

St. Alban's Episcopal Church **The word**

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From the Rector

November is always an exciting, busy month at St. Alban's. I thought I would highlight just a few of the events happening in November:

Our annual observance of the Feast of All Souls' happens on November 2nd. I hope you will join us at 7:00 pm at a Eucharist to remember and celebrate loved ones who have gone on before us. Everyone is invited to put photos of their loved ones on a table in front of the altar and light a candle as a silent prayer. We will continue our tradition of reading the names of all the loved ones you have provided as part of the Prayers of the People.

November 8th is election day and our Youth Group will be out selling "Election Day Donuts" in front of the parish hall to raise funds for their mission trip.

Starting November 12th, St. Alban's shifts into high gear as we make everything ready for our Christmas Bazaar the following Saturday, November 19th. Our bazaar truly is an example of *many hands make light work*, as help is needed moving classroom furniture and hauling and setting up tables – and that's just to get everything ready. The day of the bazaar is a highlight of the year for me. It's a great opportunity to meet other parishioners outside of Sunday morning worship, and a great opportunity to give back to your church and to the community.

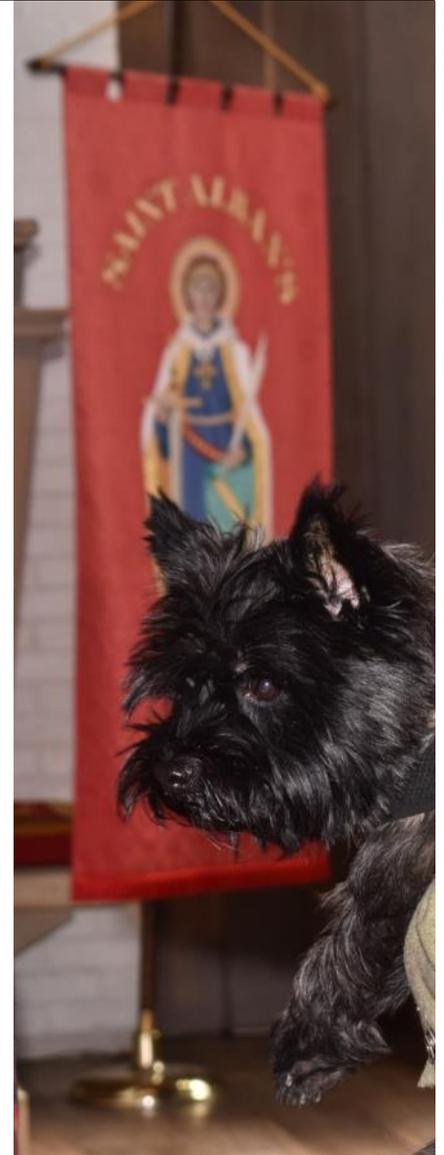
November 18th and 19th is our annual Diocesan Convention, held in Crystal City this year. **Fr. Paul** and I, along with delegates elected by the Vestry – **Pam Matthes** and **Donna Archer** – will gather in council to conduct the business of the Church. Unfortunately, the timing of the diocesan convention conflicts with our Christmas Bazaar this year, and I am truly saddened that I won't be able to join the fun chaos of the bazaar.

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Bazaar 2022 is November 19. More information inside.

**Stewardship Ingathering Sunday is November 20.
Bring your stewardship pledge cards to church.
A celebration brunch will follow each service.**

Photos: to right, Ann Gates' blessed doggy; below, Shrine Mont 2022 attendees.



From the Rector (continued)

November 20th is our Stewardship in-gathering – the day on which we bring our 2023 pledge card to the church. Everyone will be receiving a pledge card in the mail in the next couple of weeks. Your pledge card is how our Finance Committee is able to build a budget for the coming year, which will enable us to continue to minister to our neighbors in Annandale and beyond. With the departure of our tenant this year, our income has been cut, and so I hope you will prayerfully consider increasing your pledge for 2023 to make up the difference. Our ministries touch so many lives, both in this church and outside of our parish – please give generously so that our work can continue.

Also on November 20th is our In-gathering celebration. Everyone is invited to the parish hall after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am services for a catered celebration brunch. Help us celebrate our common life together as a family of faith and enjoy a wonderful Sunday morning breakfast.

November 24th we continue our longstanding tradition of bringing a Thanksgiving meal to the residents of Lockwood House – a residential community for low-income senior citizens, started by St. Alban's in 1985. Many St. Alban's parishioners have made serving at Lockwood House part of their family Thanksgiving tradition, as the meal is donated, cooked and served through the generosity of our St. Alban's family.

Yes, November is a busy time at St. Alban's, and the month ends with the First Sunday of Advent – a season of waiting... a season of prayer... a season of contemplation as we prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth. -Fr. Jeff



Fr. Paul and Br. Luis bless the animals on October 9, including the most unusual pet, Charlotte The Tarantula owned by David Wright.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR NEWS

The 2022 St. Alban's Christmas Bazaar is right around the corner! We'll be open Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and we hope that everyone can attend the bazaar and join in the fun!

