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from the rector's desk

THE REV. DENNIS J. REID

Dear friends in Christ,

Happy Easter!

As we prepare for a Sunday with two baptisms, it sure does still feel like Easter -- in our worship on May 5th, we will be assured of the promise of life with God, and we will rejoice with Xiomara and Liam as they are marked as Christ's own forever in the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

For the two of them and for all of us, Eastertide continues. For fifty great days, we proclaim the Lord's death and resurrection with our cries of "Alleluia!" And yet, even more so, we continue to live on as Easter people, a people forgiven, a people renewed, a people going out into the world to love and serve a risen Lord.

We as Easter people are called to live into the promise and vows of our baptisms, just like Xiomara and Liam will do soon. To love God. To love our neighbors. To seek justice and mercy. To see Christ in all people. What a gift we have been given, this life of hope, this life with God!

I look forward to celebrating Easter with you for many weeks to come -- Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Grace to you and peace,



Eagle Scout Project

by Luke Gilbert



Luke Gilbert, a member of troop 183 and fellow member of our congregation, conducted his eagle scout project on April 6th. For his project, he organized the construction of a brick path, which connects the sidewalk with the entrance of the columbarium. The pathway was constructed with the help of 29 scouts and adults from troop 183 and was built in under 9 hours.



The day started at 7:30 a.m. The sod was dug out with a sod cutter, as seen above. Once the sod was dug out, it was carted away and used to cover up an old flower bed.



With the sod gone, the scouts began digging. The path required a depth of 8" to be properly installed. When the digging was done, the scouts used tape measures and string to accurately measure the depth of the path. Then the dirt was leveled out with a plate compactor, as shown below.



Next, a layer of gravel 2" thick was laid on top of the dirt and flattened with the plate compactor. A layer of sand 1" thick was then arranged on top of the gravel, and once again, fattened with the plate compactor.



The brick was set into its pattern meticulously. Once the bricks were placed, the helpers swept polymeric sand in between the bricks to fill in the cracks. The pathway was then hosed down to harden the polymeric sand, and the project was complete.



The Ascension at Notre Dame

The panels of the choir fence were carved in the early fourteenth century. The northern part was made by Pierre de Chelles between 1300 and 1318. Then Jean Ravy implemented the southern part and began the rotating part.

This one was completed in 1351 by Jean the Bouteiller. Today, only the northern part and the southern part remain, the rest having been destroyed at the beginning of the 18th century. Here we see the ninth panel from the left in the south ambulatory.



The Ascension

At his last appearance, Jesus reproaches his disciples for their disbelief in the Resurrection, announces the condemnation of those who do not believe, but also salvation to those who are baptized and believe. The Apostles are divided into two groups, some still standing at table, which evokes the meal they were taking.

While many of the historic relics survived the devastating fire, it is unknown if this sculpture was spared.

the learning center

This month we will be learning all about bugs, plants, and Mother's Day. The letters for May are Rr, Ww, and Xx, the color is black and the numbers are 16-17. The shape is the crescent.

In science, we will discuss the life cycle of a plant, explore the characteristics of bugs and dig in the dirt to look for earthworms. We will also be growing caterpillars as a class science project!

In math, we will explore the numbers 16-17, the crescent, and the color black. We will continue to practice our phone numbers and addresses, putting objects in order from smallest to largest, and identifying same and different.

The sight words for May are sixteen, seventeen, black and crescent.



Book Fair

We are having a "Scholastic Book Fair" from Monday, May 13-16, from 7:30am-9:00am and 3:00pm-5:30pm. The books will be displayed in the Narthex of the church. Parents can shop with their preschoolers during morning drop off or afternoon pick up.

Upcoming events

We will be having our annual "Muffins with Mom" on Thursday and Friday, May 9th and 10th during morning drop off. The children can enjoy a muffin with their mommy on either of these 2 mornings.

Our Year-End Program will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 6:00pm, in the Sanctuary of the church. The learning center will close at 5:00pm that day to prep for the program.

We had our second Open House of the year on Saturday, April 13th. We had a steady turnout and enrolled 5 new families that day!

If you know of anyone who is looking for a preschool for their child, please spread the word about our wonderful learning center and all of the things we have to offer children ages 3-5! God Bless,
Rindy Foltz



Christian Education

May Bible Verse

He is not here, He is risen!

