

## AROUND THE PARISH

July 9, 2021

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.

### SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

**Sunday Eucharist** on Facebook or YouTube, 10:30am.

7/11 **10:30am, In-Person, indoor service for those fully vaccinated.**

**Rev. Jonathan Hanneman presiding**

7/11 **Templo Emanuel, 1:00-5:00pm**

7/18 **8:00am / 10:30am, In-Person, indoor service for those fully vaccinated.**

**NOTE:** If you don't have a Facebook account, you can watch the Sunday service on YouTube or later as a video on the Facebook link.



Fr. Greg is on vacation until July 16, biking in SW Wisconsin with a long-time friend. He returns for services on Sunday, July 18.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

7/10 **Lazy Hazy Days of Summer Food Drive, 10:00am – 2:00pm**

7/12 **Boy Scouts, 7:00pm, Parish Hall**

7/14 **Evening Prayer, 6:00pm, Facebook**

7/14 **Food Bank Distrib, Park Lot, 3:00-5:00pm**

7/15 **Templo Emanuel, 7:00-9:00pm, Sanctuary**

7/16, 17, 18 **6:00-9:00pm, Glory of Christ Int'l Church, Sanctuary – Pending**

At long last, our 8:00am service will return on July 18. We are continuing to practice caution by wearing masks and sitting at safe distances in the pews. And, there is still a need for layreaders and Altar Guild helpers!

As noted in last week's ATP, the Governor and Bishop Rickel have lifted Covid restrictions. The Bishop is leaving it up to the leadership in individual congregations as how to proceed with these changes. Recognizing that we are still in a pandemic and that the Delta variant is still proliferating, Bishop Rickel recommends we all proceed with caution. At St. Alban's, we will maintain our current restrictions until Fr. Greg returns from vacation on July 18. At that time, he will consult with the medical professionals in the congregation, with Deacon Jim Gilman and with our Vestry wardens to reassess what restrictions, if any, will be retained.

### CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

- Mail check to church  
21405-82<sup>nd</sup> Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98026
  - Drop off through the slot in Greg's door.
  - Bank Bill Pay – ask bank to send check to St. Alban's
- Online go to  
and click on "Donate Now."

God's splendor is a tale that is told, written in the stars. Space itself speaks his story through the marvels of the heavens. His truth is on tour in the starry vault of the sky, showing his skill in creation's craftsmanship. Each day gushes out its message to the next, night by night whispering its knowledge to all.

Psalm 19:1-2



### FOOD DRIVE BY – SATURDAY, JULY 10

This **Saturday, July 10, 10:00am – 2:00pm**, is the date of our next community food drive. This may be a time when some of us are on vacation or just busy with summer activities, but the great need for food in our community continues. Summer is also a time when many children are home from

school where they have been receiving breakfasts and lunches five days a week. Along with some of our neighborhood members, we have done an amazing job of late!!

Lee Forsberg and his helpers will be here to welcome you and help with your donations. Any and all non-perishable items are needed – peanut butter, jams/jellies, canned and dried beans, tuna, canned chicken, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and sauce, canned fruits and vegetables. Baby foods are needed, as well as food for treasured house pets.

Let's keep setting new records with the amount of our donations!



### **CELEBRATE ST. ALBAN'S APPETIZER & WINE EVENT**

**Saturday August 7, 2021**, is the date for Celebration of St. Alban's. This annual Appetizer and Wine Party is back after a year's absence and a little later than normal due to Covid. It will be held from **5:00 to 7:00 pm** and outside, weather permitting.

And this year is a real celebration after two previous events were fund raisers for our capital campaign. This year our capital campaign projects are completed, and we can celebrate the repair of the back wall of the Sunday School wing paid for with a legacy gift from John Kistner.

Wine, non-alcohol beverages and appetizers are being provided by the Endowment Board and Vestry. You won't want to miss this evening of fun and fellowship.



### **DAY-BY-DAY REFLECTION**

July's meditations were contributed by Jenny Currier, a travel and food writer with a home in Rhode Island and a heart set in Greece. She is a cradle Episcopalian.

*Psalm 145:19 – The Lord is near to those who call upon him, to all who call upon him faithfully.*

A friend spends five minutes a day praying for his children. That may not sound like a lot, but

after seventeen years, it adds up! It's had a beautiful effect on his children's lives – and on my friend.

This practice gave me an idea. I'd been struggling with a broken relationship for nearly a decade, so I thought I would pray five minutes a day for him. Surely that would heal him and fix our relationship, right? Soon after, however, he stopped talking to me altogether and things (as I perceived them) disintegrated even further.

*What's the deal, Lord?* Months later, I realized God never asked me for this "sacrifice" of prayer. It seemed holy at the time, but after examining my heart, I realized I was praying because I wanted God to do what I wanted rather than the other way around.

God asks us to be faithful. Our actions may seem like they're pleasing to God, but our motivations need to match. God is interested in our hearts, not our sacrifices.

### **FORWARD DAY BY DAY COPIES**

Copies of the latest issue of Forward Day by Day – August/September/October – are currently available. They will be in the Parish Hall this Sunday and in the "Brown Box" outside the Sacristy door. If you need a copy mailed to you, please contact the church office at 425-778-0371.



### **PATHWAYS FOR WOMEN 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER OUT-REACH**

**YWCA Pathways for Women**, our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter outreach donation basket recipient, has provided safe housing and resources for single women and mothers with children experiencing homelessness in Snohomish County for more than two decades.

