

## 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.



**JULY 15, 2022**

### SUNDAY – JULY 17, 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 studying the prophetic imagination during July**

**BIBLE STUDY TAKING BREAK DURING AUGUST**

<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

### JUST ANNOUNCED

We've had to stop the presses. Bishop Rickel has just announced he will be retiring at the end of this year. For Bishop's announcement, go to [ecww.org](http://ecww.org).



**Fr. Greg Peters**

It's time for our Picnic. Sunday, July 31, after the 10:30 service. I do love a good barbeque.

Of course, it's about the food. I mean what's not to love? Smoke, salt, fat; a trifecta! Side dishes aplenty; everyone contributing their best "my-grandmother-made-this" recipes. And, the drinks – icy cold, sweet and sour, maybe malty. Finally, (oh, why, finally?) Life is too short -- start with the desserts; sweet, sticky, maybe even melty! A trifecta of trifecta (Latin scholars, is the plural of trifecta *trifectae*?)

Of course, it's about the fellowship. This is Coffee Hour on steroids – or maybe simply Coffee Hour as it's meant to be. Come as you are. Keep cool, it's hot out there. Come hungry? Good! Fill your plate! – again and again and again! Have a good catch-up with friends while feasting. Finding things out you didn't know before. Meeting someone you didn't know before - a great meeting of the 8:00 and 10:30 tribes! And this year we've invited our friends at Templo Emanuel, so it's just a great big hodgepodge of people to get to know.

Of course, it's about the fun. Someone's bringing croquet and someone else is bringing bocci ball. If you have a lawn game, add that to the mix! (I do *not* mean that we are going to

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 7/18 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
- 7/20 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Facebook
- 7/21 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sacristy
- 7/22 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Annex
- 7/23 12:00-4:00pm, Private Party, PH
- 7/31 8:00/10:30 Eucharists  
12:00pm, Parish Picnic at Church



### WE'RE HAVING A PICNIC

Join us for a renewal of our Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, July 31. We've missed this gathering for the past two years and look forward to this fellowship event this year after the 10:30am service. We also will be honoring and celebrating Jim Nichols who *loved* our picnic. Plans for food and festivities are under way. Hot dogs, burgers and non-meat alternatives to both will be provided along with chips, cold beverages and coffee. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for you to contribute salads, side dishes, desserts.

To help, call Eric Hanson, (206) 755-4851.

combine croquet and bocci, that wouldn't be kosher.) What's not to love about a little friendly competition anyway? Especially if it means knocking your opponent's ball into the far reaches of Skagit County! And if you spill your drink, no big deal, it's good for the grass. If you spill your plate (croquet is tough one handed), well, the crows will think it a gift from God and love you all the more for it.

And of course, this year, it's about remembering our dear Jim "Grumpy" Nichols. Jim who relished picnics and potlucks and pancake suppers; who saw when things weren't right, and then set about fixing what he could; who saw the hungry (for food or learning) and led us into new ways of meeting those needs; who led us on the paths of peace and righteousness.

You get the point, this is church at its best. We gather together bringing family, friends, and neighbors – inviting those we meet along the way. We fill our bellies with lovingly prepared food and drink. We are surrounded with laughter; soul filling mirth. We remember the saints among us. Renewed, refreshed, revitalized (yet another trifacta) we are sent back out to our "everyday" lives, transformed by this love of God as known in this breaking of the bread.

If Jesus, himself, were here, this is what it would be like. Oh, wait; where two or three are gathered . . . . Yes, please, I'd love another helping.



**FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION**

Jim Gilman, Deacon

The above photo is from a recent visit for Food Bank distribution in St. Alban's parking lot. Food donations are delivered by the Edmonds Food Bank to many locations in our area during the month. The truck arrives, sets up tables, unloads non-perishables and

produce for attendees. At this previous distribution, 30 people attended for food assistance, which means about 100 people are being helped with food. All this happens in about 1-1/2 hours.

