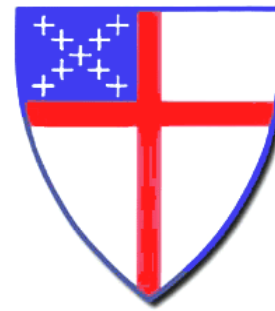


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America! America!
God shed his grace
on thee

Entrance to Fort De Soto Park, Pinellas County, FL

* **Summer Schedule—one 9am Service Begins June 19**
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 * **Support our Troops, Sunday, July 10 (pg 4)**

Our mission: "Go then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples... and teach them to obey all that I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19

Celebrating St. Alban c. June 22, 304 AD

A man called Alban, believed to have been a Romano-British citizen of the Roman town of Verulamium (now St. Alban's, England) around the end of the 3rd century, gave shelter to an itinerant Christian priest, later called Amphibalus. Impressed by what he heard Alban was converted to Christianity by him. When a period of persecution, ordered by the Emperor, brought soldiers in search of the priest, Alban exchanged clothes with him allowing him to escape and it was Alban who was arrested in his place.



Relief depicting the martyrdom of St. Alban, from The Cathedral and Abbey of St. Alban's, England created by Matthew Paris, a St. Alban's choir monk 1220 to 1259.

Standing trial and asked to prove his loyalty by making offerings to the Roman gods, Alban bravely declared his faith in "the true and living God who created all things". This statement condemned Alban to death. He was led out of the city, across the river and up a hillside where he was beheaded.

As with all good stories the legend grew with time. The Venerable Bede, writing in the 8th century elaborates the story, adding that the river miraculously divided to let him pass and a spring of water appeared to provide a drink for the saint. He also adds that the executioner's eyes dropped out as he beheaded the saint, a detail that has often been depicted with relish since. At the time of Bede there was a church and shrine near the spot, pilgrims traveled to visit, and it became an established place of healing. He describes the hill as "adorned with wild flowers of every kind" and as a spot "whose natural beauty had long fitted it as a place to be hallowed by the blood of a blessed martyr". There is an even earlier record of St. Germanus visiting the shrine around 429.

Alban was probably buried in the Roman cemetery to the south of the present Abbey Church. Recent finds suggest an early basilica over the spot and later a Saxon Benedictine monastery was founded, probably by King Offa around 793. This was replaced in 1077 by the large Norman church and monastery, the remains of which are still partly visible in the tower and central part of the present cathedral.

St. Alban's Day is celebrated on June 22 each year. We will remember him on Sunday, June 19 with a St. Alban hymn brought back from St. Alban's, England!



Located 20 miles north of London, The Cathedral and Abbey Church of Saint Alban is the oldest site of continuous Christian worship in Britain. It stands over the place where Alban, the first British martyr, was first buried after giving his life for the faith—over 1700 years ago.

Source: The Cathedral and Abbey Church of Saint Alban, St. Alban, England website.

JULY & AUGUST

WORSHIP MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

One Sunday 9am Service	Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Lay Readers	Service Hosts	Vestry Guardian	Altar Guild
July 3 Pentecost 3 	Bill Cross Ken Deacon	Lenora Bryant	Dick DeRosa Caroline Carr	Bob Sinclair	Team II Dick DeRosa Shelby Shad Bea Mitchell
July 10 Pentecost 4 Support our Troops Sunday	Joanne MacConnell Joe MacConnell	Blair Crimmen	Joanne Kissinger Roland Kissinger	Joe MacConnell	Team III Brooke Taliaferro Joel Taliaferro Susan Wright Lenora Bryant
July 17 Pentecost 5	Susan Wyant Ernie McKenzie	Lenora Bryant	Anna McKenzie Ginny McCutcheon	Anna McKenzie	Team I Glenda Rice Chat Gray Miriam Cone Bobbie Strickland
July 24 Pentecost 6	Brian Cone Evelyn Cone	Blair Crimmen	Dave Gray Susan Wyant	Brian Cone	Team II Dick DeRosa Shelby Shad Bea Mitchell
July 31 Pentecost 7	Brooke Taliaferro Joel Taliaferro	Lenora Bryant	Berry Ludwig Charlie Ludwig	Berry Ludwig	Team III Brooke Taliaferro Joel Taliaferro Susan Wright
August 7 Pentecost 8	Glenda Rice Susan Wyant	Blair Crimmen	John Kiley Ed Reed	Glenda Rice	Team I Glenda Rice Chat Gray Miriam Cone Bobbie Strickland
August 14 Pentecost 9 "Shower the Day School"	Ken Deacon Bill Cross	Lenora Bryant	Dick DeRosa Caroline Carr	Bob Sinclair	Team II Dick DeRosa Shelby Shad Bea Mitchell
August 21 Pentecost 10	Ernie McKenzie Joel Taliaferro	Brooke Taliaferro	Joanne Kissinger Roland Kissinger	Brooke Taliaferro	Team III Brooke Taliaferro Joel Taliaferro Susan Wright Lenora Bryant
August 28 Pentecost 28	Joe MacConnell Joanne MacConnell	Blair Crimmen	Berry Ludwig Charlie Ludwig	Joe MacConnell	Team I Glenda Rice Chat Gray Miriam Cone Bobbie Strickland

