

St. John's Journal

January 2021



Ordination of 11th Bishop of Oregon

On Saturday, January 30, 2021, at Trinity Cathedral in Portland, The Rev. Dr. Diana Akiyama will be ordained as our 11th bishop. The ordination will be Livestreamed at a link we will send you as soon as it is available.



January Birthdays

Jan. 2: Gail Pray



Fr. Doug's Iconic Column

It is the beginning of a new year. It can be a time of hope that the new year will bring a better year for ourselves and for all those around us. It is often a time that we take stock of our own lives and make resolutions about what change we want to make in our lives. In the liturgical year, it is also a time of epiphanies, or revelations, of new insights into how God is present to us.

With the beginning of the distributions of vaccines, we can be hopeful that we can see the light at the end of the pandemic tunnel. We can begin to have hope that we can get back together for in-person worship and other gatherings. However, it appears that the end of the tunnel is still months away. Returning to in-person worship will depend on several factors. It will depend upon the impact the vaccines have on infection rates and hospitalizations in Coos County. It will also be important to consider how many of the members of the parish have themselves received the vaccine, and not just the one dose but also the follow-up dose that seems to be required. It will be important for myself and the BAC to know when individuals have received their vaccine inoculations, so that we have a better idea of our preparedness. Please keep us informed of how it is going with you. It may be that returning to worship will be by stages. We have no plan at this time. We will be making decisions as things develop. We also need to realize that not everyone will be ready to return, either because they have not received the vaccine or because they do not feel comfortable yet in returning.

As we look forward, we can also be looking back, taking stock of the decisions we have made in our own personal lives during this past year. What have the crazy circumstances of this past year shown us about other people? What have those circumstances revealed about ourselves and the choices we have made about how we respond to others and the circumstances we have faced? What can we learn from these reflections that we can take with us into the new year? How will we behave in the coming months of a pandemic that is not yet over? How will we be different when it comes to an end?

We begin the new year with the celebration of the wise men coming to see the child Jesus. It is not just a celebration of a birth but a celebration of God revealing himself in a new way to the world. Through January and the beginning of February we will be hearing of other ways that Christ made himself known to people around him. How has God opened your eyes to God's presence in the world this past year? How has God spoken to you in a new way this past year? What difference do these epiphanies make in your life?

As we begin this new year, let us carry with us a hope for the future, let us resolve to carry lessons learned into the way we live, and let us trust that God is present with us and will make himself know to us in the coming months.

Fr. Doug



Annual Meeting

Last month we gave you some general information about our plans for our 2021 "Annual Meeting." Even with the advent of COVID vaccines, it will be too early to expect that we will be able to have an in-person meeting. So, we are going ahead with our plan for a "vote by mail" approach.

Within a couple days after our January 12th Bishop's Advisory Committee Meeting, we will be mailing a packet to people who are qualified to vote. In that packet will be a ballot for electing BAC Members as well as Delegates to Diocesan Convention and the South Coast Convocation. The ballot will also include opportunities to approve of some changes to the parish Bylaws. The packet will include a copy of the Bylaw changes. The cover letter will include overall instructions and an explanation of the Bylaw changes. There will be an envelope included for returning the ballot.

The ballot will need to be signed and returned by February 7th to be valid. There are two ways to return the ballot. It can be mailed to the church as long as it is received by February 6th. The other way is to bring the ballot to the church on February 7th. There will be a drive-by drop-off in the parking lot. Come to the parking lot and drop-off your ballot. There you will receive a copy of the various annual reports and Fr. Doug will be there to give communion to those who wish to receive it. The exact times for the parking lot event have yet to be set but will be announced in the letter.

Happy New Year from the St. John's Medical Loan Closet.

During this year of pandemic pandemonium, we've helped folks from Lakeside to Brookings to Myrtle Point - and all locations in between. In spite of COVID it's been a busy year.

We've kept clients and ourselves safe by meeting them on the open air back deck or in spacious Theresa Hall - with masks on and safe distancing, of course. Plus, we were even more careful to thoroughly clean and sanitize returned equipment. As an essential service, we stayed open for business.

In 2021 we wish you mobility and health. But should you get a new knee or new hip to go along with the new year, give us a shout out. If you need help moving around, we've got walkers, wheelchairs, canes, crutches, knee scooters, and bathing and toileting aids ready to check out. Please call us at (541) 590-2443.

Walk and Roll! wishes from the MLC Volunteers,

Lani, Mary, Sally, Loren, and Judy

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH COAST CONVOCATION

There are eight Episcopal Churches in the South Coast Convocation, a region that extends from Florence to Brookings, and east as far as Coquille. Representatives met via Zoom on December 12, 2020 to review how each of our churches have been conducting worship during the pandemic, to share plans for a "Longest Night" and Christmas worship services, and to prepare for the late January consecration of Bishop-elect Diana Akiyama.

