

AROUND THE PARISH

May 24, 2024

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.

PLEASE NOTE: There will not be an issue of *Around the Parish* next Friday, May 31. The next publication will be Friday, June 7.

SUNDAY – May 26

Trinity Sunday

8:00 & 10:30am, In-person, Indoor Services. Masking is currently voluntary; those who prefer to continue wearing their masks are encouraged to do so.

9:15am, Adult Bible study, Annex & Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNbmk1SW1PUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst

2:00-5:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Parish Hall

Go to <https://stalbansedmonds.org/> and click on either YouTube for Facebook to watch service online.

NOTE: No Facebook account? Watch the Sunday service on YouTube or later as a video on Facebook.



PRAYER FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, animate our living. Help us to forget ourselves, to get caught up in the mystery of your love and life. Let us never forget the need to care for the good of others. Never let us take for granted the mystery of life.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 5/27 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 5/28 6:30-9:00pm, Girl Scout Mtg, Parish Hall (Cookies)
- 5/29 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Facebook
- 5/30 1:00-3:30pm, Small Group Meeting, Parish Hall
7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sacristy
- 5/31 5:00-6:30pm, Episcoplayers Setup, PH & Sanctuary
- 6/1 7:00pm, Episcoplayers Event, Sanctuary/PH
(8:00am-10:00pm, Episcoplayers Setup, etc.)
- 6/3 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 6/4 4:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall
6:00-9:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall
- 6/5 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Facebook
- 6/6 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sacristy
- 6/7 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sacristy
- 6/8 Habitat Build
- 6/9 6:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Annex (Hybrid)
- 6/11 5:30-8:30pm, Recital, Parish Hall
- 6/13 1:30-3:30pm, Small Group Mtg, Parish Hall
- 6/15 11:00am, Indigenous Circle, Hibalb Culture Center
1:00-5:00pm, Recital, Parish Hall
- 6/19 6:00pm, Evening Prayer; 6:30pm, Supper/Program
- 6/22 5:00-7:00pm, Celebration of St. Albans, Parish Hall



DIOCESE OF OLYMPIA BISHOP ELECTION

On Saturday, May 18, 2024, The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia elected the Rev. Phil N. LaBelle as its next bishop. Bishop-Elect LaBelle currently serves as rector of St. Mark's Church in Southborough, Massachusetts. While in that diocese he co-led the Mission Strategy Committee, served on the Executive Committee and Diocesan Council, and directed the Fresh Start program.

Bishop-Elect LaBelle will be consecrated and installed as the ninth bishop of Olympia on September 14, succeeding Bishop Greg Rickel, who resigned on December 31, 2022. Bishop Provisional Melissa Skelton will continue serving as interim until that date.

ELECTING OUR NEW BISHOP FOR THE DIOCESE OF OLYMPIA



Two of our elected convention delegates – Pat Chandler and Eric Hanson -- attended the May 18, 2024, convention for the election of the new Bishop for the Diocese of Olympia. They have each written an article of their impressions and feelings regarding this important event in our diocese.

Pat Chandler

I know many of you watched the election process at St. Mark's Cathedral last Saturday, May 18. I am very grateful that I was present as one of two voting delegates representing the people of St. Alban's. I would like to share a few of my impressions about the process and my personal reactions.

The voting process was very well organized, explained and facilitated by Bishop Skelton who serves as our Bishop Provisional. After Morning Prayer, a brief practice session taught us how to use the electronic voting device.

Prior to the first and each of the following ballots, we all (155 Clergy and 229 Laity) participated in a structured prayer service that included a Scripture reading, silence, a Collect and music. The well-chosen hymns sung by almost 400 people were beautiful and inspirational. The sacristy was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit! A period of silence was followed by 2 minutes to vote. Then, we waited for about 40 minutes for the votes to be tabulated and announced to the candidates before being posted on the screen.

It took four ballots to reach the required majority vote by both the clergy and the laity. After his acceptance, our new bishop, the Rev Philip N. LaBelle, addressed us all via Zoom. (In case you are wondering, the ordination and consecration of our new bishop is scheduled for September 14, 2024.)

What a day! For me, Saturday was filled with learning, companionship, prayerful discernment, some anxiety, the joy of the Holy Spirit, and God's loving presence and peace. It was a cherished experience. Thank you.

Eric Hanson

On Saturday, May 18th, clergy and lay delegates met at St. Mark's Cathedral to elect a new Bishop for the Diocese of Olympia. Pat Chandler and I represented St. Alban's.

I found it a deep emotional and spiritual experience. It was clear from the start that the Diocese had the right

priority as we began with Morning Prayer and prayer, scripture, and hymn before each successive ballot.

The process was extremely deliberate; no question or objection was overlooked. The Holy Spirit was sought at every step. The crowd of delegates showed the utmost respect and gratitude for all four candidates. There was no politicking or partisanship.

On the fourth ballot, the Rev. Phil Labelle, from the Diocese of Massachusetts, was elected the Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia. I believe you will find him a warm, genuine, and humble person who has a deep love for Jesus. Thank you all for allowing me to be a delegate.