Although publicity for the Bazaar is well underway, we think getting the message out to as many folks as possible is important. The flyer is available on the St. Alban's website for printing. Please share with your friends, neighbors, co-workers and social media. Also, Trick-or-Treat cards are available; please pick up a few to hand out on Halloween or give them as cards to your friends and neighbors. Tell them to bring the card to the bazaar to receive \$1.00 off at the café!



Do you have a few hours to spare? We'd love to have you be a part of the Christmas Bazaar team. Volunteer opportunities include Cafe, Parish Hall Decorating, Move In-Move Out just to name a few. All help is greatly appreciated.

If you'd like to volunteer at one of our many booths, please contact the bazaar co-chairs, **Nick Huskins** and **Bethany Bower**, at bazaar@stalbansva.org to volunteer!

If you have any questions or comments on the Bazaar Set Up and Take Down schedule, please do not hesitate to contact **Tom Tycz** tstycz70@gmail.com or **Bill Calvert** hokiebc1988@gmail.com. Also, If you can volunteer for Move In-Move Out to help set up and tear down please contact Tom and Bill as well.

See more information on the Bazaar on pages 16, 17 and 18.

-Bethany Bower

Christmas Bazaar Week Schedule

11/10/22 (Thursday) 6 PM - 9PM Decorate the hall and put up the Christmas hangings.

11/11/22 (Friday) 9 AM - 12 PM – Finish decorating the hall and the corridor.

11/11/22 (Friday) 5 PM - 8 PM – Remove items from rooms 10 and 12 to Associate Rector's and Rector's offices. Set up the tables in both rooms (10 and 12). Bring Household Goods and Books from the attic and hall closet to these rooms.

11/12/22 (Saturday) 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM – Finish bringing any remaining Household Goods and Books from the attic and hall closet to Rooms 10 and 12, if necessary.

11/13/22 (Sunday) after the 10:30 AM morning service. Finish hall decorations and Christmas trees.

11/14/22 (Monday) 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Remove items from classrooms (rooms 11, 13 and 15 except for the conference table in Room 11. Set up tables in classrooms (rooms 13 and 15). Set up tables for parish hall: Pressed Flowers, Handmades, Raffle, Café, and Christmas Décor. Pull down the Christmas Décor from the loft in the attic and place it in the parish hall. If time permits, begin putting Toys into room 15.

11/17/22 (Thursday) 9:00 AM - 12 PM With help from **Carlos**, remove the conference table from room 11 and place it in Rector's office.

11/17/22 (Thursday) 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM – Set up tables for outdoor Café, Baked Goods, Face Painting, Room 14 (Santa Claus), and fellowship room for Children's Presents. Set up tables for Tools in breezeway and bring all tools to the breezeway and provide full access to the hall and all rooms and stands for the completion of stand set-ups.

11/19/22 (Saturday) 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM – Bazaar (volunteers report at 8:00 AM). Before 9 AM, complete any set up of tables for the outdoor café. (Group photo before opening bell).

11/19/22 (Saturday) 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM - Clear rooms/stands and return items to classrooms. Completely return the classrooms to their original configurations by returning all items to the Classrooms from the Rector and Associate Rector offices and moving classroom furniture into their original configurations. Move remaining Baked Goods and Candy to parish hall. Reconfigure the Handmades booth in hall with fewer tables. Keep Pressed Flowers set up in the hall. Remove tables for indoor and outdoor café, raffle, fellowship room, Santa Claus and Christmas Décor. Take all excess inventory to Goodwill and Salvation Army. Trash unwanted items that are not donated to Goodwill and Salvation Army.

Shrine Mont October 2022

Hardy parishioners braved Hurricane Ian at this year's Shrine Mont retreat, precluding many outdoor activities usually enjoyed on this generally reliably gorgeous October retreat weekend! Despite the weather, there were lots of smiling happy people having fun nevertheless. Our photographer **Duncan McBride** had a little fun with this year's group photo (taken indoors), photoshopping it to put the group picture outside in front of Virginia House (taken at our sunny 2019 retreat), and calling it "*The Way It Should Have Looked!*"



More Shrine Mont



From the Seminarian

A great experience I had this summer was the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church. It was great to be back in person after the delay caused by the pandemic. It was also a great test of regulations, as we had about 3,000 persons in the event with minimal COVID-19 transmission (thanks to vaccines, masks and protocols).

This was a new convention, too. The main reason was that people could participate online, especially in the committee conversations. In the past one had to take off work and pay for a trip to the General Convention site to participate in these meetings. Having them online opens up opportunity for the participation of every person in this church. It is notable that for a person to speak to a resolution in General Convention they only need to be a communicant member of the Church and register for the day (mostly to gather their information). Sadly, in the past, these opportunities had been restricted to people able (whether because of job privileges or economical possibilities) to attend. I wonder what changes this democratizing and justice-oriented change will have and how these expanded opportunities for participation will impact the conversations we have in the Church in the future.



