

St. John's Journal

May 2023



"So, Noted"

BAC Notes

FINANCE

Donations from the **Pass-through Gifts Fund** totaling \$1,004.90 were disbursed as follows for the first quarter: Bandon Feeds the Hungry, \$366.90; Good Friday Offering, \$274; Aid to Ukraine, \$78; Aid to Earthquake Victims in Syria and Turkey, \$286.

May 7th and August 27th were selected as days to receive special offerings for the **Vicar's Discretionary Fund** (which provides charitable aid to local individuals).

It's time to begin planning a **fundraising event**. The budget counts on us raising \$6,000 to meet operating costs in 2023. Laaura will contact the congregation to see who wants to serve.

WARDENS

Laaura reported on the South Coast Convocation meeting held at St. John on April 15th. Dues have been increased to \$50/year. The re-introduction of dues was voted on as a way to allow small gifts to be extended to the churches in our Convocation to help with small needs. Vestry/BAC Training video will be made available to be viewed individually by each church. The Convocation Leadership is also interested in finding congregants with life skills that could be shared within our area. Such as someone with CPA skills to do audits for our churches, etc.

Sally has been contacting roofers for bids on the church complex, but none have been able to provide estimates. Ebbtide will be scheduled soon to trim the hedges and clean up the front garden.

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Fr. Doug's Iconic Column

My column this month has several items to cover.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS IN MAY

There are two opportunities for special offerings in May.

The first is for the **Priest's Discretionary Fund** that I use to help people in need in the community. We will receive this offering on May 7th. Any offerings received that day that are not designated as part of people's regular giving will be put into the Priest's Discretionary Fund. You can also specifically indicate that your offering is for the "Priest's Discretionary Fund."

The second special offering is for the **Pentecost Offering**, which will be received on the Day of Pentecost, May 28th. Again, any funds received that are not otherwise designated will go to this offering. This offering is used to support projects in other congregations throughout the Diocese. The Diocesan Council receives grant requests from churches for specific projects and then decides which ones to award funds.

From time to time throughout the year, we receive special offerings. We are also continuing with the special offering box for receiving financial support for **relief work in Ukraine** through Episcopal Relief and Development. The Ukraine box can be found on the table in the Narthex, entry to the sanctuary.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

At the April meeting of our Bishop's Advisory Committee (BAC), our congregations board, we discussed where we are regarding COVID and the precautions we have been taking. After some discussion, we decided to discontinue specific requirements. However, we also realize that some people need to continue to be cautious because of their own vulnerability or that of a loved one. We do not see ourselves as simply moving back to where we were before COVID. There are people who still wear masks and we need to be supportive of them. In part we will continue to be supportive by making masks and sanitizer available. We all need to be supportive of those who continue to take precautions.

Regarding communion, we will return to offering the common cup for people to drink from if they wish. For those who are not comfortable in doing so, we will still offer to intinct, insert, the bread into the cup. However, we will continue with the practice of the Eucharistic Minister dipping the wafer into the wine, because sometimes people end up putting their fingers into the wine if they dip their own wafer. The wine, having alcohol content, does provide some measure of protection from viruses, but we want to continue with good practices and be sensitive to people's needs to take precautions. There may even be those who choose to receive communion by receiving only the bread. This is understood to be receiving communion in full.

In all of this we seek to make worship a time when we may all fully participate as we are comfortable in doing so. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please do not hesitate to speak with me.

SERVING DURING WORSHIP

One of the things that was important to me as I moved from being a Methodist Pastor to being an Episcopal Priest was how important lay leadership in worship is in the Episcopal Church. Instead of worship being a one-person show, Episcopal worship has lectors and intercessors and eucharistic ministers taking significant parts of the service. Also, there are other ways that people help make (continued p. 3)

Fr. Doug's Iconic Column (continued)

Sunday morning special, including usher/greeters and hospitality for Coffee Hour. We are always looking for more people to take on these roles so that leadership may be offered by many people while not putting too much of a burden on just a few. At the end of each month, the opportunity comes to sign up to take a role or two. Please join in. Try something new. Of course, people tend to favor doing one or two of the tasks.

On **Saturday May 20th at 1pm**, I will be offering **training for Lectors and Intercessors**. I hope everyone who has taken on either of these roles or is interested in finding out more about how it is done will come and see what it is all about.

Fr. Doug



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VICAR

Fr. Doug reported on contacts he has made with a few members we haven't seen in a while. Our Covid and safety protocols were reviewed. Masks are now optional for wearers. Hand sanitizer will continue to be provided in the pews. Doors to the sanctuary may now be closed during services.

Training for Lectors is being planned.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14 Mother's Day & BAC Meeting

May 28 Pentecost

Laurea Arnoldt, Bishop's Warden

Ways We Serve

Fr. Doug has eloquently expressed the ways laity are integral to our Episcopal worship, so this is a second to his call. Let's add to the list of ways the laity serve:

In the choir

As Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs)

In the Flower Guild and the Altar Guild

*Musings from Denise***Where were you when Mt. St. Helen's erupted?**

Seeing the Mohorko's photos of their recent trip to Europe inspired me to dig out a journal I kept while I was in school there. Unfortunately, it turns out that it focused mostly on how I was surviving the academic year. Most of my sightseeing observations were sent home in letters.

During those eighteen months in Italy, I had no access to radio or television. Newspapers were too time-consuming to translate, and the Internet hadn't been invented yet. Not only was I studying the "Dark Ages" for my Major, but at times I felt like I was living in them.) I had to catch up on major events when I got home, even those that touched my own life in some small way.