Matthew 28:6

Week 1: Breakfast on the Beach

Week 2: Tongues of Fire

Week 3: Jesus Goes Back Home

Week 4: Peter and John Help Lame Man

Week 5: Peter Escapes from Prison

Vestry

According to *The Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*, in England the annual election of church wardens took place in Easter week. The parishioners gathered at the church to hear the outgoing wardens render their accounts and elect their successors. The parishioners assembled in the vestry, the room off the chancel where the clergy vested. The assembled parishioners came to be known as the vestry.



Working behind the scenes, our vestry takes care of the every day business of St. Alban's, The nine member group oversees every aspect of the parish so we have a beautiful campus to worship and carry out St. Alban's mission.

photo journal









coming events

SATURDAY
MAY

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**First Flea Market of
the season!
7am-1pm**

THURSDAY
MAY

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**The Health Series
VA Benefits
7pm**

FRIDAY
JULY

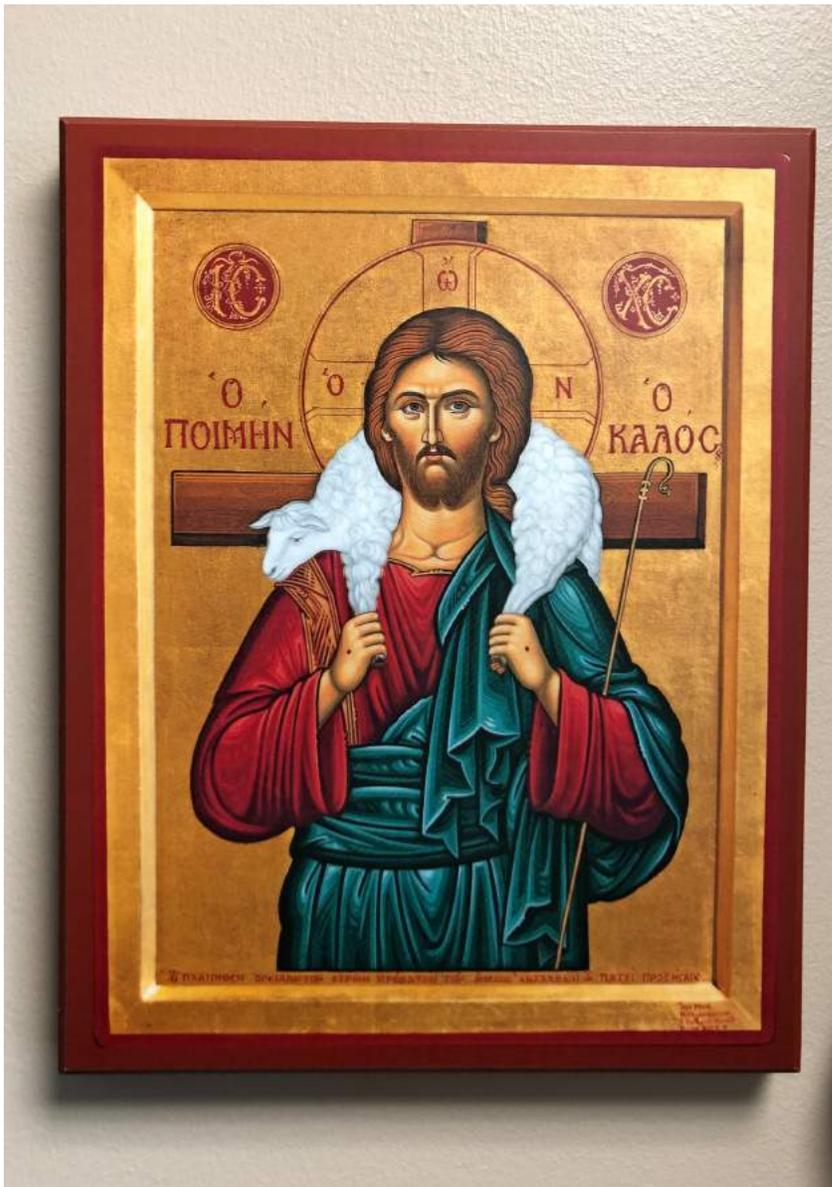
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**Fightin' Phils Night
7:10pm**



praying the seasons

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter:



O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