Br. Luis with The Rev Dr. John D. Stonesifer, son of parishioner Jean Stonesifer

In General Convention I also had a great gift: I met someone from St Alban's! Yes! In one of the halls of convention, serving as a volunteer, I met **The Rev. Dr. John D. Stonesifer** PTS. As we were talking about our experiences and life, we had the joyous surprise to discover that we were both sons of St Alban's. Rev. John was sponsored to the priesthood by St Alban's some years ago (I am sure some of you will remember him). He is now a priest serving in Silver Spring, MD. Meeting Rev. John and reminiscing about his time at St Alban's made me reflect in the awesomeness of the simple work we do in everyday church ministry.

The work we do today in the Lord's vineyard will have lasting impact in the church and the world of the future. The work that saints of St Alban's did with Fr John years ago continues to produce fruit today. The service and the ministry you all do today (the prayers you offer; the ministries you support with your presence, time and treasure; the people you feed and care for) will have lasting impact in decades to come. A small drop of water in a lake has a ripple effect 200 times larger than the drop itself. Do not hesitate to get involved. I can assure you, this holy work will change lives. It changed Rev John's many years ago, and it is changing mine. I think it might also change yours. -Br. Luis

Fall Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup of Sleepy Hollow Road November 6 at 3:00 pm



Let's pick up some trash along our adopted mile of Sleepy Hollow Road and help publicize the bazaar!

Adults and children over 10 are invited to don gloves and orange vests to pick up litter and show our neighbors we care. The cleanup will be at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November. 6.

It usually takes less than an hour. Meet in the church parking lot, and bring vests and grabbers if you have them at home.

If you can make it, RSVP to **Elizabeth Howton** at ehowton@stanfordalumni.org

Thanksgiving Dinner at Lockwood House

St Alban's parishioners will continue a 20+ year tradition of providing a traditional noon-time Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 24 for the residents of Lockwood House, a residence for low-income seniors in the Seven Corners neighborhood. The home was founded in the 1980's by our former rector, **The Rev John Frizzell**.

Once again Quantum Management, who provides staff and management services for Lockwood, has contracted with Smokey Bones Catering to supply cooked and carved turkey. We need parishioners to supply pies and sides, someone to warm the carved turkey on Thanksgiving morning in our church oven, someone to transport food donations delivered to St Alban's, and servers. Servers should arrive by 11:45 am and are usually done by 12:45 pm.

The sign-up board will be in the narthex by November 4. Singles, couples and families with children are all welcome. The residents always greet us with smiles and are grateful for this holiday meal. Directions and details will be addressed in a flyer in your service leaflet November 6 and 13.

Questions? Call **Linda Cummings** at 703-283-7032 or email her at LDCummings@msn.com

-Linda Cummings



Episcopal Relief and Development, in partnership with Action by Churches Together Alliance, is providing cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other desperately needed assistance to families fleeing the war in Ukraine.

Donations can be made to support these efforts on the [Episcopal Relief and Development website](#).

Do you have a graduate (grade school, college, trade school, etc) you'd like us to feature in a future Word? Please contact **Barbara Hallman** at bhallman1@cox.net for how to submit.

Looking to Go Deeper in your Faith?

Are you interested in exploring further what it means to "be Christian" in your daily life? Do you ever come home from church on Sunday and think, "well, that was nice -- but what does it have to do with everything else?"

A small "discipleship group" of St. Alban's parishioners has been meeting for the past several months (see the September issue of The Word for an article about their experiences). Now we are interested in helping one or two other groups form.

As Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said recently about the need for churches to focus on discipleship and small groups: "Being a member of a church is nice, but that's just the beginning ... We don't need to make more Church-ians, we need to make more Christ-ians."

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From The Music Minister and Organist

