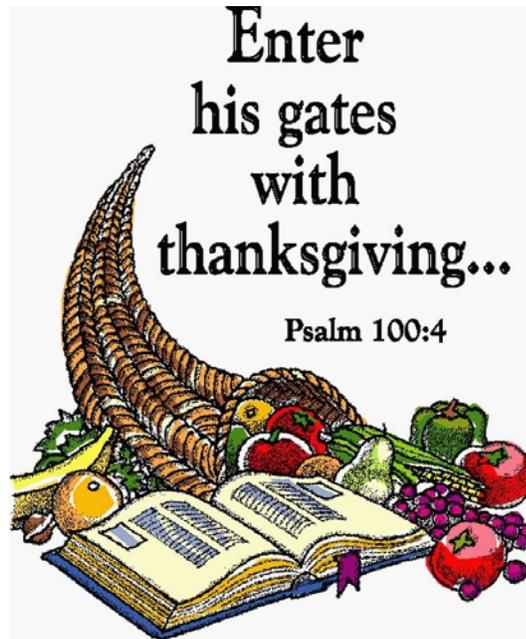


# *The Cross & the Sword*

The monthly newsletter of Saint Alban's Parish  
Family

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It is just incredible to me that it is already November. This year has been crazy on many levels and I know that most of us cannot wait for it to finally be over. There has been a lot of hate and violence that have been going on everywhere, all while everyone is dealing with a pandemic. This Tuesday is the Presidential election, and I am extremely worried about how the country is going to react when all the ballots are counted, and we finally know the outcome of the election. I recently read something on Facebook that basically sums up my thoughts around the whole thing and I am going to paraphrase this statement only because I cannot find the original post.

This Wednesday morning, I am going to get up and begin my day. I will check one of the news outlets to find out who will be our President next year. I may have a small reaction to the news, but I will remind myself somewhere in the country there are people that are feeling the opposite of what I'm currently feeling. Then I am going to turn off the tv and go about the rest of my day. I will live my life just like I did the day before. I will make every effort to pray for all our elected officials with the hope that they will do what they feel is best for our country. I will respect those around me regardless of which side of the decision that they happen to be on. I am going to treat everyone with respect and dignity. I honestly believe that whoever is elected is who God guided into this position. I will remind myself that I should not question God and the path that has been laid out before me. Without my faith in God I would go crazy worrying about every detail and every decision that I make throughout the day along with the decisions of others.

I ask all of you to remember that we are all human. God has given us freewill with the intention that we would use that gift. Let's all pray for this country and the people that make up our great land that there is peace and acceptance on Wednesday instead of unrest and anger. Let us all remember the teachings of Jesus and how we are asked to simply love everyone no matter our differences or beliefs.

***“For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers.” Proverbs 11:4***

Many blessings

Cindy Spice  
Senior Warden



All Saints' Day, a commemoration of the martyrs and giants of the faith, and All Faithful Departed Day, when we remember all the Christian faithful, both known and unknown, we observed on **Sunday, November 1**. We also welcomed Fr. Michael Roeske to be our celebrant.

## STEWARDSHIP



### Stewardship Report

Donations slackened to \$6,588 for September which puts us a little behind on year to date donations for 2020. Please continue to keep up with mailing in your donations or sign-up for [tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly). Keep in mind we are still doing great overall because our expenses are being managed exceptionally well. The church is still being kept up and we continue to pay upkeep costs for maintenance. We are grateful to the search committee, especially John Lorenzen and Cindy Spice, for successfully finding us a wonderful new priest. We are set to thrive going forward but it is up to each one of us to keep us thriving.

David Birchfield



Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalms 100:1-5 KJV

### Turkey Day Quiz

Which president made Thanksgiving an annual holiday at the end of November?

Ans: Abraham Lincoln

Which of America's founding fathers believed a turkey would make a better national symbol than the bald eagle?

Ans: Benjamin Franklin

Which of the following foods was likely served at the first Thanksgiving in 1621?

Pumpkin Pie, Shellfish, Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce

Ans: Shellfish

When was the first Thanksgiving?

Ans: 1621

How fast can turkeys run?

Ans: 25 mph

True or False: Macy's was the first department store to sponsor an annual Thanksgiving Day Parade

Ans: False, Gimbel's

The Detroit Lions played against which team in the first Thanksgiving Day NFL game in 1934?

Ans: The Chicago Bears

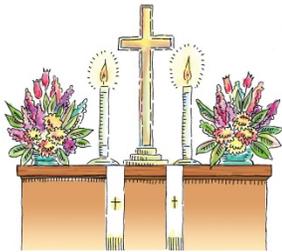
When does Canada celebrate Thanksgiving?