Mutual Ministry Review: A Partnership for Effective Ministry

The vestry and staff have been involved in an extended review of our "mutual ministry" as we near Fr. Stuart's first year anniversary at St. Alban's (August 1st) and in shared ministry with St. Dunstan's, Largo. This review process involved meeting with Bishop Smith at Dayspring Conference Center for his perspective, as well. The process is a healthy and expected part of our life in mission. Many productive insights and causes for celebration have become clearer through the discussions and documentation. The finalized Mutual Ministry Review document will be available to any active parish member who would like to request one from the parish office. Some of the key areas include:

- Considering the future of the shared ministry arrangement with St. Dunstan's and the Diocese;
- Rejoicing in the vitality of the Day School;
- Emphasizing the need for refinements in calendar control and event planning in the year ahead.

Read about these, and much more, in the Mutual Ministry Review document as soon as it is available from the parish office.

July 16th (Saturday) – A Parish Planning Advance

Any person interested in participating in an advance planning day is invited to join the effort on July 16th (Saturday) from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. We will:

- Review the prior year's activities, events, and ministries
- Look for scheduling obstacles and opportunities
- Consider the full spectrum of what is being offered for balance in terms of emphasis (i.e., worship, fellowship, outreach, study, work, play, etc.)
- Do our best to optimize the event milestones of the year and coordinate with potentially competing or overlapping activities
- Create an annual calendar with major milestones cited



In short, we will look ahead and "advance" the work of the parish by creating an annual calendar of events, recognizing, of course, that some adjustments will need to be made along the way. Join vestry, staff, and other ministry leaders in this important day, if you are interested and able. Please notify the Parish Administrator of your intentions to participate so that we can plan for the size and composition of the group.

St. Alban's Health Ministries/Care Team Continues on through Summer Months

St. Alban's Care Team will continue meeting throughout the summer in order to bring care through greeting cards, get well cards and hospital and home visits to our Parish family members who are in need of this support. The Parish Nurse program has been resumed by Patti Kearns-Medero. You will continue to see updates on medical and health issues placed in the Welcome Center by Patti throughout the summer. Last month a Nursing Home Ministry began at Pasadena Manor in South Pasadena. Fr. Stuart and five members of the Health Ministries/Care Team conducted a service at the nursing home. Approximately 20 patients at the home attended the service which included communion and music. Music was provided through the use of a Karaoke machine with words projected on a television screen. One of the nurses sang several hymns and was one of the highlights of the service. The service will continue on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm.

A Perspective from Fr. Stuart Swann

A Letter from Camp (almost)

By the time this newsletter goes to press I will be deeply ensconced in the rigors and joys of a diocesan youth camp for elementary school kids at Dayspring Conference Center (Ellenton, FL). From June 12-17th I'm serving as chaplain and accompanying my granddaughter, Sage, on her first camp experience.

Many of us have been influenced by the memories of summer camps. In my own childhood, camp came in the form of four consecutive summers at Camp Winnataska in the Alabama "mountains". It was one of those experiences that had to grow on me, beginning with the first year (age 8) when I cried hopelessly to come home to the fourth year when I was a seasoned camper, sure of myself and the summer ritual of leaving home and family for the rugged environs of Winnataska. The accompanying photo is one of the first cabins I stayed in, apparently still there, still serving young campers making their first trek away from home.



Be it camp, or vacations, or returns to places with old memories and familiar people, many of us will be going places this summer. The church calendar of events suddenly takes a break; we are surprised by the sudden sense of quiet that falls over the office; and, in the Sunday worship we experience greatly reduced numbers of people. It can all be a bit unsettling!

I'm, personally, looking forward to vacation weeks to spend time with my family in Middle Tennessee, puttering around our home in Clearwater to do some of the projects on the "to do" list, and prayerfully reflecting on God's call to a purpose-filled life. I want to express my appreciation for the warm reception received in this first year of ministry with St. Alban's and to encourage us to look forward to what comes next. After the summer, after the time away, after the "quiet", we will find our calling is strengthened and clearer for the year ahead.