**BENEFIT FOR
FOOD BANK
Experience the
1940's
JUNE 1 at
7:00pm**

RADIO KLKL RETURNS

We introduced our KLKL radio station last year with our performance of "The Golden Age of Radio." We are excited to invite you to a new, one-day broadcast of our Version 2.

Bring all your friends, along with donations for the Food Bank, to visit the 1940's.



Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024 – As has been our custom in the past, we were treated to parishioners participating in Pentecost lessons in other languages. Giving us a taste of "foreign tongues" were Dan Mullene in Italian, Eric Hanson in German, Claire Norris in French, Judy Fleenor in Spanish.



**OUR FEEDING THE COMMUNITY EFFORTS
KEEP GETTING BETTER ALL THE TIME!**

By Dan Mullene and Lee Forsberg

If there's one thing that St. Alban's has become known for, it's our commitment to responding to the food insecurity in our community.

Food Bank Table

Our Food Bank Guru, Lee Forsberg, is asking us to continue to stock the Food Table in the Parish Hall. "It stands alone there in the Parish Hall with arms out, waiting for gifts. Please don't let her down." Each item or two, or three you contribute each week adds up, as you saw from the last Food Drive earlier this month. PLEASE continue to answer the plea for food donations, and let's load up that table again!! This food becomes the foundation for the Drive-by food collections. Last time about 25 people from the community added to the food that we had collected, bringing the total to 968 pounds of food and \$420.



The way in which our congregation has responded with donations, and the wonderful job of collecting and distributing donations by Lee Forsberg and his many helpers, is a testament to how important this special ministry is to us.

Food Distribution

On the 2nd Wednesday of the month the Edmonds Food Bank brings a truck with food that is distributed with the help of food bank volunteers, Jim Gilman, and his crew of helpers. Many people in our community regularly show up to take advantage of this food distribution opportunity.

Blessings Pantry

Now, with the encouragement of Fr. Greg, we are making even more enhancements to serve those in need. After receiving support from Greg and the Vestry, we have made our food donations even more accessible to our community by moving the Food Pantry Cabinet outside of the church to the north side. With this improvement, we have greatly expanded the ability to get food at times when the church is not open, or a truck is not available.

The cabinet was replenished for its new outside location on the north side of the church by Theresa and Chase Clark and Dan Mullene. None of the food was taken from the table in our parish hall, which is where we collect items to support Lee's Food Bank support efforts.

We will monitor this new arrangement to help make it as productive as possible for serving those in need of food options.

Food Donations

We encourage church members to continue to bring food when you come to church or come for other events. You can simply put food on the table in the Parish Hall. This food will support the Food Bank and Drive-by Food drives. You can put food in the pantry so that it is available whenever someone in need stops by the church. Either place supports those in need of food in our community.

If you have any questions, please speak to Lee or Dan or any Vestry member. And we thank you for your continued support. Without you, none of this would be possible.



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

St. Alban's is blessed with a beautiful place to worship and gather -- large, beautiful grounds and a lovely, peaceful place for services and fellowship. Like our own homes, however, it all needs periodic attention.

Phil McClelland, as Vestry Junior Warden for Buildings & Grounds, is asking for assistance from parishioners in maintaining our property and house of worship. Most of the tasks are routine and others as the needs arise. They can be accomplished by volunteers in short periods of time. The varying tasks can be done in

the volunteer's spare time, alone or with another parishioner, some with Phil.

Please answer this call for help. Everyone wants to be proud of our church and its appearance in our neighborhood. You can reach Phil at 425-446-2355 or see him at church.



GET READY TO CELEBRATE **ST. ALBAN'S DAY, JUNE 22ND**

Dan Mullene, Endowment Fund Board Member

If you are a faithful reader of the "Around the Parish" newsletter (and of course you are!), in the May 17th issue you saw a short note about the upcoming celebration of St. Alban's Day, sponsored by the Endowment Fund Board and the Vestry.

On June 22nd at 5:00pm, we will gather to enjoy appetizers and beverages. June 22nd is also the feast day of Saint Alban, and we are fortunate it's on a Saturday this year (great planning on our part).

This year we will also be celebrating our 70th year as a congregation, as recognized by the Diocese of Olympia. Georgia LaBelle, Donna Hoffman, and Phil McClelland will be on hand to share a few memories of our beginnings.

Talking about our 70th year brings thoughts of the 70's to mind—the 1970's that is. We're going to add memories from that decade into our celebration, so, you will definitely want to come and see what we do!

Everyone is invited. Endowment Fund Board members Jeannie Burpee, Mona Carter, Robert Chaffee, Mary Fowler, Keith LaBelle, Dan Mullene, Harvey Smith, and Maryellen Young all look forward to seeing you at the party!

CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY ASSESSMENT

Liz Bee, Senior Warden

It's Coming! The Congregational Vitality Assessment!

Starting May 29th, everyone will have access to this online questionnaire about our congregation. The link to access it will be published next week so you can join in and help us find out how well we are doing as a congregation. The questionnaire takes 20-30 minutes, so choose a time that you can complete it without interruption. We will have access to the questionnaire for two weeks.

