

## AROUND THE PARISH

As of January 31, 2015

St. Alban's seeks to be a welcoming Christ-centered community committed to sharing Christ love – empowering people to grow spiritually, deepening our relationship with Christ and living out our faith in the community and the world.

*Current News & Events from St. Alban's Parish, Edmonds, WA*

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### COMING EVENTS

- 2/2 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
- 2/3 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH  
7:15pm, Prayer Beads, Annex
- 2/4 4:00pm, Worship Committee, PH  
6:00pm, Altar Guild, PH
- 2/7 1:00pm Betty Bell Memorial Service
- 2/9 6:30-7:30pm, Girl Scouts, SS  
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
- 2/10 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH  
7:00pm, Vestry, PH
- 2/14 11:00-3:00pm, Art Show-PH
- 2/17 5:00-7:00pm **PANCAKE SUPPER**
- 2/18 Noon & 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Services

### LOVE OF CHRIST WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday:

7:30pm to 8:30pm – Annex

Sunday:

1:00pm to 4:00pm – Sanctuary, Annex  
and Sunday School

### **PLANNING AHEAD**

#### ART SHOW

The Rev. Sallie Shippen, a former member, is having an Art Show at St. Alban's in celebration of her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 3:00 in the Parish Hall. Please stop by and visit, have some cake and check our Sallie's art. All are welcome>

#### STARTING ON FEBRUARY 25

6:30 Lent Soup Supper

7:00 Lenten Study

To be conducted by Fr. Bob and Eric Hanson

**COME ONE – COME ALL!!!**



**PANCAKE SUPPER FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>  
STARTING AT 5:00PM**

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#### ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

The Annual Meeting was held on January 25 after a service held at 9:30am. A new Vestry was voted by acclamation and is as follows:

Dan Mullene, Sr. Warden

Maryellen Young

Phil McClelland

Carrie Cone

Karen Ford

\*Roger Anderson

\*Brad Goergen (new)

\*Judy Kistner

\*Daisy Beach (new)

\*These members are either new or have extended for the next vestry term. There are three 3-year terms and two 2-year terms open. The Vestry will decide at the next meeting which of the members will fill which opening.

Convention delegates will be Dan Mullene and Carol Hicks, fulfilling their two-year term. Alternates elected by acclamation at the annual meeting are Ken Hicks and Carrie Cone. Convention will be held in Lynnwood.

Full minutes of the meeting will be posted in the Narthex on the bulletin board.

## ***A Note From Father Bob:***



Many thanks to the creative and hard-working folk that made our Annual Meeting a success, and to the members of our congregation that participated in the meeting and our Ministry Prioritizing exercise. The result of that is lots of good information for our new Vestry to review and process. It was a bit chaotic but very much Blessed by God.

Many thanks too for the Vestry members who are continuing for another term, Judy Kistner and Roger Andersen along with our two new Vestry members, Brad Goergen and Daisy Beach. I am looking forward to a great year with these faithful ministers in Jesus Name.

Speaking of Ministry, Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent are coming like a speeding truck. Heads up! Everyone!

Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, we will have the opportunity to gather for the traditional Pancake Supper at 5pm and on Ash Wednesday there will be two services of Holy Eucharist, February 18<sup>th</sup>, and the administration of ashes at noon and 7pm. This worship time marks the beginning of our entrance into a Holy Lent.

Each Wednesday evening during Lent we will have the opportunity to gather for a Soup Supper at 6:30pm and a Lenten Program at 7pm, led by Eric Hanson and myself. Please join us.

Fr. Bob Dunn

## **BETTY BELL MEMORIAL**

A memorial for Betty Bell will be held at St. Alban's on February 7, 2015, at 1:00pm. followed by a reception. Betty was a longtime member of St. Alban's and will be sorely missed.

## **ALTAR GUILD- COME JOIN**

The next Altar Guild meeting is February 4<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall at 6:00p.m. If you are interested in finding out about what we do, or would like to join us, please plan to attend this meeting. Father Bob will be with us to talk about plans for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. There are four teams, each one covers a week each month.

