

AROUND THE PARISH

As of April 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.

COMING EVENTS

- 4/13 6:30-7:30pm, Girl Scouts, SS
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
4/14 7:00-9:00pm, Vestry, PH
4/18 Cathedral Day @ St. Mark's
4/20 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
4/21 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
4/27 6:30-7:30pm, Girl Scouts, SS Wing
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
4/28 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
6:30-9:30pm, Girl Scouts, PH

LOVE OF CHRIST WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday:

7:30pm to 8:30pm – Annex

Sunday:

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

THANKSGIVING FOR VOLUNTEERS

What a wonderful sight on Saturday, March 28, to see all the kids, parents and other volunteers working on our church grounds. Our Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops were on hand, along with many of their parents. Some were trimming, some raking up cuttings, some spreading gravel or mulch – all of them generously giving of themselves and their work to benefit St. Alban's.

Boy Scout Troop 300 donated \$300 for gravel to spread in the parking lot between the church and Annex.

Lee Forsberg did an amazing job organizing the entire effort. He broke the outside area into six divisions which made it much easier for each crew to concentrate on specifics.

Lee personally wants to thank each and every person who worked so hard to clean up and beautify the church grounds. The job simply couldn't have been done without all the help!

PLANNING AHEAD

Saturday, May 28

Save the date of May 28 for an ECW gathering – either a coffee hour or a luncheon. This is a great opportunity for fellowship with other members and a chance to meet those you may not know. More information will follow

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATES

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WE'RE EARLY!!!

The ATP is early this issue to provide you with timely service information. The next issue will be the end of April.

LOSS OF A LOVING SISTER

On April 3rd a long time parishioner, Margaret Ainsley, went to be with our Lord and her husband Rev. Bert. A service is being planned for later and will be announced in the bulletin. Father Bob and Margaret's eight children were at her side when she passed. Margaret was very active on the Altar Guild and in the life of St. Alban's. She had moved to California a couple of years ago but had moved back to Washington recently.

A Note from Father Bob:



Christ IS Risen...The Lord IS Risen
Indeed!

Having been with you through the grand celebration of Christmas and the wonder of Holy Week and the Day of Resurrection, I know a few things about my new church family.

First - You ARE Holy People. The strength of prayer amongst the celebrations is palpable. As a congregation, you have walked with the families of those who have died, were ill, or in some way struggling with the hardships of life.

Second - You provided care for those in need in our larger community and touched the lives of those who may never worship with us, yet are given to us by God.

Third – You know how to celebrate. Our worship, along with our fellowship gatherings, have been offered to God and blessed by God.

We now enter the Easter Season, from now to May 17th. There will be unique and fun worship opportunities like “Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan” on April 12th, Earth Day on April 19th and Mother’s Day on May 10th. There are also plans to have a monthly “soup supper” style fellowship and conversation about an interesting subject. (Stay tuned; more later.)

Plans are being made for what I think is the most entertaining worship service of the year – Pentecost on May 24th. (Should worship be “entertaining”?) Circle this date in your calendar and save it for St. Alban’s. Yes, I know it is Memorial Day Weekend, but why not bless the holiday by celebrating the Birthday of the Church?

In fact....why not “bless” all of Spring and Summer by committing ourselves to giving

praise to Jesus? Wherever we are, let us commit ourselves to intentionally giving praise to God.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Bob

ATTENDANCE FOR HOLY WEEK:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Ash Wednesday	28	49
Palm Sunday	54	90
Tenebrae	16	18
Maundy Thursday	20	38
Good Friday	19	24
Easter	124	132

These are figures of the combined services.



ALTAR GUILD & EASTER BLESSINGS

Many hands and hearts provided a very meaningful and beautiful week of services at St. Alban’s – Tenebrae, Maundy Thursday, Stations of the Cross and a joyous Easter morning.

Thanks go to Altar Guild for the lovely spring-like flowers and to the parishioners who donated those flowers. Dave Hoffman made arranging the flowers much easier by building shelves for us. (In the past, Altar Guild members have had to “make do” with boxes and boards.)

And a very special Thank You to Sharon Joy who spent a lot of time painstakingly putting together the little bundles of flowers for the Flowering of the Cross.

Fr. Bob and Deacon Jenny gave us services full of tradition, meaning, hope and joy.



CELEBRATION OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Many deeply felt words of appreciation for the people who made it possible for St. Alban's to celebrate Holy Week and Easter in such a grand way.

Thanks to JoAn Andenes who planned music for all of the services and performed beautifully. Our worship was greatly enhanced by her skill and her spiritual life. Altar Guild went far beyond all expectation with many creative ideas for all services.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors turned out with great commitment to all of the worship, and the Tenebrae team was inspired. Emily Goergen is a very talented acolyte who served faithfully. Sam Wells did a great job with the candles during the Tenebrae Service.

And thanks to Evie Arneson and Nonie Swaim – the coffee and social times were filled with food and fun. The Easter egg hunt was well organized and lots of fun, thanks to Melissa Hicks. Both Fr. Bob Dunn and Deacon Jenny Vervynck enjoyed all the support.

