

AROUND THE PARISH

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.



MAY 20, 2022

SUNDAY – May 22, 2022

10:30am, Sunday Eucharist on Facebook/YouTube

8:00 & 10:30am, In-person, Indoor Services for those fully vaccinated

9:00am, Adult Bible study, Annex & Zoom – Class is currently studying Acts

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

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst

9:00am – 12:30pm, Parish Directory Photographs

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

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



Fr. Greg Peters

What leads an eighteen year old to think that killing as many black people as possible will make his own life more secure? his society safer? fulfill God's plan for humanity?

Honestly, I don't have a clue.

May God have mercy on his soul.

Jesus was so right when he said that we would always have the poor with us. In cases like this it is a poverty of soul. The poverty that cannot see the divine in each precious person. The poverty that confines and constricts God's presence into one caricature of humanity. The poverty that twists creative, live-giving, awe inspiring, divine love into death dealing hatred. Maybe that's a good definition of hatred and evil – death dealing.

This is the poverty, too, of courage. The poverty that tries to hide vulnerability in the guise of bravado and violence; truly a false strength, a false pride. The courage to face one's own vulnerabilities, weaknesses, and fears, to own them and not project them on to others.

May God have mercy on his soul.

Honestly, who isn't vulnerable at 18? The world is wide open to us. Our lives could go in so many directions. We're just stepping into adulthood. It's exhilarating and completely daunting, maybe even terrifying. Some of us put on this false armor of strength, determination, invincibility.

Most of us -- if we really admit it, if we really know ourselves -- are just keeping our feet pointed downstream, our heads above water, face up, and looking ahead for the boulders, fallen trees, and waterfalls. Exhilarated by the cold water, the speed of the river, and avoiding the dangerous bits. And

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

5/23 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

**5/25 1:30-3:00pm, With Gladness, Parish Hall
6:00pm, Evening Prayer**

**5/26 4:30-5:30pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall
7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sacristy**

5/27 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Annex

WHAT'S COMING DOWN THE ROAD.....

**6/4 10:00am-2:00pm, Drive By Food Drive
10:30am, ECW Coffee, with guest speaker
Judy Fleenor**

7:00pm, John Lehrack Farewell Tour

6/18 5:00-7:00pm, St. Alban's Celebration

6/19 St. Alban's Legacy Sunday, Farewell to John

CONTRATULATIONS TO WEST EDMONDS CO-OP PRESCHOOL FOR THEIR VERY SUCCESSFUL RUMMAGE SALE ON MAY 13/14. THEIR HARD WORK AND PLANNING NETTED THEM \$2,700 FOR EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES. WAY TO GO!!!

really thankful for the life vest; hoping and praying we get to a calm pool before hypothermia sets in.

The armor of invincibility ultimately drags some down and they are lost. That life vest of humility keeps others afloat.

It's classic, right out of tyranny's playbook: tell people that they are in danger, threatened; find their fears, make them monstrous, immense, everywhere, invasive; and you can manipulate and control them, play them like puppets. Then feed them the filth of blame and give them a scapegoat to unleash their fears on.

The Nazi's used the Jews. Putin uses the "Nazis" of Ukraine. Ultra-nationalists use immigrants. White Supremacists use everyone else of different skin tone.

Look deeply enough and we all have our inner tyrant and our own scapegoats. That's part of our own soul work – to recognize that which we fear most, to pray for the grace to leave the scapegoats in peace, and to seek and serve Christ in all those who come into our lives – to understand them as fellow pilgrims on the holy journey of life. This is life-long work.

(An aside about Christian Nationalism: has there ever been a more illogical, unbiblical, or ridiculous aberration? The two words are mutually exclusive, incompatible, and diametrically opposed. By its very nature, from its inception, at its core, in its beginning and to its ultimate end, Christianity is extranational, international, universal. Pentecost and the last chapters of Revelation witness to both the origin and fulfillment of God's calling for the Beloved Community which is Christianity. When you encounter the concepts, tropes, arguments for anything to do with Christian Nationalism, in any of its manifestations, you know you are in the presence of deceit and treachery – outright lies.)