Each of you remains in my thoughts and prayers, and I trust that God will watch over each of us in our various summer settings. For those back home in the far north – we miss you, already, and look forward to your return! To our year-round residents here at the beach, you know how vital each of you is to our parish family. Thank you for remaining as the core group to see us through the time of "one service Sundays" and into renewed vigor on the other side of summer.

Safety, happiness, and a sense of God's nearness to each of you ...

STEWARDSHIP=FAITH IN ACTION!

Here we are in late June already! Tick—tock! is the time going? Just a reminder that on **Sunday, June 26th we will celebrate “Paper Sunday”**. On that day we are asked to bring donations for the Church of paper items. Paper towels, toilet paper, boxes of tissues, stick'em notes—any paper item you choose.

In July, we will once again focus outside ourselves. **Sunday, July 10th we will celebrate “Support our Troops”** by bringing items to donate for the precious boxes sent to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Each month the faithful volunteers ship a carefully filled 50 to 100 boxes at \$12.50 per box. The ministry, a 501(c) (3) organization, has been in operation for over 4 years, begun by Former St. Pete Beach mayor, Mike Finnerty and operates on 100% donations. We are proud and pleased to have offered them a new “home” in Room 8 on the St. Alban's campus. Terri Finnerty, wife of the former mayor, volunteers tirelessly—almost every weekday—to coordinate the volunteers and operations. Monetary donations are, of course, greatly appreciated, and tax deductible. Checks for Support our Troops, Inc. may be placed in our offertory plates—marked “Support our Troops” or mailed or dropped at the church office. And if you are interested in volunteering call Terri at 641-2314.

Here is a listing of the items collected to be sent:

Food Goods

- Jerky
- Gummy Bears
- Licorice
- Peanuts
- Powdered Lemonade
- Powdered Gatorade
- Sandwich Kits (crackers, tuna)
- Packaged Candy (not chocolate)
- Lifesavers
- Gum
- Packaged Cookies
- Cheese n Crackers
- Pudding Packs
- Granola Bars
- Pringles
- Doritos (in Pringles container)
- Salsa in plastic container
- Granola Mixes
- Hot Cocoa Packets
- Ice Tea Packets
- Individual Coffee Bags
- Tea Bags
- Ramen Noodles
- Condiment Packets
- Trail Mix

Toiletries

- Toothpaste / Toothbrushes
- Boot Inserts
- Sunscreen
- Moist Wipes
- Hand Sanitizers
- Hair Spray (non-aerosol)
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Shaving Lotion (non-aerosol)
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Chapstick
- Mouthwash
- Eye Drops
- Q-tips
- Kleenex (travel size)
- Toilet Paper
- Feminine Hygiene Items
- Cough Drops
- Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Advil
- Foot Powder
- Cotton Balls
- Wash Clothes

Miscellaneous: Bandanas (Khaki or Camouflage), Socks, Pens, Stationary, Postcards, International Phone Cards, Disposable Cameras, Batteries, CD's and DVD movies, Mini DVD-Rs or DVD-RWs for recording stories for their children, Magazines and Battery-Operated Fans.

On August 14th, we will “Shower the DaySchool” with items needed for the upcoming school year. The teachers will create a wish list. Stay tuned for more information on this Stewardship=Faith in Action event!



JULY

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| 2 Dick DeRosa | 20 Martha Willis | 01 Bobbie & George Strickland |
| 3 Margie Yates | 22 Ann Lamberson | 10 Shirley & Jim Knox |
| 3 Victoria Citrano | 22 Madelaine Quinto | 18 Isabel & Stuart Irvine |
| 6 Grace Bailey | 23 John Kiley | |
| 13 Bethany Wilkerson | 24 Al Mitchell | |
| 14 Evelyn Frost | 26 Michael Citrano | |
| 17 Pat Pryor | 27 Donna Veenstra | |
| 18 Joan Elder | 27 Liz Mason | |
| 18 Shelby Shad | 28 Peggy Stow | |
| 19 Brian Burnell | 29 Gordon Coyle | |

AUGUST

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| 1 Kim Turner | 11 Bronnie Polk | 19 Dara & Bo Wilkerson |
| 2 Franci Cross | 13 Claudia DePierre | 21 Berry & Charlie Ludwig |
| 4 Celeste Conn | 14 Joel Taliaferro | |
| 7 Bill Carpenter | 24 Marilyn Ruzicka | |
| 8 Joe Cameron | 26 Joyce Malley | |
| 9 Millie Stafford | 27 Douglas Turner | |
| 9 Connie Storm-Sinclair | 31 Julianne Hill | |


Berry & Charlie Ludwig visited Carol Conrad in Delaware. Carol was very appreciative of the notes and goodies in the tote bag from St. Alban's! Berry reports that the new facility where Carol lives is lovely.



