula Dharmawardena. Batik is a technique of wax-resist dyeing applied to whole cloth, or cloth made using this technique which originated from Indonesia. It was purchased in Columbo, Sri Lanka in 1975.

Donor: Peter Spalding **Starting Bid:** $50

107 Colored Photo "Desert Altar"

A photo of Mt. Cristo Rey pilgrimage taken during 2013 Good Friday in Sunland Park, New Mexico while on assignment for Borderzine.com.

Donor: Kristian Hernandez **Starting Bid:** $100

108 Pirate Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop Watercolor

A watercolor of this New Orleans shop by Yugoslav artist, Julie Porter. Deceptively simple at first Ms. Porter plays with angles throughout drawing you into the picture at the corner of the building and then down the sidewalk so the next thing you know you expect to be rounding the corner.

Donor: Jan Grogan **Starting Bid:** $50

109 Old Fairbanks House Drawing

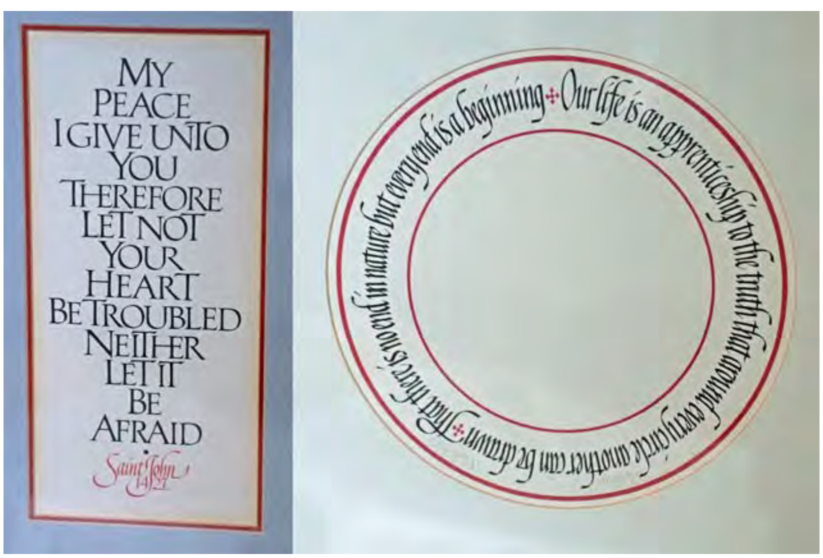
A pen & Ink drawing by Yugoslav artist, Julie Porter. The Old Fairbanks House dated 1663 and is said to be the oldest framed House in the USA. The house and the well in front create a comfortable idyllic scene.

Donor: Jan Grogan **Starting Bid:** $30

110 Framed Calligraphy Art

These two (2) pieces of framed calligraphy from Micheal Podesta. One features a quote from John, 14:27 beginning with “My Peace I give unto you…”; the other is a continuous circle starting with “Our life is an apprenticeship to the truth …” A nice addition for a corner wall in your home.

Donor: Jo and Rich Turner **Starting Bid:** $30



Outings, Adventures, Entertainments

201 Dinner at the Inn at Little Washington Courtesy of the St. Alban's Vestry

Dining at The Inn at Little Washington's restaurant has been likened to a performance with the guest always playing the starring role. Patrick O'Connell's inspired American cuisine, draws admirers from around the world and has been described by critics as “so good it makes you cry” The service is exquisite. The ambiance is swanky, but with a warm appeal. The drive through the beautiful rolling hills of the Virginia countryside is lovely and relaxing . This $800 gift certificate entitles 2 people to participate in the “tasting menu” (valued at $218. Per person) and “wine paring” ($125 per person) plus gratuity. This is a meal and an evening to remember.

Donor: Saint Alban's Church Vestry **Starting Bid:** $400

202 Four Nights in Snowy Vermont

Spend four Nights in Snowy Vermont (listening to Tony Bennett). Perfect for a group getaway in the small, central Vermont village of Brookfield where nothing happens. This house—Fern Hill—was designed for books, music, dancing, and epic tales told in front of a large fire. Ski slopes at Stowe, Mad River, or Sugarbush within 50 minutes; Woodstock/Hanover, NH (Dartmouth) 45 minutes; Vermont's capital, Montpelier (bookstores, taverns, movie stars) is nearby. The house features three large two-person suites and a three bed "dorm" for kids. For an on-line tour go to: www.PondVillage.com. Available November 15, 2018—May 1, 2019 at a mutually agreed upon time and not when previously rented. Extension past four nights possible.

Donor: Sandy and Nancy McCall **Starting Bid:** $1,100

203 Full Semester of Music Lessons at Washington Conservatory of Music

One full semester of eighteen (18) 30-minute lessons at Washington Conservatory of Music, one of only 16 accredited music schools in the country, and it's right here in DC. Lessons are for all prospective musicians from age 5 to 105. Many instruments and voice are offered. Start your own musical journey or refine your craft with this great Washington resource. (Instrument should be age appropriate, of course.)