I John 4:18 reminds us that "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love."

May God have mercy on our souls, the soul of our nation, and the soul of our world.

Memorial

The Canon Rev. Carla Robinson, who joined us as a guest priest on May 1, 2022, has sent the following message to Fr. Greg and other churches.

Greetings Beloveds,

When I heard about what had happened in Buffalo on Saturday, I was hit hard. For me, it was personal. AGAIN.

Sometimes, the "Why" behind a mass shooting is hard to decipher. We scratch our heads and fail to come up with a motivation that fits the horrible attacks we see. With the attack in Buffalo, however, the motivation is not so mysterious. It's an old evil: racial hatred. As I write this, I am still reeling. However, this is what I'm doing today.

I mourn the loss of those precious lives. And I say their names:

Roberta A. Drury of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 32
Margus D. Morrison of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 52
Andre Mackneil of Auburn, N.Y. – age 53
Aaron Salter of Lockport, N.Y. – age 55
Geraldine Talley of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 62
Celestine Chaney of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 65
Heyward Patterson of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 67
Katherine Massey of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 72
Pearl Young of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 77
Ruth Whitfield of Buffalo, N.Y. – age 86

I hold in my prayers for healing those who've been injured, outwardly and inwardly.

I join those who are anguished and angry, weary and weeping, fearful and frustrated.

I rededicate myself by the blood of the Crucified One, by the loss of loved ones, by the tears of my ancestors and by the pain of my siblings, to the work God has called us all to do:

- To sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
- To strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being,
- To love mercy and do justice and walk humbly with God.

This is what I'm doing today. In the days ahead I pray God's blessing upon what I'll do next and upon what we will do next.

In Love and Service,
Carla



DRIVE-BY FOOD DRIVE COMING

Get your wagons, baskets and grocery bags ready to load up and bring non-perishable foods to St. Alban's Drive-by Food Drive on **Saturday, June 4, from 10:00am to 2:00pm.**

How great would it be if we could break our outstanding record of 4,000 pounds total donated in 2021!! We know it can be done, especially with so many bringing donations on Sundays. Granted, food prices are high for everyone these days, but if we can donate several items each per week, we can break last year's total.

Good prices can be found at Costco and Winco, and other stores with their weekly leader items. Food drives are a great way for us to help our neighbors and all those struggling to provide family meals. Lives can be changed in unforeseen ways. Providing food can make an enormous difference in so many lives!



ECW COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

Hats not required. Just come for some fun and fellowship on **Saturday, June 4, 10:30am - 12:00pm** in the Parish Hall. It has been difficult to get together the past few years, so there is lots of catching up to be done.

Coffee, tea and some refreshments will be served, and Judy Fleenor will be our guest speaker projecting what Erma might have to say about today's world and our lives.

JOHN LEHRACK PRESENTS



Before he departs for San Francisco in mid-June, our treasured Piano Man is presenting a couple of special performances – John's "Farewell (Seattle) Tour." John will be performing at

St. Alban's on Saturday, June 4, at 7:00pm

Seattle First Baptist on Sunday, June 5, 4:00pm

You won't want to miss this performance by John. Anyone who has heard him play knows how very gifted he is – piano, organ and voice. We see one side of him at St. Alban's. Join the upcoming concert to appreciate how truly exceptional a performer he is as well.

Performance tickets are \$20 and available online at www.johnlehrackmusic.com/shop. Tickets will also be sold at the door.



Parishioner Harvey Smith began his project of creating a St. Alban's photo directory at the Soup Supper on May 18. The second photo shoot will be done this **Sunday, May 22, 9:00am – 12:30pm**. The third and final parish photographs will be taken on **Sunday, May 29, 9:00am – 12:30pm**.