YWCA Pathways for Women is a 45-day emergency shelter for single adult women and mothers with children. They strive to give all clients the opportunity to find decent, affordable, and safe housing for themselves and their children. Clients have their own room and meet regularly with an advocate to develop and execute a Housing Stability Action Plan. In 2018 we donated \$600 to this worthwhile organization.

## WHATCHA READING?



The Rose Code, by Kate Quinn, is a fictional, historical novel of three women who answer the call to the mysterious country estate Bletchley Park, where the best minds in Britain train to break German military codes. The women couldn't be more different – one a wealthy debutante who has everything, one from the poverty of East London, and one a shy, but brilliant, local village spinster.

This is an era when women were typists, but these women prove to be extraordinary - intelligent, dedicated and working tirelessly to help save the world from the Nazis. They become trained codebreakers, working in top secret, not allowed to share their work with anyone, not even each other.

The three are thrown together in a barracks-type situation with none of the comforts of home. They each have their own stories and lives and become friends, but war, loss and the impossible pressure of secrecy tear them apart. A spy at Bletchley Park is suspected, then confirmed – but who? This situation is not resolved until after the war.

A very good story based on actual events of WW2.

*(Note: Bletchley Park is a story in itself. Check it out on the internet – Wikipedia.)*

Judy Kistner



### BENEDICT OF NURSIA (died c. 540)

#### Abbot of Monte Cassino

#### Founder of Western Monasticism

The serious breakdown of society and authority in fifth century Europe led many to run away from society and hide as hermits, hating and despairing of humanity. Benedict of Nursia instead entered on a brave new venture. At Subiaco, and later at Monte Cassino (both in Italy), he founded the first monastic communities of Western Europe.

He drafted a firm but reasonable "Rule" for these communities. He was never ordained and his

communities were composed only of laymen at first. Their lives centered around the daily offices. When they were not praying and studying scripture, they were engaged in manual labor and in works of charity. Like the early Christians, they held all property in common.

Benedict attracted little attention in his own lifetime, but after his death, as the monasteries grew and spread, so did his fame. The Benedictine monasteries became little islands where a man could still learn to love God and his fellow man and truly practice the Christian religion in his whole life. These communities operated schools, orphanages, hospitals and assumed many of the functions of state.

Benedictine monks were largely responsible for the conversion and civilization of England. Westminster Abbey was for centuries a Benedictine house.

(Calendar of Saints, Forward Movement publication)



### DIOCESE OFFERINGS FOR YOUNG

#### ADULTS (Check Diocese website for details)

**Wilderness Pilgrimage** – Friday, July 30, 5:00pm – Monday, August 2, 2:00pm. Grab your backpack for a 3-day trek into the Central Cascades with a group of young adults around the Diocese. Registration \$150 per person; scholarships available.

**A Holy Waste of Time** – Friday, August 20, 4:00pm – Sunday, August 22, 1:00pm. Adults in their 20s and 30s from around the Diocese of Olympia are invited to the annual weekend of fun, friendship, faith and blessed time-wasting at St. Andrews House, a gorgeous rustic lodge situated on the Hood Canal with the Olympic Mountains just beyond. Registration \$110 per person; scholarships available.

**Fr. Greg is on vacation from July 2 – 16. In case of an emergency, contact Deacon Jim Gilman, 425-409-1374. Parish Administrator Jeannie Wells is out of the office until July 14. Please call or email the office with questions or issues. Emails and voicemails will be regularly checked.**

## FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg



jokes

From Dave Wilson

### NOW THAT I'M OLDER.....

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

I'm getting tired of being part of a major historical event.

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

My goal for 2020 was to lose 10 pounds. Only have 14 to go!

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### JULY 11 – 7 PENTECOST

Ephesians says in part... *"In him, we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace he lavished on us..."* Can we even begin to comprehend the riches of his grace freely given to us, and if we do, will we commit to a life of service and thankfulness for those many gifts?

### JULY 18 – 8 PENTECOST

Jesus recognizes that the disciples may be in danger of what we today call "burnout." He urges them to *"come aside and rest awhile."* What kind of resting stewardship do we practice in our own hectic or otherwise complicated lives? How much quiet time do we give to God in prayer, study, and meditation to help us "recharge our spiritual batteries" and continue in faithful, loving service to the God who has given us all?

## READINGS

### JULY 11 – 7 PENTECOST

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

### July 11 – Collect

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

### JULY 18 – 8 PENTECOST

2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Psalm 89:20-37  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

### WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank  
2nd week—Discretionary Fund  
3rd week—Outreach – Pathways for Women  
4th week—Capital Improvements  
5<sup>th</sup> Week—One Thousand Days of Light (ERD)



### ST. ALBAN'S YouTube CHANNEL

There is an alternative option for viewing our Worship services, and you now have two options for your viewing: Facebook or YouTube. In the center of our website front page, there is a link to YouTube, pictured above. If you have problems with Facebook, try YouTube.

### 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 - 4:00pm

The office isn't open on Sundays, but there are people around from 9:00am - 1:00pm. Before and after services, people are available for quick business activities.

To maintain social distancing and minimize any possible exposures to Covid-19, please observe the following:

- Please contact the Office, (425) 778-0371 or to make an appointment [stalbansedmonds@gmail.com](mailto:stalbansedmonds@gmail.com).
- Wear a mask.