

AROUND THE PARISH

as of April 15, 2016

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

COMING EVENTS

- 4/18 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
4/19 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
4/20 6:30pm, Soup Supper, PH
4/23 1:00-3:00pm, Pedals, Pipes & Pizza
Event, Sanctuary
4/25 6:30-7:30pm, Girls Scouts, SS
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
4/26 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
4/27 6:30pm, Bible Study, PH
4/28 6:30-9:30, Girl Scouts, PH
5/1 Remember the Food Bank
Sundays 9:15am, Bible Study, Annex

(PH = Parish Hall; SS = Sunday School)

PLANNING AHEAD

- +April 20, 6:30pm, Soup Supper, PH
+May 1, Food Bank Sunday
+June 11, 5:00pm, Baseball with the Bishop
+June 25, St. Alban's Day
+June 26, Legacy Sunday
+August 7, Annual Picnic, Edmonds Park



SOUP SUPPER FELLOWSHIP, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

Come join in the Soup Supper fellowship on
Wednesday, April 20, 6:30-8:00pm in the
Parish Hall.

The next three Soup Suppers, held on the
third Wednesday of the month, will include a
sharing of information and discussion about

the changing nature of the culture that sur-
rounds us and the impact on the church as we
know it. This topic is from a study of a num-
ber of books and reading that some of us have
been doing over the past several months. We
will explore what God is doing in the world
and how we might get on board. Help us
discern where the Spirit may be leading St.
Alban's in the future. Come and be a part of
this discussion!

Please bring soup, salad or dessert as you
are able. Questions? Contact Carrie Cone at
206-367-7402 or cmcone@uw.edu.



CATHEDRAL DAY -- SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 10:00am- 3:00pm

Come one, call all to Saint Mark's Cathedral
in Seattle! The day starts with a grand proces-
sion, beautiful parish banners and confirmands
from across the Diocese. Stay for paper air-
plane contest from the organ loft, tours of the
crypt, carnival games on the cathedral lawn
and much more! New this year: lunch from
Food Trucks. Everyone attending will receive
a voucher for a free entrée. Please RSVP to-
day (it's free) at ecww.org/cathedral-day-2016.

CAMP HUSTON

Summer time is Camp Huston time!
Campers can expect games, songs, hikes,
team-building, camp-outs, archery, swimming,
crafts campfire, variety shows, dances, friends,
nature and fun! Every evening closes with a
chapel/worship service planned by a different
discovery group each day. A full list of sum-
mer programs and registration information is
available a www.huston.org. Or the office can
be contacted at 360.793-0441.

MARCH FINANCIALS

Income for year to date through March continues slightly ahead of budget. Expenses are also on track. Because we budgeted for a priest, comparing expenses to budget is misleading, so those numbers are not listed. Although income exceeds expenses, any overage will help with the ultimate expenses of calling a priest.

Income (actual year-to-date)	41,346.31
(budget year-to-date)	40,692.00
(actuals minus budget)	654.31
Expense (actual year-to-date)	32,409.99
Income Minus Expenses	8,936.32

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

In April we are sending \$2,000 in checks of \$500 each to the four food banks that we support: Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace and North Helpline. This is possible because of special basket donations made the first Sunday of the month for food banks or donations designated "food bank" since September 2015. This equates to an average of \$285 a month that we donate for food banks. And that is not counting all of the food donated too.

Thank you for your generosity in support of this ministry. I'm sure the clients of the food banks who benefit appreciate this generosity too:

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There are many opportunities to help provide meaningful worship services at St. Alban's – being an usher or greeter, donating altar flowers, assisting with Sunday school, noticing and greeting visitors, providing coffee hour, pitching in on church grounds clean-ups, etc.

At present, we are in need of Lectors and/or Eucharistic Ministers, especially for our 10:30am service. A once-a-month commitment would be appreciated, but is not neces-

sary. Training is provided. Please contact Reilly Mannery if you would be interested in serving with this ministry.



BOTTOMLESS BACK PACK CONTINUES IN THE SUMMER

Chase Lake Community School continues to provide food to those students participating in the Bottomless Backpacking program. The need is especially critical during the summer when the kids no longer have access to free breakfast and lunch at school.