Learning How

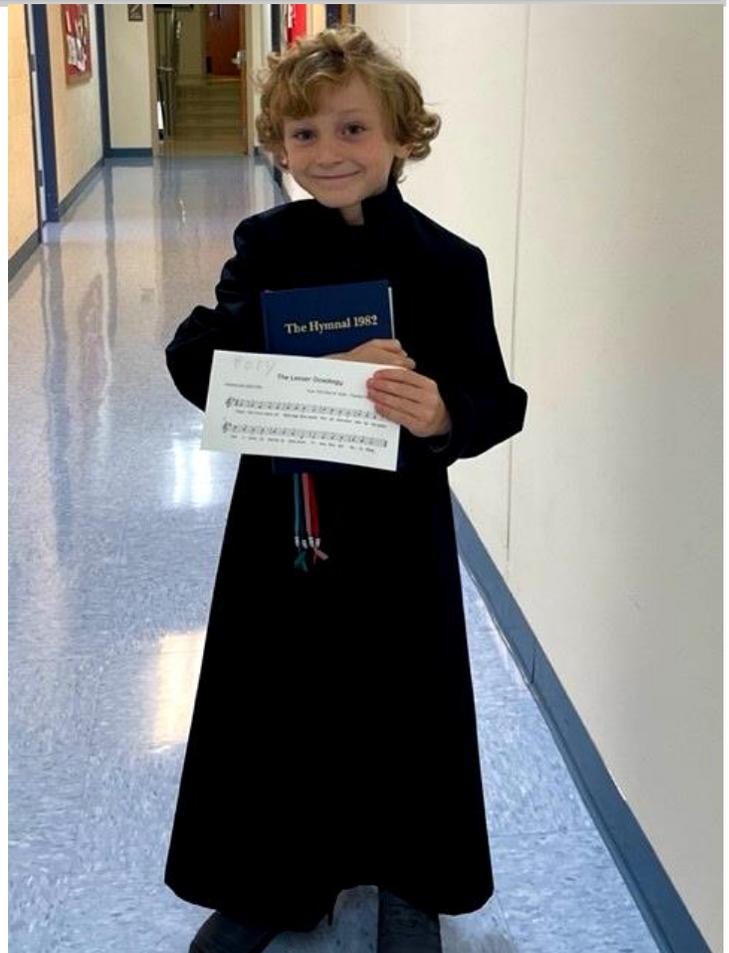
Our Choristers have been rehearsing for more than a month now, and recently graced us with their first solo musical offering, a rendition of the lesser doxology (to Tallis' Canon) at the end of the 10:30 am service on October 16. They'll continue on with our devoted adult choir in the loft, following the hymns, Psalms and service music that perfuses our worship. In time, they'll work on – and join in singing – exactly the same anthems the adults do. We have a lot of rehearsing to do between now and then. Our kids are exceptionally bright and hard-working, and our parents and chaperones are as committed to the program as our Choristers are. But the truth is that we are building a brand new musical group with an ethos and culture modeled on those of the choirs of British cathedral and collegiate chapels – and those choirs have a few (or more) centuries ahead of us. The work ahead is daunting. But it will be exciting, too, and life-giving, every step of the way.

More important than (or, at least, as important as) building these musical skills is learning how to worship, especially for our youngest singers, whose memories of pre-COVID communal worship may be hazy, or for those who may have come from other, less liturgical church homes. The worship of the Episcopal Church requires a high degree of literacy and adaptability. We've got a Prayer Book, a hymnal, and a weekly service leaflet to juggle (this latter guaranteed to be stuffed with a loose scripture insert, at the very least). Especially for new worshipers (and young singers), it can sometimes be difficult to follow the flow of the service. Add in our standing, sitting and kneeling, and our journey to the altar rail and back during communion, and our worship takes on an almost aerobic nature.

The good news is that the beauty, integrity and consistency of our liturgical approach here at St. Alban's makes this work meaningful and rewarding. And, as I've written before, the choir's unique "bird's-eye view" from the loft lets us really take in everything that's happening downstairs. I'm confident that our Choristers will learn how we worship – and how to worship – in no time at all. In the meantime, your prayerful support of our young singers will help them continue to flourish as church musicians.

In closing, I want to share a few of the mantras, maxims and catchphrases that are part of the fabric of our twice-weekly Chorister rehearsals (and, I confess, part of our Adult Choir rehearsals, too). I learned most of these from Richard Webster, retired Director of Music and Organist at Trinity Church, Copley Square, in Boston, where I was an intern between college and graduate school.

1. *"If you are early, you are on time. If you are on time, you are late, and will be left behind."*
2. *"Mistakes are good." (Rephrased as a question: "If we don't make mistakes, how can we learn?")*
3. *"No drama, except in the music."*
4. *"Choir is not a contact sport." and*
5. *the "Forgotten Beatitude:" "Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape."*



Rory Lieberthal, Chorister

In Christ, Adam Detzner, Minister of Music and Organist



Choir Notes



November 6. George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) was born in Halle, Germany. He first came to London in 1710 and settled there permanently in 1726, becoming a British citizen in that year. We and our cousins across the pond think of him as an English composer. I would guess the Germans also claim him. Handel composed four anthems for the coronation of King George II in 1727. We will be singing Part 2 of the third anthem, *The King Shall Rejoice*, which begins with the words, *Exceeding Glad Shall He Be*. (The entire anthem is too long to handle given the time constraints of our service.)

November 13. Edgar L. Bainton (1880-1956) was born in London and studied at the Royal College of Music. His compositions include orchestral and chamber music as well as choral works. Bainton served as conductor of the Newcastle Philharmonic Orchestra from 1911 to 1934, except for the years 1914-18 when he was a prisoner of war, having found himself in Germany at an inconvenient time. In 1934 he moved to Australia, became director of the New South Wales State Conservatorium of Music in Sydney, and helped lead Australia out of a musical backwater. The text of his anthem, *And I Saw a New Heaven*, is drawn from Revelation 21:1-4.