Donor: Dudley and Jennifer Winthrop **Starting Bid:** $450

204 Private Garden & Exhibition Tour of Hillwood Plus lunch

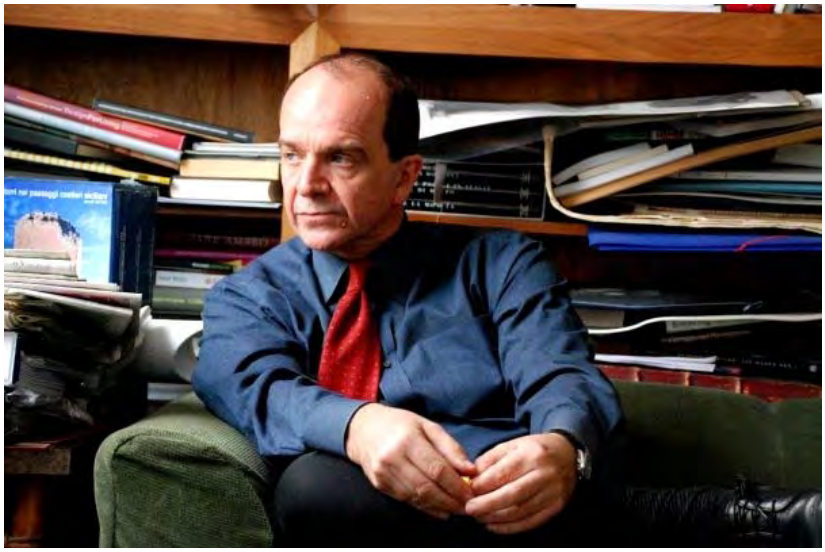
Nestled in the hills of NW Washington, D.C., Hillwood is the last residence of Marjorie Merriweather Post, heiress to the General Foods fortune. Escape to this urban oasis: explore the Mansion famous for its French and Imperial Russian decorative art, dine at the Café, and enjoy the tranquility of the garden surroundings. Docent Stephanie Kinney, who is providing all the needed passes, is offering a morning tour of the garden in June (perfect time), followed by a luncheon and then a tour of the current Exhibition. Starting June 9th the Exhibition is entitled “Fabergé Rediscovered” which includes a long-lost imperial egg—Tsar Alexander LLL’s 1887 Easter gift to his wife, Tsarina Maria Feodorovna. Visit will be for a mutually agreed upon date.

Donor: Stephanie Kinney **Starting Bid:** $50

205 National Gallery of Art Tour with Renato Miracco

Lunch for four (4) in the Garden Café of the National Gallery of Art with Renato Miracco, Cultural Attaché at the Italian Embassy. Miracco was previously curator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York and guest curator of Italian art at the Tate Modern, London. He has published numerous scholarly works on Italian art. After lunch, Renato will take his guests on a tour focusing on works on by Italian artists.

Donor: Dr. Renato Miracco **Starting Bid:** $75



206 Scenes from a Resurrection: Guided Tour of Selected Works at the National Gallery of Art

Over the centuries, artists have tried to picture the unimaginable: What the risen Christ might look like and how he might be present to us now. Join the Rev. Emily Griffin at the Gallery's West Building as we consider the symbolism of some traditional works alongside Dali's *Sacrament of the Last Supper*. Offered limited to up to five (5) participants.

Donor: The Rev. Emily Griffin **Starting Bid:** $75

207 In-Home Massage

Enjoy a 90-minute massage in the comfort of your own home, tailored to your special needs. Abby will provide everything needed to make it as relaxing as possible! She'll set up a table in your room and use her own sheets, oils or lotion, and music. You'll relax knowing you won't have to drive home afterwards!

Donor: Abigail Davis **Starting Bid:** $45

208 Special Seasonal Facial

Luxurious thirty-minute seasonal facial will brighten and deeply exfoliate every skin type. Featuring Toma's Enzyme scrub, rich in antioxidants and bioflavonoids that heals, tones, and accelerates cellular turnover. Plus, a replenishing oxygen mask uniquely blended with Glycolic and Alpha Lipoic Acids to promote cellular renewal and collagen production. Finish with a soothing message with customized facial hydrate for your skin type, moisturizer and Coola SPF.

Donor: The Still Point Spa **Starting Bid:** $50

209 Lunch with the Rector and the Rector's Wife

Get to know our new Rector, Geoffrey, and his wife Sage. Join the Hoares for a relaxed and elegant lunch at the Palm, and let the conversation take you wherever the spirit leads. For 2-3 people to be scheduled at a mutually convenient time.

Donor: The Rev. Geoffrey M. St J. Hoare **Starting Bid:** $75

210 Cactus Cantina $50 Gift Certificate (offered twice)

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A $50 gift certificate to the Cactus Cantina – a long-established-favorite-fun-family-friendly neighborhood Tex-Mex restaurant, which also offers Cuban, Spanish, and South American faire.

Donor: Cactus Cantina **Starting Bid:** $25

212 Free Baby-Sitting (offered twice)

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An evening out is always best when you know your little ones are well attended by a responsible, Red Cross-certified babysitter. And, your kids will have fun, too! Two evenings of superb babysitting from parishioner and Children's Chapel leader, Annie McLean. Relax and let Annie handle the rest. Offered by Annie McLean: anniemclean07@gmail.com, 202 821 8623

Donor: Annie McLean **Starting Bid:** $35

214 High School Jazz Trio

Jazz Trio of high school students from DC's Levine School of Music will swank up your next affair with a 45-minute set of various jazz standards. You provide the space, they bring the groove. (They'll also bring a professional grade electronic piano, if you don't have one.) Check out one of their recent sets played at Bethesda's Villain & Saint on YouTube here: https://tinyurl.com/GO-Trio.

Donor: Kristen Beronio **Starting Bid:** $100

216 Enhance Your Body with Three Month VIDA Fitness Membership

VIDA Fitness is a premier health and wellness club in Washington. If you're looking for a gym, it's state of the art, but at VIDA, they take the extra step to help you make your life better. This three month membership will get you started on new fitness regimen. Six locations thourough downtown DC.

Donor: VIDA Fitness and the Urban Adventures Companies **Starting Bid:** $125

Outings and Adventures

215 Explore Your Creativity and Make Art with Special Creative Day

Spend a day with fellow parishioners at a DC home exploring your inner artist. Each person will work with Rev. Jim and parishioners Leo Coco and Megan King along with the group to create individual small pieces of art. A theme will be developed and shared with participants in advance. Some materials will be supplied. A minimum of 4 people and maximum of 8 may purchase a spot. No previous experience is needed. This is a chance to explore art making in your own style and at your own pace with friends and fellow parishioners.

