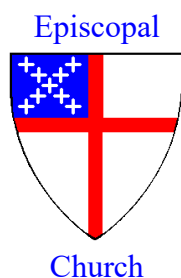


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May 23, 2023

Dear Friends,

At today's Morning Prayer service we celebrated Augustine of Canterbury, who was made the first Archbishop of Canterbury in 597. He was sent by Pope Gregory to Christianize the Anglo-Saxon pagans in southern Britannia. In his biography is the mention of a Christmas Day service that year in which thousands of people were baptized. I can't help but wonder how many of those people were baptized to please the king, whose Christian wife played a role in his conversion to Christianity, and how many were baptized to proclaim their newfound faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How were they prepared for baptism? Was a lack of faith an impediment to the receiving of the sacrament?

This weekend I will baptize nine year old Charlie at Emmanuel and high school freshman Teddy at St. Alban's. I will do this with great joy, for in our pre-baptism sessions each has demonstrated a lively faith. They also will receive Holy Communion for the first time. The Body and Blood of Christ will nourish their blossoming spirits as the Holy Spirit makes a home in them through baptism.

However, the Baptismal Covenant isn't just about these two boys, it's also about all of us who have been baptized into the worldwide Body of Christ. After we say the Apostles' Creed in question and answer form five questions will be asked for all to answer. They are meant to demonstrate that what we say with our lips translates into how we live our lives as Christians. The answer to each question is, "I will, with God's help." They are:

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers? [Will you attend worship services and pray?]

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? [It's not "if" you fall into sin, but "whenever" you fall into sin!]

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? [What kind of witness are you for Jesus Christ - great, good, so-so?]

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? [Black lives matter too. Migrants' lives matter.]

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? [for we all are a beloved child of God.]

Mother Julie+

Pentecost Celebrations on May 27 and 28

Saturday Evening at Emmanuel Mother Julie will baptize Charlie Wojtalewski and welcome Lauren Wojtalewski into the parish.

Sunday Morning at St. Alban's Mother Julie will baptize Teddy Morris. Jermaine Covington will be out of town and so was welcomed on May 21.

Wear red, the color of the Holy Spirit!



St. Alban's: June 3, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Proceeds to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.

Needed

- ⇒ Bakers for the bake sale. Please package items for sale. Example: 6 cookies in a plastic bag.
- ⇒ Books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl records

Fellowship Events

June 4 at St. Alban's: Lunch at Olive Garden at Noon to celebrate the Fundraiser for Ukraine and wish Mother Julie well on her two month absence for sabbatical and vacation.

June 17 at Emmanuel: 4:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, followed by a BBQ at Pamela Trendell's home

Mother Julie's Schedule

Mother Julie will be on sabbatical from St. Alban's from June 5 - July 4. Father Gerry Beritela will celebrate Holy Eucharist on the four Sundays. She will continue to be at Emmanuel on Saturday evenings and Wednesdays, though she will be on retreat June 27-30. She is in her 17th year at St. Alban's, but only in her 2nd year at Emmanuel.

She will be on vacation from both parishes July 5 - August 4. At St. Alban's Morning Prayer will be led by Lay Leader Steve Pekich. At Emmanuel Evening Prayer will be led by Lay Leaders Barbara Crane, Lois McEwan, and Deborah McGavin.

Thursday Evenings: Zoom Codes are the same for every Thursday 827 6703 2161 & 331119

June 1 on Zoom

6:00 p.m. Eat and Chat

7:00 p.m. Rule of Life monthly meeting

6:15 p.m. Book Study: Chapters 6-8

**Hots Dogs in the Kingdom: May 25, 5:00-7:00
p.m.
at Emmanuel**



In Person Schedule: Both Parishes & Friends are Welcome!

Saturday Emmanuel 4:15 p.m.: Coffee Hour
* 5:00 p.m.: Baptism and Holy Eucharist

Sunday St. Alban's * 8:30 a.m.: Bible Study
* 9:30 a.m.: Baptism and Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m.: Coffee Hour

Wednesday Emmanuel * 2:00 p.m.: Bible Study

* also on Zoom

Zoom Schedule & Codes

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Emmanuel: **812 9701 3112 & 381729**

Sunday

8:30 a.m. St. Alban's: **835 9000 0245 & 562087**
9:30 a.m. St. Alban's: **826 9515 6305 & 446765**

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer: **817 4372 7305 & 891158**

Wednesday

2:00 p.m. Bible Study: **840 0349 8213 & 586548**

Use your telephone for Zoom

Dial **1-646-558-8656**

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Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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Other Events

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Mother Julie's Schedule: May 27-June 2

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Days Off</u>
Emmanuel	St. Alban's	St. Alban's	Emmanuel	St. Alban's	Monday & Friday
4:00-7:00 pm	8:10-11:40	9:30-5:30	10:00-5:00	12:30-8:30 pm	