Healey Willan

November 20. Our anthem this Sunday is a setting of *O Saviour of the World* by Sir Arthur Somervell (1863-1937). The text is from the Ministration to the Sick, a Pastoral Office found in our Book of Common Prayer on pp. 453-461. Somervell studied music at Cambridge University with Sir Charles Villiers Stanford and at the Royal College of Music with Sir Hubert Parry, bookending two years in Berlin at the Hochschule für Musik. He is best known for his vocal and choral music, as well as his contributions to musical education, including service as Principal Inspector of Music to the Board of Education, for which he received his knighthood.

November 27. Healey Willan (1880-1968) was born in England but came to Canada in 1913 to head the Theory Department at the Toronto (now Royal) Conservatory of Music. He came to be known as the dean of Canadian composers. He is best known to Episcopalians (even though they may not know it) as the author of the widely used *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* in our Hymnal (S-91, S-114, S-158, S-202). A memorial plaque at the Anglo-Catholic St. Mary Magdalene Church in Toronto, where Willan served as organist and choirmaster from 1921 to 1968, proclaims that he “waged constant war on mediocre church music.” We can conclude from the evidence of today’s anthem, *Rejoice, O Jerusalem, Behold, Thy King Cometh*, that Willan was successful in his endeavour, as he would spell it.

-Clarence Zuvekas

Muldoon Concert Series 2023

February 12, 4:00 pm – Illuminare / Carmina Choral Ensemble

Carmina and its sister organization, the treble ensemble Illuminare, will present a program of Renaissance and early Baroque choral works by English, German and Italian composers including music by William Byrd, Thomas Tallis, Thomas Tompkins, Johann Michael Bach, Johann Kuhnau and Caterina Assandra.

March 19, 4:00 pm – Second Annual Annandale Bach Birthday Marathon

An afternoon of short performances of organ works of J. S. Bach by talented local artists on St. Alban’s beautiful mechanical action organ (John Leek, Op. 1). Audience members can drop in and depart at will. When the marathon ends at 6:00 pm, concertgoers and musicians will continue to celebrate Johann Sebastian with a festive reception, where beer and German fare will be served.

May 21, 4:00 pm – Dr. Kimberly Marshall, Organist

The organ was invented in the third century BCE, and it has an incredibly large repertoire. Nevertheless there are many hidden gems. A specialist on the earliest and most recent music for the organ, Kimberly Marshall will present a program entitled “Journeys into Freedom,” featuring compositions by medieval, women, black and Navajo composers that contextualize more well-known works.

Come discover new music on the world’s oldest instrument!

Muldoon Concert October 23 Carrie Rose, flutist and Szu-Yi Li, Pianist in Concert



Concert-goers were in for a treat at the Muldoon Concert on October 23.

Carrie Rose and Szu-Yi Li combined liquid phrasing and musical sensitivity to interpret the delicate *Morceau de Concours* by Fauré, the dark and complex Sonata in E Minor by J. S. Bach, the frothy *Cantabile et Presto* by Enesco, and the fireworks of Poulenc’s Sonata.

Szu-Yi interpreted Schumann-Liszt’s *Widmung* for solo piano.

Upcoming Musical Events:

1. Muldoon Concert

Our next Muldoon Concert will take place in 2023, on Sunday, February 12, at 4:00 pm. In the meantime, please spread the word, and prayerfully consider contributing to the series to bolster our concert fund and grow our endowment.

2. Phantom of the Opera to Organ

Saturday, October 29, in the evening (time TBD), St. John’s, Norwood: my partner **Karl** has invited our friend David Baskeyfield to come accompany the silent film version of “Phantom of the Opera” at Karl’s church. It will be spooky!

3. Evensong

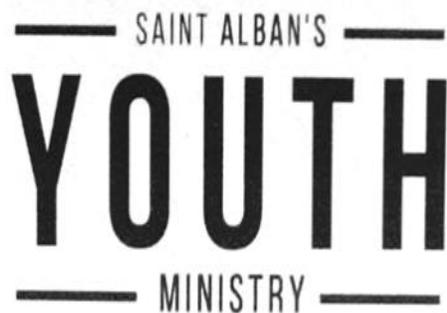
Sunday, November 6, 5:00 pm, St. John’s, Norwood: Evensong for All Saints’, with Karl’s choir and my accompaniment, including the Stanford Evening Service in C. I’ve heard it said that Bethesda has one of the highest rates of restaurants per capita in the nation – come for worship, and then enjoy a dinner out!

4. Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 4, 5:00 pm, St. John’s, Norwood: Lessons and Carols – Karl and I are collaborating again on a festive service of hymns, anthems and organ voluntaries, featuring Elgar’s “The Spirit of the Lord.” Another chance for a night out in Bethesda!