Donor: Leo Coco, Megan King and The Rev. James Quigley

Item Available at a Sign-Up Sheet Price of: $100/each

Spotlight on Our Ministries

301 Workers of St. Alban's Present Painting from Lorton Art

The WSA through its Opportunity Shop earnings provides grants to many important programs around the DC area. This painting comes from one of these programs: the Lorton Art Program. This program works with prisoners and mental health patients, an incarcerated population coping with long-term confinement, isolation and feelings of withdrawal. Participation provides rehabilitation through teaching techniques with arts material. Under the auspices of the D.C. Department of Correction through the LAP director studio resources are made available to this 30-year program. This painting is one of many of the fine pieces of art produced by program participants which are exhibited in public places throughout the U.S.A. and even Abroad.

Donor: The Workers of St. Alban's and the Opportunity Shop **Starting Bid:** $200

302 Harriet Tubman Principal Presents Fine Wine Assortment

Let Harriet Tubman Principal, Amanda Delabar, be your sommelier! Amanda and her husband, Drew, have dug into their personal collection to help St. Alban's and our target organizations. Ruston Family Vineyards, Lieff Ranch, Kuletto Estate and Arnot-Roberts are all Napa Valley favorites. Enjoy sampling these fine wines while toasting Tubman Elementary School.

Donor: Amanda Delabar and Drew Cadelli **Starting Bid:** $150

303 Harriet Tubman Principal Presents Craft Beer Assortment

Beer has come a long way in the last twenty years. Now, beer is tasted and savored just as with a fine wine. But how do you find a great sipping beer? Help Harriet Tubman principal, Amanda Delabar and her husband Drew be your guides as you sip your way to Italy with this collection of high-end Italian beers from Birrificio Indipendente Elav. Cheers!

Donor: Amanda Delabar and Drew Cadelli **Starting Bid:** $45

304 Harriet Tubman Librarian Presents Guided Tour of Congressional Cemetery

Founded before the Civil War, Congressional Cemetery is the only "cemetery of national memory." Join Susan Wagner, the librarian at Harriett Tubman School, as she provides a guided tour of this national landmark. Congressional Cemetery hosts many historical figures. From Vice President Elbridge Gerry and John Philip Sousa to more recent interments like J. Edgar Hoover and Mayor Marion Barry, Congressional Cemetery hosts many historical figures. Don't miss this great opportunity!

Donor: Susan Wagner

Item Available at a Sign-Up Sheet Price of: $25/each

305 Altar Guild's Mother's Day Basket

This basket contains a couple of good books, tea and tea cups and spiced mug. Also CDs to promote relaxation and sleep, tea towels and a message pad, scented candles, French lavender body sponge, body cream, a travel shoe bag and a bottle of Prosecco. There is a $50 Certificate for Politics and Prose bookstore and a $25. Certificate for American Plant as well as a flower pot. All of this in a beautiful white basket. Value of the gift is $200. Not having to figure out what to get for Mother's Day: PRICELESS!

Donor: St. Alban's Altar Guild **Starting Bid:** $125

306 St. Alban's Choir's Musical Experience Basket

The choirs and other musical parishioners present this delightful, enticing basket inspired by music and containing tickets to a Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra performance at the Kennedy Center (May 20th); CD recordings of Hamilton, the Vienna Philharmonic, parishioner Paul Loether, and tenor parishioner Rich Turner; a $25 gift card to Middle C Music store, a $15 iTunes gift card, 2 bottles of Alto [get it?] Malbec wine, and assorted musical candy treats and do-dads.

Donor: The St. Alban's Choir **Starting Bid:** $125

307 Flower Guild's Start Arranging Basket

Jump-start your flower-arranging talents! This basket is filled with the special tools and supplies you'll need to take your home arrangements to a new level. It also includes practical books that will enhance your understanding of this time-honored art form. Then, consider joining your friends in the St. Alban's Flower Guild to share your new-found expertise and have more fun with flowers.

Donor: St. Alban's Flower Guild **Starting Bid:** $60

308 Christ House/Feeding Ministries' Meatloaf Dinner Basket

Twice a month the Christ House Cookers cook a meal for the sixty residents at Christ House, a caring organization providing comprehensive and compassionate health care to sick, homeless persons in DC. Savor our regular menu of meatloaf, mac and cheese, green beans and salad with these goodies -- along with $40 from Williams Sonoma and $30 from Whole Foods to help you finish the meal. After prepping all those meals, what do we feel like? A bottle of Freakshow wine. Enjoy.

Donor: The Christ House Cookers and St. Alban's Feeding Ministries **Starting Bid:** $60

309 Global Mission's African Beauty Basket

Step out in style with the help of these African treasures. Includes a beaded handbag and beaded turquoise scarf made by Awut Mayom Agok, 2011 graduate of Hope & Resurrection School in South Sudan; stunning earth-toned beaded necklace and matching bracelet from BeadForLife in Uganda; beaded literacy project bracelet from South Africa; a brightly patterned sun hat; lavender and lemon grass shea body cream and peppermint shea lip balm; chai tea aroma therapy candle; small woven African basket to hold your trinkets; a ceramic figure of an African woman; and a large woven tote bag from Kenya, perfect for shopping at this summer's farmers' markets.

Donor: St. Alban's Global Mission Committee & Hope for Humanity **Starting Bid:** $100

310 Global Mission's International Table Basket

Set an international table with these beautiful table and food items. Includes a cream-colored table runner with hand-crocheted border from our Spanish-language parishioners; embroidered pot holders from Palestine; two tile trivets from Tunisia; a hand-painted ceramic platter from Jerusalem; two small ceramic dishes signed by the artists, Garo and Sonia Sandrouni of Jerusalem; a bottle of thyme olive oil from Palestine; a box of Za'atar (traditional Middle Eastern herb mix); and a box of Freekah (a roasted wheat product with an earthy, nutty, and slightly smoky flavor).