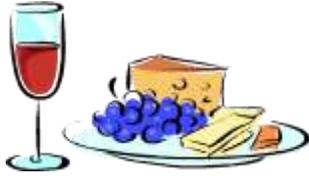
We are so grateful to Harvey for volunteering to take on this task. It will be particularly helpful to new-comers and will assist the rest of us in learning (remembering!) names of our church family members.

Photos can be of individuals, couples or families. It is hoped we can all step up to the camera. Even if you don't like having your picture taken, or are not able to attend church regularly, join in any way. With two services, we are not all together often and may not recognize names of those we are praying for. The photo directory will help us connect as one family.

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE:

New Email Address:

Pat Chandler: pchandler547@gmail.com



CELEBRATE ST. ALBAN’S

Join in the Celebration of St. Alban’s on **Saturday June 18, 2022, from 5:00 – 7:00pm**, and enjoy our Annual Appetizer and Wine Party. This is a fellowship gathering for all our parishioners.

Appetizers, wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages are being provided by the Endowment Board and the Vestry. We are blessed that John Lehrack will be with us, providing music. You won’t want to miss this evening of fun and fellowship.



APRIL FINANCIALS

Maryellen Young, Treasurer

Financials through April continue to look good. Thank you to everyone for your donations and support.

Income for April was \$16,588 compared to a budget of \$19,640 or (\$3,052) under budget. Year-to-date income is \$66,951 compared to a budget of \$67,004 or (\$54) under budget. Our Easter donations at \$1,365 exceeded our budget of \$1,100. Other categories are close to budget.

Expenses for April were \$17,629 compared to a budget of \$17,691 or (\$62) under budget. Year-to-date expenses are \$65,401 compared to a budget of \$67,597 or (\$2,196) under budget. As we return to in-person worship activities and start purchasing coffee hour items, expenses will start increasing.

Year to date we have received \$1,549 more income than we have spent on expenses.

Total Actual Income	\$66,951
Total Budget Income	\$67,004
Total Actual Income minus Budget	(\$54)
Total Actual Expenses (year-end)	\$65,401
Total Budget Expenses (year-end)	\$67,597
Total Actual Expenses minus Budget	(\$2,196)



OUTREACH BASKET OPPORTUNITIES

Clothes For Kids is the recipient of our 2nd quarter outreach donations from our 3rd week basket. Clothes For Kids provides quality clothing for thousands of students in a retail store environment, where kids and teens can pick out their own clothes with their families.

World Central Kitchen (WCK) is our 4th Week Basket recipient to support the crisis with Ukraine for the month of May through June 5th. WCK is serving millions of fresh meals to Ukrainian families fleeing home as well as people remaining in the country.

MEANINGFUL MOVIES – “TRANSHOOD”

St. Timothy Episcopal Church, Chehalis and Meaningful Movies Offered by the Episcopal Church in Western Washington offer a screening of “Transhood.” Filmed over five years in Kansas City, Transhood chronicles the lives of four young people (age 4, 7, 12, and 15 at the start of filming) and their families as they navigate growing up transgender in America’s heartland. By sharing personal realities of how gender expression is reshaping their lives, the film explores how these families struggle and stumble through parenting, and how the kids are challenged and transformed as they experience the complexity of their identities.

[Free- Register Here](#)

ST. AUGUSTINE (d. 605)
First Archbishop of Canterbury
Apostle to the Anglo-Saxons



Augustine and a group of monks were sent to Britain by Pope Gregory in 597. Three centuries prior to this, Christianity had been introduced to the British Isles during the Roman occupation. However, when the Roman forces withdrew, the pagan Anglo-Saxons invaded the Isles and forced the Christians to flee into the hills and forests of Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, or to face a tenuous existence in England. Augustine found that his task was not only to convert the Anglo-Saxons but also to re-establish

contacts between the British (or Celtic) and Roman churches.