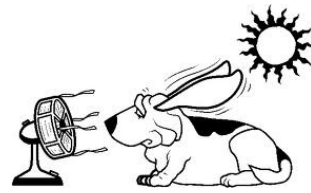
Found a New Church Home:
Sandy & Doug Bumgarner
Trinity, FL

Transferred to Holy Trinity,
Clearwater

Gone to Glory:
John Kiley's wife:
Kathy Kiley



Important Dates



The Dog Days of Summer!

June 19	9am	Holy Eucharist Trinity Sunday, Father's Day, St. Alban's Day Acknowledged (Fr. Swann at St. Dunstan's)
June 22	10am	Morning Prayer —Children's Chapel
June 26	9am	Holy Eucharist —Paper Sunday (see page 4) (Fr. Swann vacation)
June 29	10am	Morning Prayer —Children's Chapel
July 3	9am	Holy Eucharist
July 6	10am	Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing —Children's Chapel
July 4		Office closed—Independence Day
July 10	9am	Holy Eucharist —Support our Troops Sunday (see page 4)
July 13	10am	Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing —Children's Chapel
July 16	9am	Parish Planning Workshop (see page 10)
July 17	9am	Holy Eucharist (Fr. Swann at St. Dunstan's)
July 20	10am	Morning Prayer —Children's Chapel
July 24	9am	Holy Eucharist (Fr. Swann vacation)
July 27	10am	Morning Prayer —Children's Chapel
July 31	9am	Holy Eucharist (Fr. Swann vacation)
Aug 3	10am	Morning Prayer —Children's Chapel
Aug 7	9am	Holy Eucharist , Breakfast served by the Men of St. Alban's & helpers
Aug 9	6:30pm	Vestry Meets—Guild Room
Aug 10	10am	Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing —Children's Chapel
Aug 13	8am-1pm	Bloodmobile at St. John Vianney Catholic Church
Aug 14	9am	Holy Eucharist —"Shower" for the DaySchool (see page 4)
Aug 17	10am	Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing -Children's Chapel
Aug 21	9am	Holy Eucharist
Aug 24	10am	Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing -Children's Chapel
Aug 26	7pm	True Couponing - Parish Hall (see page 7)
Aug 28	9am	Holy Eucharist
Aug 31	10am	Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing —Children's Chapel

What price, "Independence"?

It's that time of year again ... cookouts, fireworks, holiday gatherings, and a surge in patriot sentiments. You might appreciate a bit of history on one of our most beloved patriotic songs as you prepare for the 4th.

America the Beautiful

Words by Katharine Lee Bates (1859 – 1929)
Melody by Samuel Ward (1848 – 1903)

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!

America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassion'd stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness.

America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes prov'd
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life.

America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness,
And ev'ry gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears.

America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

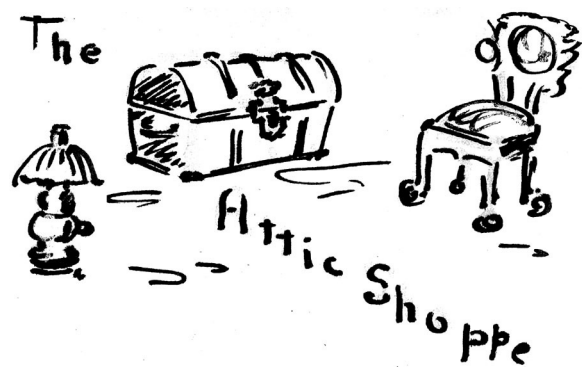
"America the Beautiful" — often called the national hymn of the United States — was adapted from a poem by a Wellesley College English professor named Katharine Lee Bates, written in 1893. She wrote the poem on a long trip she took to Colorado, about the beauty of the country through which she traveled. As the story has it, she thought up the poem while visiting Pike's Peak, and wrote it down as soon as she returned to her hotel. Now, there is a plaque atop the mountain commemorating Bates and her poem's composition.

The original version, which included only four verses (later, it was expanded to eight) was first published in *The Congregationalist* in 1895, to commemorate Independence Day. Later, she added more verses and revised the lyrics a bit, republishing in the *Boston Evening Transcript* in 1904. The music that became adapted to the poem was actually composed a decade earlier (1882) by New Jersey composer Samuel Ward. Ward's music and Bates' poem were first published together in 1910. Before that, there were several other melodies to which people sang "America the Beautiful." <http://folkmusic.about.com/od/folksongs/qt/AmericaSong.htm>



Summer Office Hours

Please note that the church office will be closed on Fridays during the months of June, July and August.