5. Lessons and Carols St. Alban’s

Sunday, December 11, 4:00 pm, right here at St. Alban’s: our service of Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas, including our own rendition of Stanford in C.
-Adam Detzner, Minister of Music and Organist



OCTOBER

16 | Sunday | 12:00-1:30 pm
Youth Meeting and Service Project

29 | Saturday | 5:00-9:00 pm
Hayride: Field of Screams, Olney, MD

NOVEMBER

8 | Tuesday | 6:00-11:00 am
FUNDRAISER: Election Day Donuts

20 | Sunday | 12:00-1:30 pm
Youth Meeting and Service Project

DECEMBER

4 | Sunday | 12:00-1:30 pm
Youth Meeting and Service Project

11 | Sunday | 12:00-1:30 pm
Christmas Celebration (Details TBA)

JANUARY

8 | Sunday | 12:00-1:30 pm
Youth Meeting and Service Project

22 | Sunday | 12:00-1:30 pm
Youth Meeting and Service Project

Blessing of the Animals October 9 Both Services





More Blessings of the Animals

At least 3 cats, 3 stuffed pets, all the dogs in Annandale (so it seemed) and one tarantula (her name is Charlotte!) received blessings on October 9 by Fr. Paul and Br. Luis.



Oktoberfest on October 8

Parishioners ushered in the season of fall with a festive Oktoberfest on October 8.

A big thank you to the Parish Life Committee, and their friends and supporters who created a high-spirited party complete with brats, rolls, pretzels, lots of beer, Oktoberfest décor and courtyard games for the kids.

Special thanks to all those who contributed and dressed in German attire, with special thanks to **Charles and Debra Becker**, the masterminds of the event, and all the volunteers who helped, and the many guests who contributed side dishes of sauerkraut, German potato salad, red cabbage, salads and a full table of deserts and fruit.





Braddock Poe Schools Food Distribution. Next Distribution is November 2.

Our October 5 team: Ray Hanlein, Helen Cassidy, Sally Hanlein, Dottie Ninde, Bob Wood, Ron Vogel, Nell Dillard, Kate Giroux, Debbie Rosse and Tom Tycz. Not shown: Fran Walinsky, Carlos Guzman and Barbara Hallman and others who helped purchase, transport and, deliver foods and count bags.



Samaritan Ministry Each year, St. Alban's participates in Samaritan Ministry's annual fundraising events including the Next Step Breakfast in the spring and their largest fundraiser, the Christmas Gala. Last year, St. Alban's parishioners donated two gift baskets to be auctioned off during the gala, which raised more than \$101,370 dollars, \$1,000 more than their goal!

In December 2021, Samaritan Ministry distributed almost \$13,000 dollars in holiday gift cards, which allowed their 192 participants, plus 34 children, to better celebrate the holidays. As always, St. Alban's parishioners came together and donated gift cards in support of this event.

If you're interested in helping out, here are a few ways you can contribute:

Volunteer! Nearly 75 percent of Samaritan Ministry staff members are volunteers who assist our neighbors dealing with poverty in overcoming the challenges they face each day by serving as a:
Caseworker; Workshop Leader; Resume Writer; Food Pantry/Toiletry Coordinator at DC Office; Office Support

Donate slightly used clothing for use by participants. Donations can be delivered to Samaritan Ministry's Northern Virginia Office, 2207 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA.

Donate a gift basket to be auctioned off during the Annual Christmas Gala fundraiser on November 5. The gala will be in person this year at St. Andrew's from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Last year, St. Alban's donated two gift baskets for the auction. Gift basket examples include: a gift card to a favorite restaurant and a bottle of wine; games for a family game night; or snack food and drinks for watching a sporting event at home.

Donate toiletries (such as shampoo/conditioner, soap, toothbrushes/toothpaste, etc.) for participants. We have a donation box for Samaritan Ministry in the narthex.

Donate a \$25 gift card or two for the Thanksgiving Gift Card Drive by November 12 to help participants better celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Please put gift cards in an envelope before placing them in the donation box for Samaritan Ministry in the narthex.

Bake cookies for the annual open house to be held on December 16 at the Northern Virginia office. **Debbe Hughes** will be coordinating the effort again this year. Debbe will provide additional details in the SAM as the date draws near.

For more information on how you can assist, please contact **Nancy** or **Kristi** at:

-Kristina Potts, 202-258-6208, pottsk123@gmail.com -Nancy Calvert, 571-839-5068, billandnancycalvert@verizon.net

St. Alban's Annual Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 19



John Clements as Town Crier.

The Christmas Bazaar has been an annual tradition for more than 50 years. The bazaar provides a welcoming atmosphere and lets our neighbors see how Christ works in our parish community. The bazaar is an excellent place to gather and celebrate!