Now, Augustine seems to have been a rather timid and reticent fellow who had accepted this assignment with something less than enthusiasm. He did not speak the Anglo-Saxon tongue and was terrified at the prospect of confronting these notorious savages. He was relieved and delighted upon landing in Britain to find that the Anglo-Saxon queen, Bertha, was already a Christian and that the king was not unfriendly. The latter, King Ethelbert, eventually was converted and in time most of his subjects followed suit.

Augustine established his cathedral at Canterbury in Kent. This was destined to become the most important bishopric in England and the mother diocese of the Anglican Communion. Archbishops of Canterbury are still said to hold the “Chair of Augustine.”

“STARTING OVER IN PRAYER”

**Workshop for All
Father Martin L. Smith**

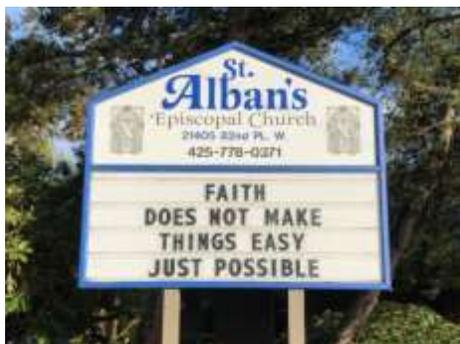
**Wednesday, June 1, 9:30am – 2:30 pm
Saint Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral and Zoom**

These difficult Covid years have left many of us in need of a “reboot” in our prayer. Join in for this time of reflection, prayer and discussion about being emotionally honest with God just now, and open again to more real intimacy with God.

Fr. Martin Smith is well known throughout the Episcopal Church and beyond for his roving ministry of spiritual formation in retreats and workshops, as well as an author.

FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg



From Dave Wilson

Several days ago as I left a meeting at our church, I desperately gave myself a personal TSA pat down. I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing.

Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My wife has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. Her theory is that the car will be stolen. As I burst out through the doors of the church, I came to a terrifying conclusion. Her theory was right. The parking lot was empty.

I immediately called the police. I gave them my location confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen. Then I made the most difficult call of all.... “Honey,” I stammered. I always call her “honey” in times like these. “I left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen.”

There was a period of silence. I thought the call had been dropped, but then I heard her voice. “Idiot,” she barked. “I dropped you off!”

Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, “Well, come and get me.”

She retorted, “I will as soon as I convince this policeman that I have not stolen your car!”

Yep, it’s getting like that. The “golden years.”

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

MAY 22 – EASTER 6

Psalm 67 says in part: *“The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God give us his blessing.”* And surely we have been blessed with untold riches and blessings; may we covenant to return generously to God and to serve others in his name as a sign of our heartfelt gratitude.

MAY 29 – EASTER 7

Jesus prays with the Disciples, *“I ask not only on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they all may be one.”* And guess what? We are some of “those who will believe in me through their word.” Down through the ages, these words have been repeated and reread, and thought we certainly are not yet all one, one of the ways we can show our gratitude to our

Creator and Redeemer is to be part of that continuing band of the faithful who are eager to spread the Good News.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

MAY 22 – EASTER 6 (Rogation Sunday)

Acts 16:9-15

Psalms 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22.5

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

Collect for Easter 6

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

MAY 29 – EASTER 7

Acts 16:16-34

Psalms 97

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

John 17:20-26

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."

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

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

- Please contact the Office, (425) 778-0371 or stalbansedmonds@gmail.com to make appointment.
 - Wear a mask.
- In case of something urgent or an emergency, please call Greg Peters on his cellphone at (206) 778-1506.

GREG'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30am – 2:30 pm, Home
Wednesday Church Office – 10:00am – 2:00 pm
(Available by appointment)
Via email: gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com
Cell: 206-778-1506
SUNDAYS--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm
(Available by appointment)

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank
2nd week—Discretionary Fund
3rd week—World Vision
4th week—Ukraine Refugee Offering
5th Week—One Thousand Days of Light (ERD)

PRAYER MINISTRIES

Contact Sheilah Reidburn kiwicat1@gmail.com or 425-745-1390

Prayers of the People:

Prayers of the People that are used during the 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.