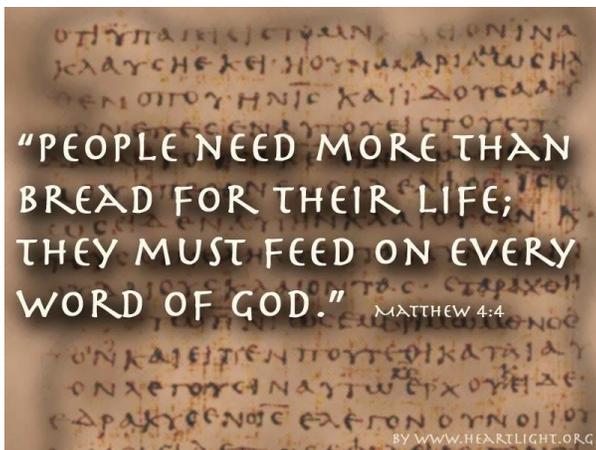
Altar Guild is a very rewarding way to serve not only the parish but God as well. The duties are not strenuous and each member is given thorough training.

## **DONATIONS FOR SUNDAY FLOWERS**

The flower chart for 2015 is posted beside the main doors to the sanctuary. The procedure for donating flowers is noted on the wall next to the flower chart. At this time, there are plenty of opportunities for flower donations to be given in thanksgiving celebration or in memory of loved ones. If you have questions, please call Sharon Joy, 425-678-8836.

## **HELP FOR BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

The Buildings & Grounds committee, headed by Lee Forsberg, is in great need of additional workers. Most of the crews' time is spent doing cleaning and maintenance of the grounds. The current team devotes a lot of time and attention to keeping everything clean and safe for all. If you can help in any way, please talk to Lee Forsberg or call him at 425-774-4571.



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### Ash Wednesday

There are two key steward's reminders in today's lessons. Psalm 103 urges us to "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits", and the conclusion of Matthew's Gospel passage points out that we need to choose carefully what our life treasures are to be, and to whom or what they will be committed.

### Lent I

Psalm 25 says in part: "A Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths..." Do we depend on reading and study, regular worship with our parish family, generous thankful giving, and regular prayer time to help us be open to what the Lord my indeed want to show us?

**Lent II** The Epistle from Romans says *No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God... (he was) fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.* Are we striving to bring the same faith to our spiritual and stewardship lives? The idea of absolute trust in our Creator can be an elusive idea to wrap our hearts and minds around!

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### February 15 –

#### Last Sunday after the Epiphany

**2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-4,  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9**

8:00 Lector: JoAn Andenes  
EM: Shannon Duggan  
10:30 Lector: Chloe Veillon  
EM: Mary Fowler

### February 18 – Ash Wednesday

**Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Psalm 103  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10,  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

Noon: EM: Reilly Mannery  
7:00 EM: Claudia Walker

### February 22 – Lent I

**Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-9  
Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15**

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden  
EM: Jeff Tobin  
10:30 Lector: Cara Munson  
EM: Reilly Mannery

### March 1 – Lent II

**Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:22-30  
Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38**

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy  
EM: Jeff Tobin  
10:30 Lector: Susie Nichols  
EM: Connie Forsberg

### March 8 – Lent III

**Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22**

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan  
EM: Howard Hayden  
10:30 Lector: Carol Hicks  
EM: Dan Mullene



### **CONTACTING FR. BOB**

Fr. Bob will be in his office:

Wednesdays: 10:00am – noon  
By appointment 1:00 – 3:00pm  
Evening by appointment

Thursdays: 10:00am – noon  
By appointment 1:00 – 3:00pm

### **Fr. Bob's phone numbers:**

Church office 425-778-0371  
Fr. Bob's cell 425-350-5065  
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### **Fr. Bob's Email**

[stalbanpriest@gmail.com](mailto:stalbanpriest@gmail.com)

An important focus of Fr. Bob's ministry at St. Alban's is making pastoral visits to those who are shut-ins or are ill. Please be sure to let him know if you would like a visit. Fr. Bob will be making these visits on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sunday after services

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Please be sure to let the office know if you have changed your address, phone and/or Email address.

You can call the office at 425-778-0371 or Email [stalbansEdmonds@gmail.com](mailto:stalbansEdmonds@gmail.com)

### **SCHEDULING EVENTS/MEETINGS**

If you are planning a meeting or event using church facilities, please be sure to call the office to check your date and the availability of the space you wish to use. The office is staffed Monday through Thursday from 10:00 to 12:00pm.

Office phone: 425-778-0371

Send Email requests to

[stalbansedmonds@gmail.com](mailto:stalbansedmonds@gmail.com).

If you have an announcement or information that you would like to be included in the **Around The Parish**, please email it to the church office. The newsletter is sent out on the 15th and end of the month