

AROUND THE PARISH

January 15, 2017

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

- 1/15 12:15pm, Worship Committee Mtg, PH
1/16 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
1/17 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
1/18 6:30pm, Soup Supper, PH
1/23 6:30pm, Girl Scouts, Sunday School
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
1/24 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
**1/29 9:30am, One Combined Service
followed by brunch and
Annual Parish Meeting**

PLANNING AHEAD

- 2/12 Selah Service, 7:00pm, Parish Hall
2/15 Soup Supper, 6:30pm, Parish Hall

UPCOMING SERVICE INFORMATION

St. Alban's Annual Parish Meeting is Sunday, January 29. There will be one service at 9:30am, followed by a light brunch, with the meeting scheduled for approximately 11:30am.

Fr. Jerry Shigaki will be our guest priest at both 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, January 22.

PRAYER FOR OUR CALL COMMITTEE

Almighty God, giver of every good gift:
Look graciously on your Church and so
guide with your Spirit the hearts and minds
of those who shall choose a priest for this
parish, that we may receive a faithful priest,
who will care for your people and equip us
for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are in the process of updating the Parish Directory. A draft of the directory will be in the Parish Hall for you to check; please note if there are changes in your phone, email, etc.

If you do not wish to receive Around the Parish by email, please let us know by calling the office at 425-778-0371, or by emailing the office at stalbansedmonds@gmail.com



SELAH SERVICE

Sunday, February 12, 2017, 7:00pm

Jeff Johnson, whose musical group performed a beautiful concert of Celtic music for St. Alban's and guests, also leads a Selah worship service, which combines silent prayer, simple choruses and hymns with readings from Scripture and prayers on the Christian Celtic tradition.

You are invited to attend this special service on Sunday, February 12, 2017, at 7:00pm. Please bring family and friends to share this unique service.

Funding for this service comes from St. Alban's Endowment Fund.

ISLAM, CHRISTIANITY & FRIENDSHIP

February 11, 5:30pm, Edmonds Lutheran

A dinner and lecture will be held February 11, 5:30pm, at Edmonds Lutheran Church. This is the third and final dinner and lecture in the series, "Islam, Christianity and Friendship." Save the date. More information will follow.

ST. MARK'S APPEAL

St. Alban's has received a letter from the Diocese addressing the need for construction projects which are necessary to secure and strengthen St. Mark's Cathedral. The Cathedral serves the entire Diocese and while the membership of St. Mark's has already begun the work of raising funds to repair and revitalize the facilities, the magnitude of the project requires funding beyond the capacity of St. Mark's membership.

All parishes in the Diocese received this letter and are asked to consider a financial commitment in order to see the project through to completion. They list several options for support, and each parish must prayerfully determine what is appropriate for them in their specific circumstances. The options include:

- Making a gift from our annual budget each year for three years starting with 2017.
- Having a congregational appeal each year for three years during a time such as the season of Lent.
- Hosting a special event for parish members to invite financial support.
- Making a gift from an endowment fund.
- Tithing from the proceeds of a capital campaign.

We were asked to reply to the Diocese by January 31 with our intentions. Because we had a very full agenda for our January Vestry meeting, this request will be referred to the new Vestry for consideration.



OUTREACH DONATIONS

During the 4th Quarter, we collected \$462 which will be donated to Cocoon House to provide support for homeless and at-risk young people.

For the 1st Quarter of 2017, the Outreach Donation organization selected is Ladybug House. The mission of Ladybug House is to build and operate a freestanding, community-based palliative care home for children in Seattle. Currently there are only two other children's hospices in the whole country. This organization was nominated by Shirley Clark.

If you have an organization you would like to nominate, please contact a member of the Outreach Donation Ministry: Carrie Cone, Connie Forsberg, Mary Fowler or Maryellen Young.



FOR GUIDANCE

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with *thy* most gracious favor, and further us with *thy* continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in *thee*, we may glorify *thy* holy Name, and finally, by *thy* mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

January 22 – 3 Epiphany

Psalm 27 begins, *“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?”* The world may fail us; our families and friends may even fail us, but God’s promise stands – he is always there to help us through. We cannot earn his love and care; it has been given to us freely and without reservation. All we have to do is ask with true willingness to have God come into our hearts and lives as our guardian and guide.

January 29 – 4 Epiphany

Here is an admonition that can undergird a steward’s daily life and govern our relationship with God and our neighbors, *...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and walk humbly with your God*”. How would our world look if more people engraved that saying on their hearts...and acted accordingly?

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

January 22 – 3 Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 5-13

1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23

8:00 Lector: Karen Ford

EM: Phil McClelland

10:30 Lector: Cindy Goergen

EM: Connie Forsberg

January 29 – 4 Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

One Service at 10:30

10:30 Lector: Reilly Mannery

EM: Dan Mullene

February 5 – 5 Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10)

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Mary Fowler

February 12 – 6 Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 or Sirach 15:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Mathew 5:21-37

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Roger Anderson

EM: Reilly Mannery

Serving as Acolyte

Sundays at 10:30: Emily Goergen

WHO TO CONTACT:

The person(s) to contact about putting an article in the ATP or the bulletin are as follows:

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