

## AROUND THE PARISH

As of January 15, 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

- 1/19 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH  
1/20 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH  
7:15pm, Prayer Beads, Annex  
1/25 9:30am, **ONE SERVICE followed  
By Annual Meeting. PH**  
1/26 6:30-7:30pm, Girl Scouts, SS  
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH  
1/27 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH

### 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

#### ANNUAL MEETING

January 25<sup>th</sup>, Parish Hall  
following one service at 9:30am

**All ministry and activity groups are asked to submit brief reports to the church office by January 14<sup>th</sup>. Reports will be published in meeting packet; no oral reports will be given.**

#### PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

The parish directory will be updated in January. Please be sure to let us know if you have had changes in your address, phone number and/or email address. We publish those changes in Around the Parish as we receive them.

### PREPARING FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

At the Vestry meeting Tuesday evening we talked about the Vestry Listening Session and are proposing the St. Alban's Church Family have the opportunity to talk about our ideas at the Annual Meeting. These are for subjects that we would like the church family to think about before the meeting - all under the title, "Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God."

- Music is important to our worship and needs to be enhanced.
- St. Alban's needs to have increased visibility in the larger community.
- Minister to and with everyone who comes through the church doors.
- Might St. Alban's be a place for healing, physical and spiritual.
- Many of our church family are shut-in, growing older and infirmed, we need to enhance the ministry.
- Fix the outside of the church building and grounds.
- Find ways to be more visible to people who may be looking for a church.

Please pray for the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to bless our conversations at the Annual Meeting. The Vestry will then take your work to the Vestry Retreat and Planning meeting and report it back to you.

Fr. Bob

### HANDS ON

The next opportunity to serve at the Food Bank will be Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information and a sign-up sheet in January.

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



My time with the St. Alban's Family has been brief and filled by Advent and Christmas worship. However, I have enjoyed the opportunities to meet many of you on a more personal level. Some of this has been due to illness or some other crisis, while much has been on more happy occasions. No matter the initial reasons, I have found all of you to be "faith-filled" and ready to trust God and to celebrate your life with Jesus. What I have heard is that this church and the people of St. Alban's mean a lot to you, past, present and future. Praise God!

Your Vestry, in addition to working on all of the "business" part of the church that must be cared for at this time of year, took some extra time to talk and listen to some of the hopes and prayers they have for the future of this church family. Wonderful ideas were given voice as well as some concerns. We will continue to sort and prioritize and we are offering them to God in prayer. As they begin to come into clearer focus, the Vestry will be asking for responses from all of you - perhaps as soon as the Annual Meeting.

On January 25<sup>th</sup> we will very prayerfully select the church leadership for 2015 and beyond. I believe that God is calling these people to this ministry and the Holy Spirit will bless them with the gifts of ministry and leadership. Please pray for God's will as they are called and as they seek wisdom to lead this church.

I also want to express my deeply felt appreciation for the donations to your Rectory. Thanks to about a dozen families the Rectory has two couches, a rocking chair, a kitchen table with chairs, dishes and cooking utensils,

flatware, glasses and cups, a nice set of knives, some lamps, a new bed and other various necessities. I have added a new recliner, a microwave and toaster oven and a flat screen TV. What more could a middle-aged priest want? My appreciation is for all of you.

Another thing that has happened is that I am now a member of the Gallery North, on 4<sup>th</sup> and Main in downtown Edmonds. I have five paintings there and am delighted to have made this contact with the larger community. From time to time, on my days off, I will be working at the gallery.

On another personal level, I own two burial plots at Evergreen Cemetery in Everett. They are valued at several thousand dollars and would cost about \$250 to transfer the deed. I would like to sell them for about \$400. Anyone interested please talk to me.

### **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

The Liturgical Ministries are those centered around the Eucharist assisting the priest in serving the parish. We serve under Fr. Bob's direction. The variety of support includes: Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors who take communion to homebound, Crucifers who process with the cross, Acolytes, Lectors who read the lessons, and Worship Leaders who lead special events.

We at St. Alban's are fortunate to have a small but faithful core of such ministers who serve at both 8a.m. and 10:30a.m. services and sometimes during the week. As our new church year begins, it is exciting to see our new Acolyte, Emily, helping out. Several others have stepped up to try out being a Lector.

If you are considering what our Lord may be calling you to step out in faith and try, this year, please talk with Father Bob or Reilly Mannery.

## **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.

## **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.

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Send Email requests to

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## **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

### **January 25 - Epiphany 3**

In the calling of the fishermen, what word is repeated to indicate their enthusiasm? Immediately! Are we in the habit of responding to God's call to us immediately, or is our answer "maybe sometime I can become your diligent and faithful follower, but right now \_\_\_\_\_ (you fill in the blank) is much more important". Where would the Church be today if the disciples, and the many faithful who came after, had made such a response?

### **February 8 - Epiphany 5**

Psalm 147 is a veritable litany of God's gifts to the world, and we - yes, you and I are considered to be among those wonderful works. God yearns for a loving and grateful response from those He has created. Is such a response evident to others by the way your life is lived?

### **February 15 - Last Epiphany**

*'Farewell to Alleluia'* Sunday is an ironic reminder to us that the journey of stewards includes not only the "up" celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany, but also calls us to intentional sharing in Christ's journey to Jerusalem and the Cross. How will you strengthen your spiritual and stewardship life during this approaching Lent?

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **January 18 - Epiphany 2**

**1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17**

**1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51**

8:00 Lector: JoAn Andenes

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Susie Nichols

EM: Claudia Walker

### **January 25 – Epiphany 3 (one service)**

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:6-14**

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20**

9:30 Lector: Vestry Member

EM: Vestry Member

### **February 1 Feast of the Presentation**

**Malachi 3:1-4, Psalm 84**

**Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40**

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Jeff Tobin

10:30 Lector: Barbara Lagozzino

EM: Connie Forsberg

10:30 Acolyte: Emily Goergen

### **February 8 – Epiphany 5**

**Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-12, 21c,**

**1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:29-39**

8:00 Lector:

EM:

10:30 Lector:

EM

### **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:

EM:

10:30 Lector: Carol Hicks

EM:

## **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

Rectory 425-640-5443

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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**COME ONE AND ALL!!!!**



**PANCAKE SUPPER ON FEBRUARY 17**