Jim Gilman has suggested that we keep our eyes and ears open for anyone who may be in need of food support, but hesitant to visit the food bank. You can act as a volunteer for that person, select what he/she might need and deliver needed food supplies to them.

This traveling food bank, as well other local food banks, are being kept in operation by your generous and frequent donations. You are a blessing and ray of hope to many of our neighbors. Thank you!!



**JUNE FINANCIALS**

Maryellen Young, Treasurer

Income for June was \$13,466 compared to a budget of \$14,780 or (\$1,314) under budget. Year-to-date income is \$100,157 compared to a budget of \$98,585 or \$1,572 over budget.

Expenses for June were \$15,838 compared to a budget of \$15,913 or (\$75) under budget. This is the second month in a row where the difference between actual expenses and budgeted expenses have been within \$100. Year-to-date expenses are \$96,588 compared to a budget of \$98,836 or (\$2,248) under budget.

We continue to be blessed with the state of our financials. Year to date we have received \$3,569 more income than we have spent on expenses.

**Year-to-date Income and Expenses**

<b>Total Actual Income</b>	\$100,157
<b>Total Budget Income</b>	\$ 98,585
<b>Total Actual Income minus Budget</b>	\$ 1,572
<b>Total Actual Expenses</b>	\$98,588
<b>Total Budget Expenses)</b>	\$98,836
<b>Total Actual Expenses minus Budget</b>	(\$2,248)
<b>Net Total Income minus Total Expense</b>	<b>\$3,569</b>

**CURSILLO RENEWAL:**



**COME & SEE**

You are invited to a Zoom Prayer and Share on Saturday, July 30, 2022, at 10:00am. This event is for past, present and future Cursillo members. Come and hear

from people whose lives have been enhanced by their Cursillo retreat experience.

For Zoom link: email [president@olycursillo.org](mailto:president@olycursillo.org) or visit the FaceBook page.



### MID-YEAR OUTREACH RESULTS

St. Alban's continues to be very generous with our outreach donation opportunities. Through the first half of the year we have donated a little over \$10,000 which is about 10% of our total income.

Outreach	\$1,396 to Domestic Violence Services and Clothes for Kids
Food Bank	\$4,856 plus food donations
Chase Lake	\$350 used for shopping for backpack program
Ukraine	\$2,084 for four different charities
ERD	\$315 for 1000 Days of Light
Discretionary	\$991
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,059</b>

**Thanks to all for continuing to contribute to these outreach programs. As our St. Alban's Mission Statement says, "...we are living out our faith in the community and the world."**



In his Homily on Sunday, July 10, Dan Mullene shared his thoughts on following Jesus' commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves. His remarks included some suggestions from Holly Mthethwa, writing on the website Crosswalk.com. There were seven recommendations – we will include them in the next several ATP issues.

*(Holly Mthethwa is a Christian author, who currently lives just outside Washington DC with her husband and daughter. She writes regularly about faith, family, and the moments that fish-hook her heart.)*

### No. 1 – I'll See My Neighbor

I will love my neighbors, whoever they are, by truly seeing them. I will look past the obvious, the outer shell, and I will look into their eyes, their hearts, and their circumstances. If I am blinded by my own bitterness or anger, I will beg God to give me His eyes to see His beloved creation as He does.



### DAY-BY-DAY REFLECTIONS

Author Eva Suarez is an associate rector at St. James' Church in Manhattan, where her primary focus is outreach ministry. She lives on the Upper West Side with her husband Robert.

*Matthew 25:11 -- Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us."*

New Testament scholar Kenneth E. Bailey used to say that a parable is like a room. When you enter, you may need a moment to adjust to the layout and get to know your surroundings. I've gotta say, I've spent a long time in the room with these ten bridesmaids, and over the years, I'm not sure I understand the placement of the furniture any better. These five wise and five foolish bridesmaids and the bridegroom who both keeps them waiting and cannot forgive an innocent mistake defy a single neat interpretation.