Ans: 2nd Monday of October

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Judy Wall

## WORSHIP COMMISSION



### Worship Schedule

The good news is that we have called a priest! Fr. Michael looks forward to beginning regular Sunday Eucharists on the first Sunday of Advent. And we all really look forward to being able to have communion again. The bad news is that we have lost a number of the lay ministers that are a necessary part of offering our worship to the Lord. For the time being there will be some modifications in our Eucharistic practice due to Covid-19 restrictions, which will reduce the number of people needed at the altar. But eventually we will need to fill these positions. There are no active crucifers available. We possibly have only one server. We have two people who are willing do altar guild. Additional lay Eucharistic ministers would be welcomed. The position of usher will be enhanced to follow all of the Covid protocols and more people will be required at a service to meet this responsibility. We are aware that not all of our parishioners are going to be comfortable with returning to in-person services at this time. But if you are one of the people who will be coming into the church, please consider where you might take a more active role in the service than you previously have. There is a place for you in the process, and thank you for whatever you can do. Elaine



## Thanksgiving Flowers and Decorations

Envelopes for Thanksgiving flowers and decorations are available in the church office by contacting Debbie with the deadline of November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please put a separate check in the offering plate on Sunday or mail it to the office. You may contribute any amount for these flowers. Please note whether you would like the flowers in thanksgiving for an important event in your life or in memory of a loved one.

We will be having a Thanksgiving Eve service on November 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.



## Altar Guild

Altar Guild members will prepare the sanctuary for Advent on Sunday, November 24 at 11:30 a.m. after the service.

## Vestry Stewardship

### Operating Fund

Operating income Sept,	\$ 6,587.95	Operating inc. for 2020	\$ 82,535.43
Operating expense Sept.	6,007.29	Operating exp. for 2020	55,925.17
Net gain for September	\$ 580.66	Net gain for 2020	\$ 26,610.26

## Vestry Highlights

At the regular meeting of the Vestry on October 20

It was noted that:

- a) worship schedules for LEMS are being worked on.
- b) Daughters of the King meeting will be scheduled on Zoom
- c) signs are being created to welcome Father Michael and everyone back to the building
- d) Outside lights have been replaced
- e) All the pews have been cleaned
- f) Reopening: Need ushers (4-5 per Sunday), planning a training
- g) Diocesan Convention: 11/7 via Zoom

It was motioned to:

- a) Boiler #2 – needs the boiler recirculating pump needs replaced: Kenny made a motion to replace the pump and spend \$320 from major improvement, seconded by Marilyn.

## November Birthdays

2 Julie Zeider  
5 Sandy Ritchie  
6 Gary Michael  
10 Katelyn Naunas  
10 Bill Townsend  
13 Landon Diver  
14 Jon Fazzaro  
17 Ivy McLimans  
21 Laura Birchfield



22 Sue Dirrim  
22 Karen Stath-Tracy  
23 Alex McLimans  
26 Rose Tinder-O'Brien  
27 Larry Sanxter  
30 Anna Layden  
30 Janice Mullins

8 Ray & Peggy Brandes



*If your birthday or anniversary has not been listed,  
please notify Debbie at 485-8022, so that we may add your date to our record*

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Jerry Anderson, Sheryl Banks, Mindy Bleck, Toby Bleck, Neal Birchfield, Ray Brandes, Anne Butler, Dick Camp, Pete Cola, Christina Connelly, Elliot Culwell, Sue Dirrim, John Diver, Jr, Mark Elliott, Andrew Foland, Ruth Ford, Chris Foreman and family, Charlie Frede, Denise Frede, Paula Hanlin, Sharon Haynes, Bill Hughes, Madison Hursh, Claire Irvine, Vicki Irvine, Juliann Jankowski, Julie Lieb, Tricia Jones, Rachel Lambert, Kris Lorenzen, John Jeffries, Suzanna Johnson, Sue Maley, Marge McClure, Norma Michael, Francis and Bobbie Mustapha, Ryan & Ashley Potts, Lynn Principe, Canon Henry Randolph, Melissa Renner, Sandra, Larry Shaw, R. J. Smith, Taylor Stidham, Tucker Stidham, Rick Spice, Les Stath, Jennifer Foland Strantz, Mariane Sumners, and Betty Wiseheart.**

**For those unable to worship with us: Shirley Johnson, LuAnn Kleinschmidt, and Frances Krauskopf.**

**Military: Kaylee Collins, Sean Collins, Matthew Michael.**

The deadline for the December issue of *The Cross and the Sword*  
is **Tuesday, November 17**

### **Church Records**



Paul Barker passed away on 10-9-2020.

**ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**Sunday Services: Live streaming Morning Prayer Service from Saint Alban's YouTube channel!**

**Morning Prayer will begin at 9:30 a.m.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ATo1XzD8KUk>

**It will also be posted on our Facebook page and it will be archived on our YouTube channel.**

**Virtual coffee hour on zoom after the service If you would like to join us for Zoom coffee hour contact us at: [info@saintalbanfw.org](mailto:info@saintalbanfw.org).**

Vestry

Cindy Spice	Senior Warden
Jordan Trendelman	Junior Warden
Kenny White	Property
Laura Michael	Fellowship
Elaine Fazzaro	Worship
Jordan Trendelman	Membership
David Birchfield	Stewardship
Marilyn Rafter	Financial
John Lorenzen	Outreach
Megan Spice-Frede	Christian Foundation
Judy Wall	Care Connection
Christina Connelly	– Communications Director

Church Staff

Office Administrator	Debbie Grosjean
Rector	The Rev. Michael Roeske

Office Hours

9:00 - 1:00

Monday through Friday

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