We offer a variety of items for sale, including handmade arts and crafts, baked goods and candy, jewelry, toys, puzzles, games, gently used household goods and decorative items, books, Christmas decor and a selection of low-cost gifts that children can choose to surprise their families. There's also a prize raffle, cafe, face painting and visits with Santa. In addition, the bazaar provides a wonderful opportunity to raise money to support our many community outreach activities.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

VOLUNTEER. Join our enthusiastic volunteers and help prepare and carry out the annual St. Alban's Christmas Bazaar. Do you have one hour? One day? How about a week? We are calling all volunteers to help decorate the parish hall, set up and take down the tables and chairs, move sale items in and out, work in the cafe or one of the stalls. Much of the set up work starts the Sunday before the bazaar and continues in the evenings during the bazaar week.

BAKE or COOK BEFORE THE BAZAAR. Donate homemade candy and/or baked goods, chili, corn chowder, or make sausage rolls for the bazaar cafe.

SPREAD THE WORD. Encourage your friends, family and coworkers to attend. If you're new to St. Alban's or have never volunteered at the bazaar before, this is a great way to meet your fellow parishioners.

DONATE. This year, we need tools, toys, jewelry, handbags, scarves, neckties, jewelry boxes, movies and music (DVDs & CDs only) and books; popular fiction (adventure, historical, crime, romance) books, particularly in paperback format, as well as history/autobiography books, and cookbooks published within past 10 years. Donations are being accepted now, so bring your items to the parish hall closet in marked boxes and sturdy bags on or before November 11.

Please see page 17 for Donation Guidelines and a listing of all bazaar chairs, co-chairs and representatives and contact information. Please see page 18 for the bazaar flyer you can print and share.



Samara and Jonquil Traum with Harris Andrews, Father Christmas Jo Hodgkin and Chris Peck running the ever popular raffle.

2022 Christmas Bazaar Donation Guidelines

WHAT TO BRING: General household items, tools, toys, Christmas decorations, handmade items, jewelry, raffle prizes, handbags, scarves, neckties, jewelry boxes, movies and music (DVDs and CDs only) and books; popular fiction (adventure, historical, crime, romance) books, particularly in paperback format, and history/autobiography books. Cookbooks are also fine, as long as they are from within the past 10 years.

WHAT IF I'M NOT SURE? Ask yourself: Would I buy this at a bazaar?

WHEN TO BRING DONATIONS: Now through November 11. Bazaar will take place November 19.

WHERE TO PUT DONATIONS: Parish hall closet – Please place books in the inner closet. If possible, take all other items upstairs to the attic and place them in the designated locations. **Please do not block the entrance to the book room!** Please place jewelry in the box in the narthex closet.

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR DONATIONS:

- Make sure all items are clean and in working order.
- Use boxes that fit the items.
- Soft items or large toys may be put in trash bags.
- Pack glass or breakable items safely.
- For books, use double paper grocery bags or small boxes.
- Box items by category and label boxes and bags: toys, white elephants, tools, Christmas decorations so they can be sorted easily.
- Place on the shelves in the parish hall closet. Please be sure that items do not impede access to the shelves.
- New handmade items are welcome! Mark clearly or bring to Chatting Fingers Tuesdays 10:00 am to noon.

RAFFLE PRIZES: We need prizes that will attract ticket buyers of all ages. Minimum value of all items is **\$75.00**. Ideas include: sporting events, theater or concert tickets, high value new items, an offer of professional services such as decorating a special cake or raking leaves or detailing a car or even gift cards! Please contact **Chris Peck** via email cmpeck02@verizon.net or **Stephanie Lightner** stephanielightner55@gmail.com about your donation.

NOT SOLD AT THE BAZAAR: Electronics such as TVs, VCRs, DVD players, computers, printers, furniture, clothing, shoes, hats, large handbags.

Any questions please email bazaar@stalbandsva.org

RECEIPTS FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS: Are located in the Bazaar closet or by contacting bazaar@stalbandsva.org.

2022 Bazaar Chairs, Co-Chairs and Representatives

Bakery Co-Chairs: Clarence Zuvekas and Fran Walinsky
Books Chair: Izanne Zorin
Café Chair: Kate Wettstein and Deborah Becker
Candy Chair: Delores Baisden
Cash Control Co-Chairs: Ray Hanlein and Moira Skinner
Children's Gifts Co-Chairs: Laura Depasquale, Robyn Leersnyder and Laura Depasquale
Christmas Décor Co-Chairs: Ann Gates and Fay Froh
Decorating Chair: Olivia Devereux
Face Painting Chair: Trish Huheey
Handmades Representative: Allison Blanchard
Household Goods Co-Chairs: Nancy Calvert, Sue Mairena and Dottie Ninde
Jewelry Co-Chairs: Ginger Weschler and Christina Russell
Pressed Flowers Chair: Barbara Hallman
Publicity (Print): April Kreller
Publicity (Online): Kevin Holland
Raffle Co-Chairs: Chris Peck and Stephanie Lightner
Santa: Harris Andrews
Set-Up/Take Down Co-Chairs: Tom Tycz and Bill Calvert
Square Payment Chair: Rick Weinberg
Tools Co-Chairs: Doug Mairena and Harry Baisden
Town Cryer: John Clements
Toys Co-Chairs: Sara Traum, Kristi Potts and Martina Daggie