Donor: St. Alban's Global Mission Committee & American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

Starting Bid: $125

311 Global Mission's Middle East Basket

Decorate your home with this treasure of items from the Middle East. Includes a needlepoint pillow from Palestine; a decorative camel made at the Jofeh Community Rehabilitation Center in Jordan; a ceramic vase and tile, signed by the artists Garo and Sonia Sandrouni of Jerusalem; a carved olive wood box with an olive wood and silver cross from Jerusalem; a set of carved olive wood Christmas ornaments; a handmade Christmas ornament made at The Holy Land Institute of the Deaf; a carved olive wood "hand" cross from the Holy Land; a needlepoint bag with rose water from Bethlehem and myrrh from Petra; and a mother-of-pearl jewelry box from Egypt.

Donor: St. Alban's Global Mission Committee & American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

Starting Bid: $100

312 Global Mission's Salad Bowl

Serve your salad in style with this gorgeous hand-carved wooden bowl with servers from South Africa and add a bit of international flavor to your décor with a set of three hand-painted decorative ceramic pieces from Nicaragua.

Donor: St. Alban's Global Mission Committee & Hope for Humanity

Starting Bid: $50

313 Global Mission's Wine & Cigar Basket

Show some international flair at your next gathering with these three bottles of wine – from Lebanon, South Africa, and Argentina; a pair of hand-painted wine glasses; two ceramic coasters from the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem; and a fine Caribbean cigar with cutter and lighter.

Donor: St. Alban's Global Mission Committee & American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

Starting Bid: $50

To Have and to Hold

401 **Add a Touch of Class with a Lord & Taylor Basket**

An elegant and fragrant white basket with black trim from the Lord & Taylor department store containing 4 luxury products: Chanel No.5 3.4 oz; Chanel No.5 Body Lotion; Allure 3.4 oz.; Coco Mademoiselle 3.4 oz.

Donor: Lord & Taylor Department Store **Starting Bid:** $250

402 **Pumpkin Portrait (offered twice)**

403 Returning fan favorite! As seen on the Today Show and elsewhere, parishioner Suzy Mink will carve your own portrait, or that of someone you wish to honor, on a pumpkin for Halloween 2018. Scare your friends with this one-of-a-kind likeness!

Donor: Suzy Mink **Starting Bid:** $75

404 Pen & Pencil Drawing of Your Home

Artist and parishioner Sue Coco will produce a charming keepsake of your house and home in an original pen and ink drawing, matted and suitable for framing.

Donor: Sue Coco **Starting Bid:** $75

405 St. Alban's Stained-Glass Windows Book

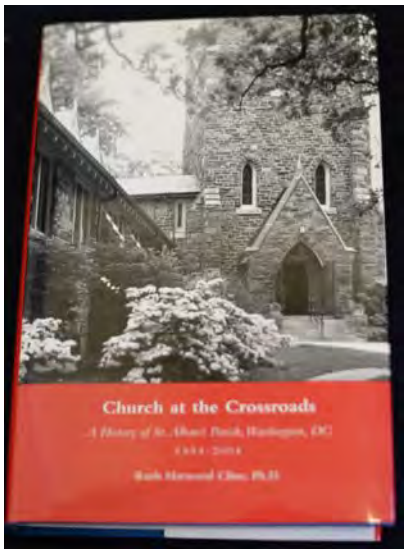
Parishioner Kristie Hassett has compiled a very special photo book of these stunning works of glass art. The book was inspired by a tour given by Pastor Emily who had thoroughly researched the windows. This is a unique memento of our beautiful church.

Donor: Kristie and Kevin Hassett **Starting Bid:** $75

406 *Church at the Crossroads* by Ruth Cline

Not only is parishioner Ruth Cline's history of St. Alban's Parish an excellent read, but it will also be a source of great pride for you when you learn about our church's remarkable place in the development of our city, country, and the Episcopal Church of North America. A *must-have* in every St. Albanite's library!

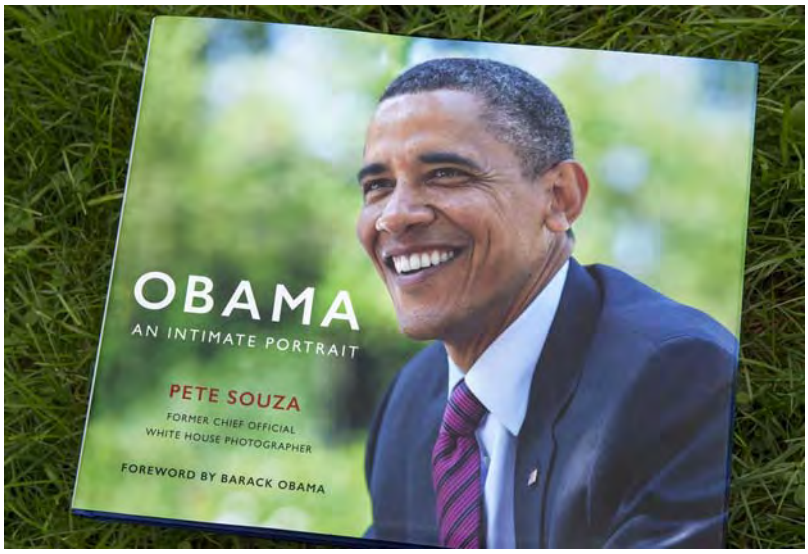
Donor: Ruth Cline **Starting Bid:** $25



407 *Obama, An Intimate Portrait* by Pete Souza

This special offering is autographed by the author, White House photographer Pete Souza, who chronicled the Obama presidency.

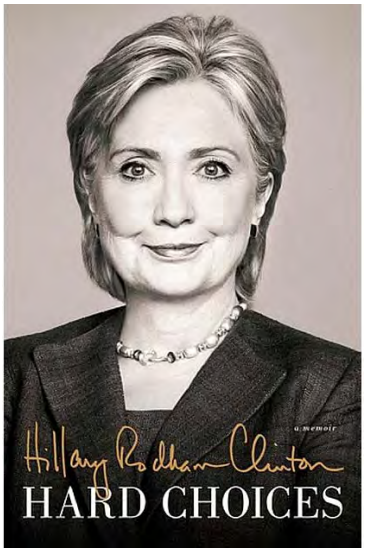
Donor: Mary Garner Devoe **Starting Bid:** $50



408 *Hard Choice* by Hillary Clinton

Hillary Clinton autographed this copy of her book, which is her account of her tenure as Secretary of State from 2009 – 2013. The autograph is certified.