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Phone Number

Judy Fleenor

Cell only: 206-954-3017



MINISTRY FOCUS

(What and How We Operate)

Jan Skidmore, People's Warden

Adult Education – These classes, in person and available via Zoom, are held in the Annex on Sunday Mornings from 9:15-10:00am. Lead by Eric Hanson, who offers a variety of study options – Books of the Bible, as well as other related subjects throughout the year. Eric entertainingly uses history as a basis for the studies. All are welcome at any time.

Children's Education – Shannon Duggan, Director of Children's Education, is present every Sunday to welcome children. Per safety regulations, Liz Bee accompanies them in the classroom. Shannon teaches stories from scripture readings, provides coloring sheets, which are also available in the church foyer for children attending services with parents.



APRIL 2024 FINANCIALS

Maryellen Young, Treasurer

Income for April was \$15,517 compared to a budget of \$13,259 or \$2,258 over budget. Pledges and Unpledged Contributions continue to run ahead of budget. We did get an additional, unplanned contribution and a late arriving prepaid pledge so the Jan-Mar donation was recorded. Year-to-date income was \$65,083 compared to a budget of \$55,804 or \$9,279 over budget.

Expenses for April were \$17,712 compared to a budget of \$18,038 or **(\$326)** under budget. Year-to-date expenses were \$66,752 compared to a budget of \$67,280 or **(\$528)** under budget. Utilities are running about \$1,300 under budget, primarily because of delays in approval of new, higher rates. Overall expenses are close to budget.

The Financial Review (Simplified Audit) was completed by the committee of Cyndi Jacobson, Susan Hanson, and Jan Skidmore.

We have spent **(\$1,669)** more than we have received.

Total Income	\$65,083
Total Budget	\$55,804
Income minus Budget	\$9,279
Total Expenses	\$66,752
Total Budget	\$67,280
Expenses minus Budget	(\$528)

SILVER YEARS' SNICKERS

One minute you're young and fun. Next, you're turning down the stereo to see better.

I'm a multitasker. I can listen, ignore, and forget all at the same time.

If you can't think of a word, say, "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.

I'm at a place in my life where errands are starting to count as going out.

I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.

(Anonymous Contributor)



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

MAY 26 – TRINITY SUNDAY

For God so loved the world that he gave his Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life. If we believe in Him, He will know that by the lives we live, and the thanks we give for that (as the 1928 BCP says) inestimable gift – and that's what stewardship is all about!

JUNE 2 – 2ND PENTECOST

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus is being watched by the "rule-keepers," to see if they might find ways to condemn Him. But as in all His life, Jesus acted in the loving way – allowing the disciples to pick grain for food and healing the man's withered hand. Do we as stewards

and apprentices of Jesus remember to make our life decisions in the loving way God has modeled for us over and over?

JUNE 9 – 3RD PENTECOST

"O God, from whom all good proceeds..." If, therefore, all the good in our lives comes from God, how can we best be grateful and thankful for our many blessings? Perhaps the Holy Habits of prayer, scripture study, active participation in our parish community, care for others, and generous giving can help us reflect that "good-ness" to others.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

MAY 26 – TRINITY SUNDAY

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29 or Canticle 2 or Canticle 13
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

Collect for Trinity Sunday

Almighty and Everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

JUNE 2 – 2ND PENTECOST

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6

Collect for 2nd Pentecost

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

JUNE 9 – 3RD PENTECOST

1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)
Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

NOTE: Fr. Greg is currently on Sabbatical Leave. For emergency or other inquiries, please contact:

Administrative/Business: Liz Bee, Senior Warden,
eabee@juno.com, 206-795-5594

Pastoral Care: Jim Gilman

Discretionary Fund: Dan Mullene, Jim Gilman

Church Office: stalbansedmonds@gmail.com or
425-778-0371

Sabbatical Pastor: Pastor David Hahn



CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

*Mail check – 21405 82nd Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98926

*Drop off through slot in Fr. Greg's door.

*Bank Bill Pay – have bank send check to St. Alban's

*Online, go to www.StAlbansEdmonds.org and click on
"Donate Now."

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank

2nd week—Discretionary Fund

3rd week—Outreach

4th week—International Relief

5th Week—Indigenous Women Support

ST. ALBAN'S CURRENT OFFICE HOURS

Monday 10:30 - 12:30pm; 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Wednesday 2:00 - 4:00pm

Friday 10:30 - 12:30pm; 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Please contact the Office, (425) 778-0371 or

stalbansedmonds@gmail.com to make an appointment.

In case of something urgent or an emergency, please call Liz

Bee at 206-795-5594.

PRAYER MINISTRIES

Contact Sheilah Reidburn at sheilahreidburn@comcast.net
or 206-427-1920.

Prayers of the People:

Prayers of the People are used during Sunday worship.

Prayer Chain:

About a dozen people pray regularly for members of the congregation or other friends and relatives as requested.

Prayer Shawls:

Prayer shawls are available for those in need of comfort during challenging times.