God Bless the Generosity of the ECW and the Volunteers of the Attic Shoppe

The Episcopal Church Women of St. Alban's, currently led by Jane Gaugh, President, has been extremely generous to the church for decades. Besides donations to other area ministries, the ECW gives \$13,320.00 each year and on occasion, as in 2010, an additional \$5000.00 was given to the church. God bless their generosity!

The Attic Shoppe, on Corey Avenue, is the source of the funds the ECW is able to contribute. The Shoppe is staffed by tireless volunteers year-round. A hearty "thank you" to each and every one of the Attic Shoppe volunteers. The volunteering ranges from a hard core group every week, to seasonally, Saturdays only, to when they are able, to emergency only. Nancy Waits manages the Shoppe, the fabulous window is dressed by Jane Gaugh, Berry Ludwig, ECW Treasurer, counts deposits and accounts for the Shoppe receipts. All are greatly appreciated!

The Attic Shoppe Volunteers in alphabetical order:

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| Rita Baylies | Carol Nicolay |
| Madge & Brian Burnell | Johnna Patterson |
| Pat Carpenter | Amy Ploughman |
| Caroline Carr | Marilyn Ruzicka |
| Rita DeFrancis | Joan Schory |
| Millie Dubinski | Joyce Shick |
| Joan Elder | Connie Sinclair |
| Evelyn Frost | Millie Stafford |
| Jane Gaugh | Kathy Stover |
| Chat Gray | Bobbie Strickland |
| Elaine Jett | Brooke Taliaferro |
| Joan Keefe | Adria Thomas |
| Jo Kissinger | Joan Vernetzy |
| Shirley Knox | Nancy Waits |
| Ann Lamberson | Joyce Webber |
| Millie Lockwood | Rosamund Wendt |
| Berry Ludwig | Dara Wilkerson |
| Monica & John Macey | Margie Yates |
| Joanne MacConnell | Vilma Zimmer |
| Bea Mitchell | Shelley Willis |

Do you have an Attic Shoppe story or remembrance you would like to share? We know many of you do and we would love to read them!

Submit your info to the church office by the 15th of each month.



Men of St. Alban's

MOSA (Men of St. Alban's) had their monthly fellowship, program and potluck supper 2 June 2011. Once again, this was an excellent meeting with a program on the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum presented by Cleo Robinson, Curator. This museum is located at 115 – 10th Avenue, St Pete Beach; in the historic district.

Due to dwindling ranks because of vacations, because of people having returned to their northern digs and because of other conflicts, it was decided to forego the July and August meetings and reconvene in September. Please mark your calendar and join us for our next MOSA fellowship, program and potluck supper 1 September 2011.

By any measurement criteria, MOSA's first year (2010/2011) was a tremendous success. Thanks to all the men who have been so unselfish in their many and varied contributions. Thanks to the officers: Ernie McKenzie-President, John Kiley-Vice President, Fr. Stuart-Secretary, & Dick DeRosa, Treasurer. Also, we give a special thank you to Glenda Rice for doing kitchen duty after our potluck suppers. We are very appreciative.

Let's make 2011/2012 an even better year. Our goal is to have all men at St. Alban's be included. See you in September!!! Questions, comments, suggestions relative to MOSA: Call Ernie McKenzie at 360-6481

ACTS 2:42

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer”.



BREAKFAST MADE BY THE MEN OF ST. ALBAN'S

As a reward to those of us who hang in here over the summer, Ernie McKenzie and the Men of St. Alban's are planning to treat us to breakfast after the service on Sunday, August 7. Yum! More details to come.

MILITARY TRIBUTE BOOK

As celebrated Memorial Day this year, we announced the request for information to compile a Military Tribute Book to included all who have or are serving in our armed forces. Please look for the blue forms in the Welcome Center or call the office. We can email the form to anyone who is away for the summer. We would love to scan in photos in uniform. Pictures will be returned.

TrueCouponing Workshop, Friday, August 26, 7pm

The DaySchool is sponsoring a free workshop offered by TrueCouponing.com in the Parish Hall on Friday, August 26th at 7pm. TrueCouponing.com states they are a faith-based ministry teaching others how to save money through the use of coupons. Learn how to find great deals through coupons and other specials at grocery stores, drug stores and other stores. To attend register at TrueCouponing.com or call Beth Gregory 363-1533.