Treasurer Janet Sevey reported a balance of \$293.89 in the convocation's savings account. Income is from annual dues paid by the member churches (\$10/year) and is generally distributed to selected charities at the end of the year, although that did not occur in 2019. Distributions this year were authorized as follows: \$100 to "Project Blessing," a food bank in Reedsport and \$100 to a cold weather shelter in Florence. In addition, \$85 was designated as a contribution from the convocation toward vestments and episcopal jewelry for the new bishop, bringing the account balance to \$8.89.

Consecration of the Bishop will take place Saturday, January 30, 2021 at Trinity Cathedral, with a limited number of in-person attendees, but will be livestreamed so we all can witness this sacred event. Look for a link to be posted at <https://www.oregonbishopsearch.org> as more information becomes available.

The next meeting of the South Coast Convocation will be held in March (date and time TBA). Newly elected convention delegates will be welcomed and elections will be held for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Attend Church Even While We Cannot Gather!

Fr. Doug is presenting a beautiful service on YouTube each Sunday. Even if you do not have a computer but have internet connection, use your Smart Phones to log on. Services are reverent and feed our hearts and souls with the familiar rich liturgy and music. Know that while Fr. Doug partakes alone of the bread and wine he consecrates during the Eucharist, we are still part of the communion by our prayers, participation, and presence – even from our homes. Join Fr. Doug also for Coffee Hour on Sundays, also available through your Smart Phones. You will receive separate email with the link. Follow us on our web pages: www.stjohnsbandon.org.

Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/St-John-Episcopal-Church-in-Bandon-Oregon-234749653862372>

Please stay healthy in the new year. Mask, be careful!

"Love God, love our neighbor, and serve one another."

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

BIRTHDAYS					1	2
2nd: Gail Pray						
<i>3rd 2nd Sun. after Christmas</i>	<i>4</i> 7:30 AA	<i>5</i> 8 AA	<i>6 The Epiphany</i> 8 AA	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>10 1st Sun. After Epiphany</i>	<i>11</i> 5 Good Earth 7:30 AA	<i>12</i> 1 BAC 8 AA	<i>13</i> 8 AA	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>17 2nd Sun, after Epiphany</i>	<i>18</i> 7:30 AA	<i>19</i> 8 AA	<i>20</i> 8 AA	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>24 3rd Sun. after Epiphany</i>	<i>25</i> 7:30 AA	<i>26</i> 8 AA	<i>27</i> 8 AA	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30 Ordination of 11th Bishop of Oregon</i>
<i>31 4th Sun. after Epiphany</i>						

OUR PRAYER LIST

Rick, Sabra, Doris, Gisela, Karen & Joe, Myra & Jim, Roy, Juanita, Kelly, James, Sue W., Bea B., Michelle, Mike L., Kathy, Mike F., Melissa L., Brady, Lori & Jay, Sandy B., Kimberly S., Zoe B., Donna & Kevin B., Marilyn P., Bill & Steve, the Gaffney family, Deanna, Sheri, Debbie, Elliot, Bill M., Mike & Sandy, Lenor, Jamie S., Connie, Karen.

We also offer prayers for the repose of the soul of Sara D., departed this life. May light perpetual shine upon her.

UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST

Please help us keep the listings on our prayer list current. This is an on-going process, so please check the listings above to be sure it is current.

You may email or call the church to make your additions or corrections to the listings. Call 541-347-2152 or email to this address: stjohns.bandon@gmail.com.

BAC

Senior Warden

Denise Skillman

Junior Warden: Tom Glunt

Members at Large:

Laurea Arnoldt, Mary Garrett, Judy Jackson, Lani Reynolds

Treasurer: Kay Marino

Clerk: Sally Glunt

Music Director:

Cynthia Mohorko

Church Administrator:

Virginia MacCallum

Priest-in-Charge:

The Rev. Doug Hale

Office Hours:

The office is not presently open for visitors to reduce the chances of spreading illnesses. The administrator is working in the office and is taking and returning calls.

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W H O W E A R E

St. John Episcopal Church is a community where God leads us in healing, teaching, reaching out, and stewardship.

We are a community that sees Christ in all people and judges none. We believe in inclusion for all people regardless of race, gender, age, disability or sexual orientation. We aim to break down barriers that separate us from one another and to provide a home for anyone on their spiritual journey. Our work brings together people of faith who believe in the inherent dignity and worth of all people on their journey.