Congratulations to Lila Finnell and her parents Dave and Edie, upon the occasion of her Baptism on Easter morning. It was wonderful to see all of the children around the font to celebrate and remember their own baptisms.

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN **Sunday, April 12th, 1:30pm**

Kirkin' o' the Tartan started during World War II by the Rev. Peter Marshall, who was chaplain of the U.S. Senate. It began as a way for Scottish-Americans to show their pride during the war. The service dates back to the 1716 Disarming Act and the 1746 Act of Proscription that forbade Scottish Highlanders from wearing their tartans, speaking Gaelic and playing bagpipes and dancing. During church services, the Highlanders would touch a piece of cloth that represented their Clan while ministers would deliver a blessing. Kirk is the Scots word for church, and the Tartan is the plaid showing the person's Scottish Clan.

Let's enjoy this Sunday after Easter with some Scottish revelry. All are invited! I am proud to represent the Henderson Clan. Our service will include a procession and an opportunity to bless the Tartan. You are invited to bring a symbol of your Scots heritage.

Fr. Bob



ST. ALBAN'S OUTREACH DONATIONS

On the third Sunday of the month, we collect donations for outreach.

The Vestry is implementing a new approach to how we distribute these outreach funds. We want to provide members of the congregation an opportunity to recommend a charity to receive the money we collect on a

quarterly basis. Special consideration will be given to organizations supported with time or treasure by members of our congregation and to local charities. We would like to invite a representative of the charity to be present at one of our services, if possible, to receive the check and have an opportunity to share with us more about the ministry we are supporting.

We are also interested in having parishioners participate with us in selecting these ministries. Please complete the form, available in the Parish Hall, with your recommendation(s) and also indicate your interest in participating in the selection process. Place the form in the designated box by May 1st. We plan to select our recipient for the first quarter and announce our recipient for the 2nd quarter by May 15th. Any questions, contact Maryellen Young, Carrie Cone or Kären Ford.

THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS

The Mission to Seafarers is recruiting volunteers for our 2015 Cruise Ship Driving season.

Volunteer Drivers Wanted: The Mission to Seafarers is recruiting volunteer drivers to help us provide transportation for the seafarers working on the cruise ships this summer.

Cruise ship season runs from May through September. Volunteers drive our vans from Terminal 91 to area shopping centers from 9am-3pm on days ships are in port. You meet people from around the world, provide a great service and help promote our mission. Orientation and BBQ on Saturday, April 18, from 10am-2pm. For more information or to RSVP for the BBQ, email office.mts.seattle@gmail.com or call [206-935-3439](tel:206-935-3439).

BASEBALL WITH THE BISHOP

Saturday, May 30th at Cheney Stadium in Tacoma. Pregame barbeque buffet at 4:00pm, and the game starts at 5:05pm. Cost is \$25.50 which includes food, water and soda, reserved seats, pregame autographs and kids can run the bases after the game. Tickets are limited; orders must be received by April 24. Mail check and registration to Shannon Jergenson, 1551 10th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98102.



CATHEDRAL DAY

Register now for Cathedral Day, Saturday, April 18th, 10:30am-3:30pm, at St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle. Fee is \$5.00 per person including lunch. Join the dunk tank competition! Parishes can compete to see whose priest can raise the most \$\$ during their session in the dunk tank. There will be other fun games, projects for all ages as well. Take this great opportunity to meet friends from other congregations and to learn about different aspects of the Diocese.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
PARISH PICNIC
EDMONDS PARK
AUGUST 9**

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

April 12, Easter 2

What a directive for stewards we have today, *“grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ’s body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith.”* How is our “professing” going?

April 19 – Easter 3

Psalm 4:6 says, *“Many are saying, ‘Oh, that we might see better times! Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.’* There is an old saying – “If God seems far away, guess who’s moved?” As faithful stewards, we need to learn to stay close to God and to worship and thank Him at all times for all things. Who knows what ‘better times’ that might bring – or how we might become much more aware of the ‘light of his countenance’ in our lives?

April 26 – Easter 4

Hired hand or shepherd? Jesus says the hired hand runs away because he does not really care for the sheep. The shepherd, on the other hand, will lay down his own life for his flock. Do we run away from service to others, or are we willing to give of our own lives in the name of the God who loves us, and gave His all for us?

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 12 – Easter 2

Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2.2, John 20:29-31

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Carol Hicks

EM: Mary Fowler

April 19 – Easter 3

Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4

I John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48

8:00 Lector: Jeff Tobin

EM: Phil McClelland

10:30 Lector: Cara Munson

EM: Claudia Walker

April 26 – Easter 4

Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23

I John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Keith Oles

EM: Mary Fowler

May 3 – Easter 5

Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:24-30

I John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

May 10 – Easter 6

Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98

I John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

May 17 – Easter 7

Acts 1:15-17, 21-16, Psalm 1

I John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

May 24 – Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Romans 8:22-27,

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

May 31 – Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:2-8, Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

**Readers will be listed in the
April 30 issue.**

CONTACTING FR. BOB

Fr. Bob will be in his office:

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