Donor: Nancy and Ben Tomchik **Starting Bid:** $50



409 *Looking In: Robert Frank's "The Americans": Expanded Edition* by Sarah Greenough

Robert Frank's *The Americans* (1958, 1959) changed the course of twentieth-century photography. *Looking In,* by NGA photography curator Sarah Greenough, celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of Frank's prescient book. It provides a fascinating in-depth examination of the making of the photographs and Frank's book construction, using vintage contact sheets, work prints and letters that chart Frank's journey around the country in 1955–56.

Donor: Michele Bond **Starting Bid:** $25

410 Cheer the Home Team with an Autographed Ryan Kerrigan Football

This football is autographed by the lovable Washington linebacker. Support him and our home team!

Donor: Ryan Kerrigan **Starting Bid:** $75

411 Nats Baseball! Gio Gonzalez Autographed Baseball

Do you have a young (or not so young) Nationals fan in your house? Now you can have a special memento from fan favorite Gio Gonzalez. This baseball is signed by the southpaw and two-time all-star and wins leader in the National League in 2012.

Donor: The Washington Nationals **Starting Bid:** $50

412 Have Happy and Smart Kids with this WETA Basket

WETA board member and parishioner Tim Coughlin offers this basket as just the thing for your eager-to-learn kids. Includes a plush Curious George, Dr. Seuss book, a "little" Big Red Dog, a Peg + Cat book, cool sunglasses, and other assorted goodies.

Donor: WETA and Timothy C. Coughlin **Starting Bid:** $30

413 Grandparents' Survival Kit

A selection of toys and activities that will help keep the kiddos entertained while visiting Grandma and Grandpa. The basket includes a train set, magnetic building titles, Mr. Potato Head, a board game and much, much more.

Donor: Brian Headd **Starting Bid:** $50

414 Nativity Creche

These charming nativity figures come from Palestine, courtesy of our well-traveled parishioner Peter Spalding. Take them home and make the créche a treasured part of your Christmas observations.

Donor: Peter Spalding **Starting Bid:** $20

Edible Delights and Delightful Pieces

501 **What's Heaven on a Plate? Three-Layer Coconut Cake (offered twice, take home tonight with plate and delivered to your home later)**

502 Parishioner Ken Patterson's not-so-hidden talent is baking this fluffy confection with coconut cream cheese frosting. One cake will be at the auction to take home along with a vintage (1950s) Jeanette depression glass Lyre-patterned pedestal cake stand. The second cake will be prepared and delivered to you at a mutually agreed upon time over the next year.

Donor: Ken Patterson and Brian Burson **Starting Bid:** $50

503 **Queques: Tres Leches o Torta Sucia**

San Albano parishioner Martha Rodriguez offers a choice of two favorite cakes to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or solamente La Vida loca! The two options are: Tres Leches, a moist white cake topped with whipped cream and strawberries or seasonal fruit; or Torta Sucia, a dark chocolate cake with layers of whipped cream and chocolate pudding, and topped with ground Oreo cookies, gummie bears, or M&M's. Yikes! How do you choose?

Donor: Martha Rodriguez **Starting Bid:** $40

504 On My Honor, I Will Try… A Dozen Boxes of Girl Scout Cookies

Did you miss your local Girl Scout? Earn your badge while you sample from each of this year's offerings with two boxes of Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, and Trefoils, as well as a single box of Savannah Smiles, Do-si-dos, gluten-free Toffetastics and this year's new addition, S'mores. Yum!

Donor: Dudley and Jennifer Winthrop **Starting Bid:** $30

505 Indulge Your Passion for Blueberries!

Enjoy blueberries hand-picked at Butler's Orchard and delivered during the season, mid-to-late June to late July. Four (4) pounds of handpicked blueberries, a super-fruit full of vitamin C. Your Blueberry Passion Package includes loose blueberry tea, and a themed dish towel. Delivered in a plastic container for easy freezing to save for your winter oatmeal.

Donor: Dani Kauffman **Starting Bid:** $40

506 **Chez Reaves Ice Cream (offered twice)**

507 We all scream for parishioner John Daniel's ice cream! Two coupons entitle the winners to one quart each of ice cream in your choice from among four yummy flavors: Lotus (almonds and lemon in a cream base, a Reaves-family favorite), Caramelized Peach, Strawberry, or Vanilla.

Donor: John Daniel Reaves **Starting Bid:** $20

508 **Two Bottles and a Tour of Viriginia's Famed RdV Vineyard in Delaplane, VA**

Robert Parker, Jr. says of RdV Vineyards: "Remarkable Cabernet blend-complex, velvety and world class. A revelation." *Washingtonian* says "Not since the 1870s has a local wine been lauded like RdV's Bordeaux-style blend." See what all the buzz is about! Enjoy a bottle of each of RdV's flagship wines -- Lost Mountain and Rendezvous -- and then head out to Delaplane for a tour of its state-of-the-art winery followed by a wine tasting with charcuterie (a $130 value). Retired marine Rutger de Vink's vineyard will transport you to Napa for the afternoon.

Donor: Dudley and Jennifer Winthrop **Starting Bid:** $100

509 Noteworthy Wines, Uniquely Maryland

Old Westminster Winery near Frederick, Md. is one of the wineries generating new buzz about Maryland wines. The winery is known for its naturally sparking, Petillant Naturel, or Pet-Nat, a spritzy sparkle that ante-dates Champagne. Available only to members of Old Westminster's wine club, a bottle of their 2017 Pet-Nat Albarion is included in this three-bottle sampler of the winery's fares. Also included are a 2016 Premier Chardonnay and a 2015 Cru Cuvee, an exclusive red wine blended by wine club members for members, and a pass for a free wine tasting for two vineyards in Westminster, MD.