During May, we will be collecting items to support this cause. Suggested items are: peanut butter, canned tuna, canned Spam, which are all good protein options. Entrees in a can would be awesome (like ravioli, Spaghetti-Os) or cup-o-noodles, Easy Mac or similar easy-to-prepare entrees) because some of the kids who are home alone may be allowed to use the microwave for lunch. Boxes of cereal, crackers, snack or cereal bars, fruit snacks and canned fruits are also helpful. Please look for a container in the Parish Hall during May.

Any questions, please contact Maryellen Young, 425-776-2461 or maryelleny@comcast.net.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY

Copies of the next issue of Forward Day by Day are now available in the Parish Hall. This popular daily devotional provides daily meditations based on scripture readings appointed by the lectionary and Daily Office.

For many years now, the Episcopal Church Women have been providing this pamphlet as a service to our parishioners without charge. However, ECW funds are declining since there

are no longer major fund raisers like bazaars or rummage sales. If you would like to make a donation to this ministry, please put your contribution in the large glass jar on the table next to copies of Forward Day by Day.



EARTH DAY, APRIL 22

Will you make an Earth Day Pledge to be a Steward of Creation? Environmental Stewardship, stewardship of God's Creation, is an imperative to the Church.

Psalm 24 starts out, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it..." If we really believe this, it is an act of our love for God to take care of the earth and everything in it.

Here is a cafeteria list of activities from which to choose to **Celebrate Earth Day:**

- Wear green
- Use recycled grocery bags
- Recycle
- Plant a tree
- Use the local Farmers' Market
- Compost
- Use ceramic instead of plastic
- Carry water in reusable containers instead of plastic
- Switch to LED lighting

Happy celebrating "this fragile Earth, our island home"! (from Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP p. 370)

*Adapted from Lance Ousley's
Stewards' Stirrings, 4-18-16*

The heavens speak of the Creator's glory and the sky proclaims God's handiwork. (Psalm 19:2)

We pray, this day --

***Hold us accountable,
Guide us in your ways --
To protect, to serve, to hold precious
This glorious Earth in all its abundance.
Give us wisdom, that we may be faithful to
your will.
Give us restraint in our use of resources;
That this Earth on which we live,
This earth, that you made and sustain,
Will pass to our children, generation upon
generation.
We pray in your Holy Name. AMEN***

BASEBALL WITH THE BISHOP

Saturday June 11 at 5:00pm Gates open 4:00pm

Join Bishop Rickel and other Episcopalians for a night of baseball and family fun at Cheney Stadium. Participate in pregame autographs on the concourse and postgame Kids Run the Bases. Watch the Raniers take on the Reno Aces.

Group Express price of \$12.50 per person includes Reserved Seat game ticket, ballpark meal (hot dog, Tim's Cascade snack and bottled water) and complimentary "The Dirt" game program. For more information, contact Shannon Jergenson at 206-325-4200 or sjergenson@ecww.org.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

April 17 – Easter 4

Jesus outlines some promises for those who hear Him and believe. *"My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand."* How can our gratitude and corresponding generosity to God and others not be heightened if we trust those words? What blessed relief to know that our future with God is insured!

April 24 – Easter 5

Jesus gives a new commandment – “*Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another....everyone will know you are my disciples if you love one another.*” How better can we affirm that we are stewards and disciples than by loving God in return, and by using our gratitude and generosity to serve the needs of others?



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 17 – Easter 4

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

8:00 Lector: Jeff Tobin

EM: Phil McClelland

10:30 Lector: Barbara Lagozzino

EM: Claudia Walker

April 24 – Easter 5

Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Reilly Mannery

May 1 – Easter 6

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22.5

John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Jeff Tobin

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Claudia Walker

May 8 – Easter 7

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: “Youth”

EM: Reilly Mannery

May 15 – Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9

Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21

John 14:8-17, (25-27)

8:00 Lector: Jeff Tobin

EM: Phil McClelland

10:30 Lector: John Lehrack

EM: Susie Nichols

Also serving as Crucifer/Acolyte

1st Sunday at 10:30: Sam Wells

Other Sundays at 10:30: Emily Goergen

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
ST. ALBAN'S ANNUAL PICNIC
TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 7, 2016,
EDMONDS PARK, KITCHEN #1**

WHO TO CONTACT:

The person(s) to contact about putting an article in the ATP or the bulletin are as follows: Judy Kistner or Susie Nichols for the ATP and John Lehrack for the bulletin.

Please send your information to the office via email or contact the above.

ATP articles need to be received by the 12th or 26th of each month. Articles for the bulletin need to be received by Tuesday each week.