For example, Mt. St. Helens erupted on Sunday, May 18, 1980, when a magnitude 5.1 earthquake triggered the largest debris avalanche in U.S. history, immediately followed by a lateral blast on the northern flank that spread ash across several states. If you lived in the Pacific Northwest at that time, you know exactly how cat-

apclysmic that event was. In fact, if you lived anywhere in the path of the ash cloud you were impacted by it, even as far away as Oklahoma.

I, on the other hand, was studying for finals in Padua (near Venice), totally oblivious. Professor Zuliani called my dormitory that evening and insisted that I meet him for coffee the next morning before class. He refused to say why, and I spent a sleepless night worrying about failing his class. The next morning, I was mystified when he cautiously began by asking if my parents were okay. He thought they had moved to Bandon and were in immediate danger. Then he showed me a newspaper with photos of the eruption, and I was confused. I thought Mt. St. Helens was in Washington, a good 300 miles north of Bandon and almost four times that far from my parents in San Diego. My mind began to race.

One of the first things I learned when I moved to Italy was that they have no concept of how big the United States is. Italy is somewhere between Arizona and New Mexico in square miles. In fact, their entire country could fit inside California along with Ohio and Delaware, with a little room to spare. Small as it is, Italy has four volcanos. I knew about the 79 A.D. eruption of Mt. Vesuvius that wiped out Pompei, Herculaneum, and a few nearby settlements, but couldn't imagine how a mountain blowing its top in Washington could have been more devastating than that. How naïve I was!

I've revisited that day each May 18th, learning a little more each time from reporters, eyewitnesses and the USGS website, which not only has dramatic photography but maps and graphics, and even simulations of how far the ash cloud could spread in the next eruption. One of those simulations had it reaching San Diego and extending across the southern states to the Atlantic. Thankfully, in 1980 the wind carried the ash in a more northerly eastward direction, but science has proven my professor was right to be concerned, and I am forever grateful that he made the effort to brace me for what could have been a family disaster.

Denise

May 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	<i>1</i> 7:30 AA	<i>2</i> 800 AA	<i>3</i> 7:00 Evening Prayer 8:00 AA	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 5th Sun. of Easter HE II	<i>8</i> 7:30 AA	<i>9</i> 800 AA	<i>10</i> 7:00 Evening Prayer 8:00 AA	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> 6th Sun. of Easter HE II	<i>15</i> 7:30 AA	<i>16</i> 800 AA	<i>17</i> 9-3 SEA Tng /7:00 Evening Prayer 8:00 AA	<i>18</i> 9-3 SEA Tng	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> 1 p.m. Training for lectors/ intercessors
<i>21</i> 7th Sun. of Easter HE II 11 BAC	<i>22</i> 7:30 AA	<i>23</i> 800 AA	<i>24</i> 7:00 Evening Prayer 8:00 AA	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> Day of Pentecost HE II	<i>29</i> 7:30 AA	<i>30</i> 800 AA	<i>31</i> 7:00 Evening Prayer 8:00 AA			

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

3: Karen Sinko

16: Virginia MacCallum

23: Juanita Limon

26: Marilyn Pratt

ANNIVERSARY

12: Bobbi and George Neason



Wednesday Evening Prayer

Fr. Doug is leading Evening Prayer at 7pm on Wednesdays using the Zoom platform at this link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5042346656?pwd=eGITMEthTnUyQWk3TW9hNmsze mRsQT09> The same link can be used each week. The link to the gathering can also be found in his weekly Saturday evening emails. The same link can be used each week. Join and be blessed by this time of prayer and interaction with other folks from St. John.

BANDON FEEDS THE HUNGRY

The ecumenical food pantry depends on each of us for our gifts of food each month. As you bring the non-perishable food items for this ongoing need, please remember, too, the family dog or cat. Since these items are not for human consumption, they cannot be obtained with food stamps. You also cannot obtain any of these needed items with food stamps: deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant,, safety razors, soap (bath and laundry), and women's sanitary products.

CAN YOU HEKP?

Each Tuesday evening, a free meal is served at the Barn. It is called E.A.T—*Everyone at Table.*, an ecumenical outreach served by folks from Bandon and Langlois. They need a volunteer to mop the floor .after the meal. Can you help? If you can, please contact Allison Hundley at 541-404-2268.

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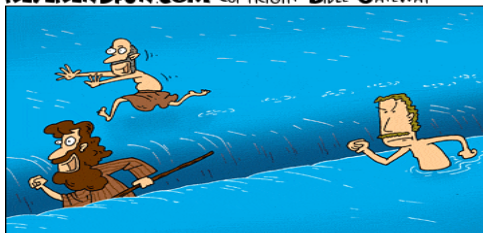
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W H O W E A R E

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.

BISHOP'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)

Bishop's Warden: Laurea Arnoldt

Junior Warden: Sally Glunt

Treasurer: Denise Skillman

Clerk: Ginny Hall

Members at large: Gail Pray & Kathy Webb**

Convention Delegates: Laurea Arnoldt & Kay Marino

Alternates: Sally Glunt & Judy Jackson

CHURCH STAFF

Vicar: The Rev. Doug Hale

Music Director: Cynthia M0horko

Administrator: Virginia MacCallum

OFFICE HOURS

Our Vicar, Fr. Doug, is generally in his church office Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until about 4:00 p.m.

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