Donor: Sandy and Jim Kolb **Starting Bid:** $65

510 Buzzed Gobbler Craft Cocktail Collection

Are you a craft cocktail aficionado? If you are this is a great starter kit for not only enjoying a selection of liqueurs, but creating your own craft cocktail recipes! Presented in a beautiful basket, is a selection of hand-crafted liqueurs and wine, a preferred bourbon and cocktail condiments. Included in the collection are a bottle of Buzzed Gobbler Chardonnay, limoncello, allspice dram and amaro along with a select bourbon. Also included are spiced simple syrup ingredients and recipe, and some bartender's favorite bitters and Luxardo Cherries.

Donor: Robyn & Dennis Gatens and Lee Foster **Starting Bid:** $100

511 A Bottle of Russian Champagne

Purchased in 1991 from the cavernous storage facilities built for the Tsars in the mountains above the Black Sea port of Novorossiks, this champagne is made from grapes grown in the vineyards of the Crimea and the Kersh peninsula. Russian champagne is sweet, so be prepared. It's been cellared for a while. Savor the history and take a chance on the taste!

Donor: Marina Bühler-Miko **Starting Bid:** $60

512 Copper Plate

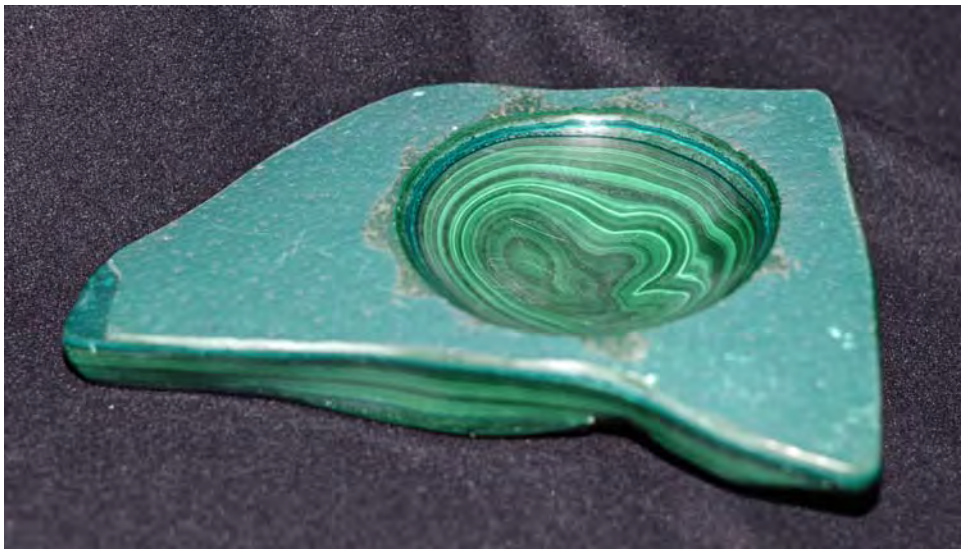
This ornate copper platter features a Tunisian design. It may be hung on a wall or adorn a cabinet in your home.

Donor: Belkacem Baccouche **Starting Bid:** $50

513 Malachite Table Decoration from Zaire

A unique piece for someone with an appreciation for the mysterious riches of Africa.

Donor: Peter Spalding **Starting Bid:** $20



514 Worchester China Serving Dish

This beautiful serving dish will enhance your table with its burst of flowers and unique shape.

Donor: Diane Remsen **Starting Bid:** $50

515 Waterford Pitcher and Fruit Bowl

This heirloom crystal set will bring instant elegance to your table.

Donor: Stephanie Kinney **Starting Bid:** $50

516 Six Sets of Wedgewood China Plates with Demi-Tasse and Coffee Cups

In 1759, Josiah Wedgwood established himself as an independent potter in Burslem, England. Fired at higher temperatures than traditional English earthenware, creamware is non-porous and extremely durable. With its lovely soft coral color and distinctive designs of griffins on the rim, this collection of Florentine-Turquoise china is one of the 20 best-selling Wedgewood patterns. Start to collect your Wedgewood china with these beautiful dishes today. (Set includes 6 large and small dishes, and two sets of 4 demi-tasses each.)

Donor: Barbara Littell **Starting Bid:** $60

517 Demi-Tasse set

Charming Royal Windsor demi-tasse set of six cups and saucers.

Donor: Stephanie Kinney **Starting Bid:** $30

518 Scottish Loving Cups

These classic cut-glass toasting cups come from Edinburgh, Scotland.

Donor: Stephanie Kinney **Starting Bid:** $20

519 Brandy Snifters

Perfect for that winter evening, with or without cigar. (Set includes ten glasses.)

Donor: Penny Glass and Gordon Avery **Starting Bid:** $40

520 Shot Glasses

Six green-glass, gold-rimmed liqueur glasses.

Donor: Penny Glass and Gordon Avery **Starting Bid:** $25

521 Six Colored Glasses

Also known as Middle East tea glasses. So charming, so you! Includes stand.

Donor: Penny Glass and Gordon Avery **Starting Bid:** $25

522 Champagne Flutes

Twelve champagne flutes in all for toasting in the New Year or any special occasion! (Glasses are a mixed set of two pairs and eight matching flutes.)

Donor: Penny Glass and Gordon Avery **Starting Bid:** $35

523 Baileys and Liqueur Glasses

Six stemmed glasses and a bottle of Baileys. Who could ask for anything more?

Donor: Penny Glass and Gordon Avery **Starting Bid:** $40

Artful Accessories

601 Japanese Kimono

Purchased in Tokyo from the costume designers for its famous Kabuki theater. Wear this gorgeous orange and gold kimono to the Washington Opera!

