

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 27, 2022

SUNDAY – May 29, 2022

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

Saint Alban's Episcopal Church
Sunday, May 29, 2022
9:15 – 10:00am

This Sunday, May 29, between services, St. Alban's will host a procession and service of Lament for those killed by gun violence.

We will gather in the church yard at 9:00am, then process to the roundabout at 5 Corners, pray a Litany of Lament, and process back to the church in time for the 10:30am service. The procession will be silent.

During the service, we will name the places of mass killing in the last decade, in particular Buffalo, NY and Uvalde, TX.

We hope to have signs with pictures and names of the recent victims. Help with this is greatly appreciated. If enough people join us, we also plan on lighting candles.

Please join us and invite friends as well, as we grieve loss of so many innocent lives.

The 10 people who were killed at the Topps Market in Buffalo:

- 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

The 21 people killed in Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, TX

- Uziyah Garcia, age 8 or 9,
- Jose Flores, age 10,
- Amerie Jo Garza, age 10,
- Xavier Javier Lopez, age 10,
- Nevaeh Bravo, age 10,
- Alithia Ramirez, age 10,

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

5/30 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
5/31 5:30-7:00pm, WECP Graduation, PH
6/1 6:00pm, Evening Prayer
6:30pm, Boy Scouts, PH or Annex
7:00pm, Worship Comm Mtg, Zoom
6/2 7:00-8:30pm, Special Needs Parents, PH
7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
6/3 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Annex
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

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

6/8 3:00-4:30pm, Food Bank Distribution, Park Lot
6/9 1:30-3:00pm, With Gladness, PH
6/10 Set up for Personal Event
6/11 10:00am-7:00pm, Personal Event, PH
6/18 5:00-7:00pm, St. Alban's Celebration
6/19 St. Alban's Legacy Sunday, Farewell to John

- Tess Marie Mata, age 10,
- Alexandria Aniya Rubio, age 10,
- Layla Salazar, age 10,
- Makenna Lee Elrod, age 10,
- Jayce Luevanos, age 10,
- Jailah Nicole Silguero, age 11,
- Eliana “Ellie” Garcia, age 9,
- Eliahana Cruz Torres age 10,
- Annabell Guadalupe Rodriguez, age 10,
- Jacklyn “Jackie” Cazares, age 10,
- Maite Yuleana Rodriguez, age 10,
- Rogelio Torres, age 10,
- Miranda Matthis, age 11,
- Eva Mireles, age 44,
- Irma Garcia, age 46.



ST. ALBAN’S PICTURE DIRECTORY

A number of pictures have been taken already, but we are missing some members of the family. Harvey Smith has held a couple of picture taking sessions, and is doing a wonderful job in getting us closer to a picture directory. He makes it very easy – Sit here. Relax. Smile! He even lets you look at the photo results and graciously does a re-take if you chose.

Harvey began his project of creating a St. Alban’s photo directory at the Soup Supper on May 10. More pictures were taken on Sunday, May 22nd, so we now have pictures of 29 individuals, couples or families. The final scheduled photo shoot will be done this **Sunday, May 29, 9:00am – 10:14am and 11:45am to 12:30pm.**

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 anyway. If you still haven’t returned to in-person worship, we invite you to stop by just to get your picture taken. The photo directory will help us connect as one family.

DON’T MISS OUT!

DRIVE-BY FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, June 4, 10:00am – 2:00pm, begins a busy day for St. Albanites. First in line is one of our food drives for the Edmonds Food Bank. All food

banks everywhere are overwhelmed with requests for food assistance. Our area is no exception.

We’ve got a great start on this food drive with a table full of non-perishable foods in the Parish Hall. Many of us have been bringing a bit of food at a time each week; the results on the table speak for themselves. Any and all non-perishables are needed – soups, tuna, canned chicken, pasta and sauce, beans, canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, peanut butter (the favorite!), Spaghetti-Os, and treats such as Rice Krispie bars, hot chocolate, etc.

Lee Forsberg and some of his wonderful volunteers will be on hand to meet and greet, and to help put items in the trailer. **More volunteers are always welcome!** You will also meet some of our generous neighbors on Saturday as this ministry has spread to include those around us.

ECW FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

You are invited to join in for a coffee and fellowship gathering on **Saturday, June 4, 10:30am -12:00pm.** ECW is hosting this get-together for us to re-connect and catch-up while enjoying coffee or tea and light refreshments. Judy Fleenor will be the guest speaker with “Remembering Erma and What Would She Have to Say Now” as her topic. Judy has done research into Erma Bombeck and her writings. You won’t want to miss this talk.



JOHN’S “FAREWELL TO SEATTLE”

You won’t want to miss John Lehrack’s Cabaret performance on **Saturday, June 4, at 7:00pm.** John is presenting a program at St. Alban’s on June 4, with a second performance at Seattle First Baptist on Sunday, June 5, at 4:00pm.

John has blessed us with his musical talents for seven years and will be returning “home” to San Francisco to further his career in mid-June. This is an opportunity for you to see a different side of John’s talents from the ones we experience on Sunday mornings.

Tickets for John’s performance are \$20 and available online at www.johnlehrackmusic.com/shop. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

CELEBRATION OF ST. ALBAN'S



On Saturday evening, June 18, from 5:00 - 7:00pm, we will celebrate St. Alban's with our Annual Appetizer and Wine Party. This is a fellowship gathering for all of our parishioners.

The Endowment Board and Vestry are providing appetizers, wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages for this event. John Lehrack will be at the piano providing background music, which often turns into a great sing-along!! Don't miss this evening of fun and fellowship.

PRAYER FROM TAIZÉ WORSHIP

Lord, you are not just loving, you are love itself. I thank you that you never stop loving me. I pray that you will fill me with your love today. Help me not to try to love others with my flawed limited love, but that I would love others with your limitless, perfect love. May I abide in you each day so your love will flow through me.