As far as I can tell, the trouble isn't that some bridesmaids failed to plan; it's that they left. Unsure that the feast would have light and oil enough to spare, they go to get their own. They think feeling prepared for what is coming is as important as the "what" itself, be it the wedding feast or our own life with Christ.

It's never easy to stick it out when it feels like our light is fading or to feel that you've failed (and others will notice!). But when these bridesmaids think what they have is more important than who they are, they leave just when their presence is most necessary.

### SPECIAL WELCOMING LITURGY

The Diocese of Olympia Ethnic Ministries Circles of Color is hosting a Welcome Liturgy for the new Canon for Multicultural Ministries & Community Transformation, The Rev. Canon Carla Robinson on **Saturday, July 16, 12:00pm.**



This event will be held at St. Matthew/San Mateo Episcopal Church, 123 L Street NE, Auburn 98002.



He took scissors out of the drawer, cut the license into pieces and threw them in the waste basket, saying, “You won’t need this anymore.  
So I thanked him and left!

**FROM THE READER BOARD**

Lee Forsberg

**HOLY-WASTE-OF-TIME RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

Young adults in the 20s and 30s from across the Diocese of Olympia are invited to the Holy-Waste-of-Time retreat, an annual weekend of fun, rest and friendship. The retreat will be held on August 19-21 at St. Andrew’s House in Union, a lodge with a breathtaking view of Hood Canal and the Olympic Mountains.

In the spirit of time-wasting, participants can choose their own activities: kayak, paddleboard, swimming, take a hike on nearby forest trails, or simply read in the lodge or sun on the deck. Options like yoga, music and art will also be offered. Each evening, participants gather to share and celebrate evening prayer; the event ends with a Sunday Eucharist.

Register now through July 31 for \$99, which includes all food, lodging, and activities. After July 31, registration is \$110. Scholarships are available.

Registration link:  
<https://holywasteoftime-2022.eventbrite.com>



From Dave Wilson

My neighbor was working in his front garden when he was startled by a car that came crashing through his hedge and ended up on his front lawn. He rushed to help an elderly lady driver out of the car and sat her down on a lawn chair.

He said with excitement, “You appear quite elderly to be driving.”

“Well, yes, I am,” she replied proudly. “I’ll be 97 next month, and I am now old enough that I don’t even need a driver’s license anymore.”

He asked, “How do you know?”

“The last time I went to my doctor, he examined me and asked if I had a driver’s license. I told him, Yes, and handed it to him.”



**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

**JULY 17 – 6 PENTECOST**

In today’s world, much is often made of the contrast between Mary and Martha -- one who sits at the feet of the Lord to learn, and one who is consumed by the details of providing hospitality. Both, of course, have their places, and as faithful disciples (students and followers) and stewards (caretakers), we need to pray for the guidance and grace to balance the two in ways pleasing to our Provider.

**JULY 24 – 7 PENTECOST**

*“Ask and it will be given you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you.”* The problem with most of us is that our faith is not strong enough to trust wholly in God’s promises. Pray for the grace to confidently expect God’s abundance to be part of your daily life. Be thankful for it...and pass on the good news of your blessings to others.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**JULY 17 – 6 PENTECOST**

Amos 8:1-12  
Psalm 52  
Colossians 1:15-28  
Luke 10:38-42

**Collect for 6 Pentecost**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**JULY 24 – 7 PENTECOST**

Hosea 1:2-10

Psalms 85

Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)

Luke 11:1-13

**CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS**

Please continue donations and pledges by:

- \*Mail check – 21405 82<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.StAlbansEdmonds.org) and click on “Donate Now.”

**WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS**

- 1st week—Food Bank
- 2nd week—Discretionary Fund
- 3rd week—Clothes for Kids
- 4th week—Ukraine Refugee Offering
- 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