Donor: Sandra Loftin **Starting Bid:** $150

602 Child's Silk Dress from Vietnam

Delightful red silk dress with embroidery featuring a peacock, peacock feathers and chrysanthemums. Label says size 10, but probably US size for a girl who is 6 or 7 years old.

Donor: Lauri Fitz-Pegado **Starting Bid:** $25

603 Three Hand-loomed Silk Scarves

Sold as a set, these three scarves from Nepal and Nigeria can be versatile and artful accessories.

Donor: Adrienne Allison **Starting Bid:** $20

604 Palestinian Shawl

This beautiful black shawl with handsome red-embroidered border will enhance your evening attire.

Donor: Jane Schubert **Starting Bid:** $50

605 Ann Hand Designed Pin

Entitled "Friendship Bow," this blue bow with stars is edged in gold and very handsome. It features an Eleanor Roosevelt quotation: "Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart."

Donor: Lauri Fitz-Pegado **Starting Bid:** $60

606 An Original Sue Coco Necklace

An 18” necklace made of jasper, coral, and rose quartz with sterling silver clasp. Handmade by our own Sue Coco.

Donor: Sue Coco **Starting Bid:** $25

607 **An Original Sue Coco Necklace**

A 20” sodalite and African beaded necklace with sterling silver beads and clasp.

Donor: Sue Coco **Starting Bid:** $25

608 **An Original Sue Coco Necklace**

A 20” necklace of African beads, coral, and sodalite with sterling silver clasp.

Donor: Sue Coco **Starting Bid:** $25

609 An Original Sue Coco Necklace

A 20” triple-strand, moonstone, opalite, and blue quartz necklace with moonstone pendant and sterling silver findings and clasp. Another Sue Coco original.

Donor: Sue Coco **Starting Bid:** $40

610 An Original Sue Coco Necklace

A 20” necklace with fluorite beads and jade pendant.

Donor: Sue Coco **Starting Bid:** $25

611 Art Deco Necklace

Exquisite black, cream, and red necklace from the Phillips Collection. A great piece for your wardrobe.

Donor: Jane Schubert **Starting Bid:** $25

612 Brass Necklace

A brass elliptical ring suspended on several strands of rose-colored beads. A showstopper of a piece!

Donor: Jane Schubert **Starting Bid:** $30

613 Egyptian Necklace

This camel bone necklace from Egypt will transport you to the Sahara.

Donor: Penny Glass and Gordon Avery **Starting Bid:** $25

614 Pearl Necklace

An instant classic!

Donor: Penny Glass and Gordon Avery **Starting Bid:** $30

615 Sterling Silver Earrings

New sterling silver earrings in a Celtic knot. Worn to catch the light, this piece will highlight you and the outfit you are wearing.

Donor: Jane Schubert **Starting Bid:** $25

616 Gem Shopping Network Rings & Earrings

This fun little collection of costume jewelry includes three beautiful rings and a pair of stud earrings.

Donor: Jane Schubert **Starting Bid:** $20

617 Opal Ring

Classic dinner ring with opal set in gold-plated sterling silver with Mahenge umbalite garnets.

Donor: Kristen Beronio **Starting Bid:** $60

618 Monteverde Ball Point Pen

Beautiful "Impressa" Ballpoint pen in pearl silver and blue. Makes signing those documents a pleasure.

Donor: Lisa Sams **Starting Bid:** $20

619 Catch Can Gift Certificate

Grab this $100 gift certificate to one of the city's best shops for fun and easy women's clothing, jewelry, and shoes. Shop located at 5516 Connecticut Ave., NW. You need this!

Donor: Catch Can **Starting Bid:** $50

Tickets to Events

701 Enjoy an Evening of Bernstein at *Candide*

Two tickets to Hugh Wheeler's grand adaptaion of Voltaire's novella and coupled with Leonard Bernstein's magical score, *Candide*. Enjoy an evening of what Bernstein, himself, called a "comic opretta." It will be a night to remember with a smile. Perfromance is Saturday, May 12th at 7:00pm in center orchestra seats.

Donor: Nicholas Cobbs **Starting Bid:** $200

702 Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*

Two opening night tickets at Washington's National Opera, this production stars Isabel Leonard. The premium seats are in the first row of the tier of the Kennedy Center Opera House. Performance is April 28th at 7:00pm. But with advance notice, the donors can exchange the tickets for another performance in the run though the same seats are not guaranteed.

Donor: Sandy and Jim Kolb **Starting Bid:** $125

703 Opera Lafayette's *Visitors to Versailles*

Two tickets to this musical journey through the reigns of Louis XlV, XV, XVI featuring music from Lully's "Acis et Galatée" to Grétry's "Richard, Coeur de Lion", this is the final concert of the season for period-instrument ensemble and features four very special artists: soprano Rosa Lamoreaux, mezzo-soprano Anna Reinhold; tenor Aaron Sheehan; and baritone Victor Sicard. In Kennedy Center's Terrace Theater. Performance is May 2nd at 7:30pm.

Donor: Sandy and Jim Kolb **Starting Bid:** $125

704 World Premiere of Arena Stage's *Snow Child* (with parking)

Two tickets and parking this Arena Stage premiere. Based on Eowyn Ivey's novel of the same name, this magical new musical features a score that combines Alaskan string-band traditions and contemporary musical theater. The 1920 Alaskan wilderness is a brutal place to try to save a marriage. Reeling from the loss of an unborn child, Mabel and Jack struggle to rebuild their lives even as the fissures between them continue to widen. But everything changes suddenly when they are visited by a wild, mysterious girl who embodies the dark woods that surround their cabin, in this beautiful and violent land. Things are rarely as they appear, and what the snow child teaches them will ultimately transform them all. Performance is May 17th at 8:00pm.