For more information or questions about the Bazaar, please contact co-chairs **Nick Huskins** or **Bethany Bower** at bazaar@stalbandsva.org



St. Alban's Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 19th
9 AM - 2 PM

6800 Columbia Pike, Annandale

- *Outdoor Cafe
 - *Candy & Baked Goods
 - *Books
 - *Art
 - *Children's Gift Shop
 - *Toys & Games
 - *Jewelry
 - *Household Goods
 - *Handmade Items
 - *Caroling by the Choir
 - *Raffle
- and much more!

All Major Credit Cards Accepted!

Raffle Prizes Galore!

You do not have to be present to win!

- Kennedy Center Tickets
- Dinner/Show Signature Theater
- Legos Sets & Toys
- Fabulous Quilts
- Holiday Dishware
- Amazon Tech Bundle
- & So much more!!



Your purchases help support St. Alban's outreach programs at Poe Middle School, Bethany House, Belvedere Elementary, Braddock Elementary, Lockwood House, Bailey's Crossroads Shelter, ACCA and other community organizations serving those in need. We also support outreach in North Carolina, Our Little Roses School in Honduras, Holy Trinity Church in Haiti and Episcopal Relief and Development. For more information, please email bazaar@stalbansva.org.

Poe Middle After-School Meal Program Resumes September 29th

St. Albans will serve its first hot meal of the school year to middle schoolers who participate in Poe's after-school activities on **Thursday, September 29**. More than two-thirds of the students in the after-school programs receive free- or reduced-priced breakfasts and lunches, and so our meals support those who face food insecurity at home at the end of the day. We have learned and servers have witnessed that these students very much look forward to, and are grateful for, these hot meals. Here's your opportunity to support this outreach!

Volunteers are needed to shop on your own schedule beforehand and to cook, transport, serve, and clean up on the day-of.

Christmas Bazaar: Donations Needed!

The Bazaar will be here before you know it!

Please place items in boxes or sturdy bags marked with what's inside.

Coats 4 Kids

Again this year, St. Alban's is providing brand new warm winter coats for children at Braddock Elementary.

It's easy to help! Just take a leaf from the display in the Narthex. It will have a coat size on it, and all you have to do is purchase a new coat in that size. Next week, you can return the coat to the Narthex. If you are going to Shrinemont, feel free to bring the new coat and pass it along to Jo Hodgins. The coat drive will continue for several weeks, but the sooner we can get coats to kids, the better.

Sunday School Is Now Open

We are excited to announce that registration is open for Sunday School (grades Pre-K through High School). Please register your children by going to the **church website**. This information is very important for parish record keeping. For more information on registration or about St. Alban's Sunday School, please see Adam Hutson or email us at sundayschool@stalbandsva.org.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: October 5-15, 2023

Footsteps of Jesus | St. George's College, East Jerusalem

There is still time to join our pilgrimage to the Holy Land...the course remains open until filled. Talk to Fr. Paul if you have questions or are curious.

2023 Holy Land Pilgrimage Information

Help Out the Families of Braddock Elementary School

Every other Wednesday, St. Alban's provides two bags of nutritious foods to 35 grateful families who have been identified as "in need" by the school's family resource teacher. Volunteers are needed to pack the bags or deliver them to a central location where we meet the families. We love new volunteers and it is very rewarding, so please consider joining us.

If you have any questions, email Nell Dillard at nelldillard@hotmail.com.

COVID-19 Updates

Over the past several months we have been implementing changes to return to our pre-COVID worship routine. Below is a recap of changes to our Sunday worship:

- We are once again serving the chalice at Communion. Instructions and guidance are printed in the bulletin, but we ask that you not dip your wafer in the wine. We are only sipping from the common cup. Should you not wish to drink from the cup, we ask that you touch the base of the chalice as the minister says the words of ministrations.

- We are returning to our previous Communion "traffic pattern." The ushers will release each row to come down the center aisle for Communion, and we ask that you return to your seat via the side aisles.

- Prayer books and hymnals were removed from the church out of concern for viral spread. That is no longer a concern, so we will return to using the BCP's in the pews. The service will no longer be printed in full in the Sunday bulletin.

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Stewardship Ingathering Sunday is November 20.

Bring your stewardship pledge cards to church. A celebration brunch will follow each service.
Please see page 2 for more information.

Bazaar 2022 is November 19. For more information, please see pages 3, 16, 17 and 18.