(Author unknown)

CELEBRATION OF JOHN

Something we'd rather not think about is the departure of our amazing Music Director, John Lehrack. He will be moving back to San Francisco in mid-June, where he lived for many years and still considers as "home."

John has been with us for seven years, blessing us with his musical talents – Sunday worship services, Christmas and Easter celebrations, picnics in the park, outside on the grass by the big tree during the early Covid days and special Taizé programs. He has graced us with his music at special event activities – and who can forget John jammed into the corner at our airplane-type setup for a Sunday service in the Preschool hallway when the church heating system went south!

Help us celebrate John on June 19th after both 8:00 and 10:30am services with special coffee hours in his honor. There will be refreshments at each of the two gatherings, as well as coffee or tea. You are invited to attend either coffee hour, or both if you are able. You are asked to fill out the RSVP form in

Sunday's bulletin indicating which event you plan to attend.

There will also be a "giving tree" for John. Let's send him off full of our love and appreciation, and prayers and best wishes for this big change in his life. He will be sorely missed!!

Music gives a soul to the universe,
wings to the mind,
flight to the imagination,
and life to everything.

Plato

**ONE THOUSAND
DAYS OF LOVE**

5th WEEK BASKET— ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE

In 2020 we started donations for **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE** with the 5th Sunday basket. The campaign will run through the end of 2022 and May 31st is a 5th week Sunday.

One Thousand Days of Love is a grassroots, Church-wide fundraising campaign dedicated to improving the lives of children up to age six through Episcopal Relief and Development's global outreach programs.

ERD works with communities to ensure that children have access to food, clean water, and quality health care. You can donate anytime by just indicating ERD on your contribution.

"Episcopal Relief & Development is committed to building a world where all children are loved and cared for and have the opportunity to reach their God-given potential"--Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry.



POSTCARD FOR LATVIA

Last week's edition for Across the Diocese included this story about a request for postcards with pictures of churches from around the world. We responded with a picture of St. Alban's and greetings in Latvian. The article indicated that the church would send a postcard

in return, so someday we may receive a postcard from Latvia.

“Each year in Latvia at the end of May, St. Saviour's Anglican Church in Rīga has a country-wide event called "Baznīcu nākts" (Night of Churches) where almost every church hosts concerts, lectures, discussions, etc, and visitors will visit multiple churches throughout the night. Their church also usually displays different exhibitions of art done by their members, and this year they would like to display postcards from many different churches throughout the Anglican world! They would be grateful if your church could send a postcard with a small message for St. Saviour's or for Latvia in general, written preferably one with your church picture if possible.”

THANK YOU FOR POSTCARD TO LATVIA

Thank you so much for the beautiful card and the lovely greeting in Latvian! It is so thoughtful of you and we are so happy to be able to present St. Alban's Church in our "Night of Churches" event. Please forward our blessings to your congregation, and thanks again for the card!

*Take care,
Josh Horgan*



Dear St. Alban's Friends,

Thank you so much for your recent donation to Domestic Violence Services. We all appreciate your help and support, especially during these difficult times. It is amazing! Thank you!



DAY-BY-DAY REFLECTIONS

The following reflection was contributed to Forward Day by Day by Rex Peterson, an architect who married a rancher's daughter. He and his wife live on Plum Thicket Farms near Gordon, Nebraska.

Luke 24:52-53: And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

On the ranch, by the time we wean our calves, they have been vaccinated three times for a long list of pathogens to safeguard their health. To do so, we have

to sort them from the mothers, herd them through a series of gates, then push them single file up an alley into the chute and catch their heads. They want no part of any of the manhandling, and novice helpers get equipped with shin guards. We are always careful to put mothers in front of the chute so that the whole process ends in great joy.

After the Ascension, Jesus' followers expressed great public joy about Easter. But their first reaction was uncertainty and fear. "Where have you taken my lord?" Mary Magdalene asked. Some disciples hid behind locked doors while others fled. They didn't understand the crucifixion or the resurrection. Only after the joyful reunion with Jesus did it make any sense.



From Dave Wilson

So, Mrs. Davidson's dishwasher quit working, so she calls a repairman. Since she had to go to work the next day, she tells him, "I'll leave the key under the mat. Fix the dishwasher, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll mail you the check. Oh, by the way, don't worry about my bulldog. He won't bother you. But, whatever you do, DO NOT, under ANY circumstances, talk to my parrot."

When the repair man arrives at Mrs. Davidson's apartment the next day, he discovers the biggest and meanest bulldog he had ever seen. But just as she said, the dog just lay there on the carpet watching the repairman go about his business.

The parrot, however, drove him nuts the whole time with his incessant yelling, cursing, and name calling. Finally the repair man couldn't contain himself any longer and yelled, "Shut up; you stupid, ugly bird!"

To which the parrot replied, "Get him, Spike!"

FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

MAY 29 – EASTER 7

Acts 16:16-34

Psalms 97

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

John 17:20-26

Collect for Easter 7

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen

JUNE 5 – DAY OF PENTECOST (Whitsunday)

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

Psalms 104:25-35, 37

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

John 14:8-17, [25-27]

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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 though 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.

JUNE 6 – DAY OF PENTECOST (Whitsunday)

Psalms 104 says in part, *“All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it to them...you open your hand and they are filled with good things.”* How’s that for a faithful steward’s reason to always and everywhere give thanks? God gives us everything we have – how can we thank Him adequately except by returning a faithful share of all those gifts to Him and to others in His name?

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—World Vision
- 4th week—Ukraine Refugee Offering
- 5th Week—One Thousand Days of Light (ERD)

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, Wednesday, 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)

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.