Donor: Sandy and Jim Kolb **Starting Bid:** $75

705 Experience Sam Smith's *The Thrill of It All* Tour in Luxury

Sam Smith rocked to stardom with his hit "Stay with Me" for which he won Grammys for Song of the Year, Record of the Year and Best New Artist. See him in person for his second concert tour in the U.S. on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at 8:00pm at the Capital One Arena. Two of you relax in a comfortable suite with complimentary beverages provided.

Donor: Bo and Kymber Menkiti **Starting Bid:** $175

706 Be a Wonk! Attend Live Taping of *Meet the Press*

Meet the Press debuted in 1947 and has been a Washington institution ever since. Here's your chance to attend a taping in person and see first-hand what everyone will be talking about next week. Also includes a photo opportunity with Chuck Todd, the *Meet the Press* host.

Donor: Sarah and James Brooke **Starting Bid:** $75

707 **See News Reported at Its Best with PBS *NewsHour* Tour for Four (offered twice)**

708 Parishioner and WETA Board Member Tim Coughlin offers two coupons, each enabling four (4) people to attend a weeknight broadcast production of the award-winning television news program, PBS *NewsHour*. Held at the WETA studios in Arlington, the tour is conducted Monday through Friday from 5:10 to 7:00 pm and will include a special viewing in the studio control room during the live taping of the NewsHour.

Donor: WETA and Timothy C. Coughlin **Starting Bid:** $40

709 Two Full Season Tickets to the Gala Hispanic Theatre

Immerse yourself in a mixture of shows in both Spanish and English with two full subscriptions to the entire 2018-19 season of productions at the Gala Hispanic Theatre. The theatre was founded in 1976 by Hugo and Rebecca Read Medrano and their supporters with the aim of preserving and promoting Hispanic language and culture. There are many theaters in D.C. but there was not one for Hispanics until the opening of GALA. Their playwrights and actors are of Hispanic heritage hailing from Argentina, Mexico, Spain, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay and Peru. In 2008, the Gala was given an award by King Carlos of Spain in recognition of its promotion and dissemination of Spanish culture in the US. In 2015, it was awarded the 50/50 Applause Award by the International Center for Women Playwrights for having more than 50% of its plays by female playwrights. Located at 3333 14th St, Washington DC, it hosts plays in Spanish and in English as well as dance, music, poetry, art and films.

Donor: Gala Hispanic Theatre/Rebecca Medrano **Starting Bid:** $200

710 See Washington's Boys of Summer at Choice of Nationals Game

Spend a lazy summer day or evening at Nats Park with two tickets to a choice of games. Seats are right on the edge of the field inside the left field foul pole. Parking is included. Choose among games on 6/24, 7/5, 7/8, 7/20, 7/22, 8/1, 8/3, 8/5, 8/8, 8/17, 8/19 or 8/22.

Donor: Dudley and Jennifer Winthrop **Starting Bid:** $50

711 All Hail! Redskins Tickets and Parking to Your Choice of Games

Two tickets and Green Lot D Parking to your choice of any one of the following opponents next season: Atlanta Falcons, Carolina Panther, Houston Texans, Indianapolis Colts or New York Giants. Seats are in Section 119, Row 26 on the sideline and offer great views over the visitors' bench.

Donor: Dudley and Jennifer Winthrop **Starting Bid:** $150

712 **C-A-P-S! Caps! Caps! Caps! Tickets to the 2018-2019 Season**

Two regular season tickets, 1st row, 2nd level. Great Seats known as "Where the Caps shoot Twice". Dates to be mutually agreed upon.

Donor: Caroline and Hollis McLoughlin **Starting Bid:** $125

713 **See You at the Movies! $100 in Fandango Gift Cards (offered twice)**

714 Redeemable online or on the free mobile app for any movie at any Fandango Theater including AMC, Regal, Cinemark, Marcus and many more.

Donor: Laura Ingersoll and Tom Jansen **Starting Bid:** $50

Live Auction

1 A Dick Parkins' Tie (offered three times)

2 Now you can be as stylish as Dick Parkins! This is one of three ties donated from Dick Parkins's Collection. The tie is unworn and in its original box from Pink.

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Donor: Dick Parkins

4 Ostrich Feather Bag

Black ostrich feathers attached to a black, silk embroidered base, a must accessory for anyone seeking to show style and uniqueness.

Donor: Lauri Fitz-Pegado

5 Original Artwork from Our Own Jim Quigley

An annual live auction favorite! Once again, Rev. Jim is creating an original work of art specifically for the auction. Check out the piece on display at the Silent Auction and then get ready to raise your paddle at dinner!

Donor: The Rev. James Quigley

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All items sold as is. Neither the Auction Committee nor the donor makes any warranties other than those printed herein as to the physical condition, size, quality, rarity, importance, or provenance of any item.

Unless otherwise specified, all services and other intangible items must be claimed or used by May 31, 2019. Unless specified, dates and times are to be arranged at the mutual convenience of the donor and purchaser.

The Auction Committee reserves the right to withdraw any item from the auction prior to the close of the auction for that item.

No bid, once made and recognized, can be withdrawn unless superseded by a higher bid.

Winning bidders must pay in full for all successful auction items before departure. Cashiers will accept cash and personal checks. No I.O.U.s will be accepted.

All sales are final and no exchange or refund will be honored by the Auction Committee or the donor.

For those present at the auction, all items must be removed from St. Alban's Episcopal Church on the evening of April 21, 2018. Pre-bidders must pay for and remove all successful auction items before 5:00pm on Tuesday, April 24th. Any other arrangements for pick up must be made directly with the Auction Co-Chairs and/or the church's Director of Operations.

Each silent auction item has a bid sheet on which competitive bids should be entered successively. Each item has a designated starting bid below which the item will not be sold.

Bids must include a legible bidder number and bid price. Each successive bid must exceed the previous bid by at least the minimum incremental amount indicated on the bid sheet. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify a bid.

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Winning bidders will be provided a receipt of all successful auction items during the Gala dinner. For those attending the auction only, please visit the auction table in order to get your receipt as soon as possible. Pre-bidders will be notified by e-mail.

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