



# THE ALTON ANGELUS

March 2023

The Reverend Cynthia A. Sever, Rector

*The Episcopal Parish of Alton has as its mission:  
To live and show Christ in our midst.*



It's hard for me to believe, but this is my very last *Angelus* article. After seven years of service, it's time for me to leave this parish I have loved for over forty years, but never more than I do right now. St. Paul's was here for me at the beginning of my journey in the Episcopal Church and my formation as an Anglican when I was just twenty-one years old. The *Christus Rex* hanging in St. Paul's had a profound positive influence on my image of Christ from the day I first saw it. The beautiful liturgical style and the superb musical offerings fed my soul, and I made some friends within the congregation that I've considered to be friends all these years. The liturgy set a high mark against which I compared all other parishes. The fact that I was called as your twentieth Rector at the pinnacle of my career seems fitting to me; the best was saved for last!

From the time I arrived to serve this parish, I said I would retire from here. I never dreamed that time would come so soon! It is unavoidable, however, because my body is not cooperating with me to be able to work with you to reach the dreams we have for this parish. Byron, always having been very strong and healthy, is also suffering from some serious medical issues and needs me to be home more than a full-time Rector can spare.

I am very sad to leave you because I love you so very much, and I love our buildings as well. Many of us feel very close indeed because we have been through so many things together: good times with parish events and special liturgies as well as dissent, conflict, and heartache; and gathering together for worship no matter how we needed to vary our services to compensate for pestilence, isolation, and being displaced by COVID regulations and the devastating fire. While many churches were closed by COVID alone, we came through both challenges! With a lot of hard work ahead, we are poised for a complete recovery and a long future in service to God.

I want to see you all thrive, and I'll be cheering you on from the sidelines. Please promise me, God, and yourself that you will attend church services as often as you possibly can; it is vital for you to have a good future! Worshiping together is so important.

I can't thank Bishop Burgess and Canon Mark enough for their tireless work on our behalf, and their intervention when I invited them to come in with all of the resources the Bishop's office can offer to help set things right in the parish. Please know that they are your advocates and working on your behalf. They have also been a true godsend for me. I truly hope that no matter how you feel about me, one another, or the events that have transpired in the last several years, you will take full advantage of the resources our good Bishop has made available in the conflict resolution sessions with Mother Edie Bird, and all your new interim, the Rev. Christopher (Kip) Ashmore, can offer. It's a chance at a new beginning after several decades of some level of internal division. Please take these opportunities and shine! I believe you can do it!

Don't ignore problems in your midst, but don't spend too much time and energy on figuring out what's wrong or whose fault the problems are. Concentrate on your strengths and put your time and energy into building on the gifts God has given you all as individuals and as a parish. Build on those gifts and on your successes. Don't utter a word about the parish or the people in it unless your words and intent are positive. Spread positivity about the parish out in the community and within the parish. Everyone needs to concentrate on building one another up and seeking God's guidance about the path before you. Above all, love one another unfailingly.

Like every priest leaving a parish, it will be necessary for me to stay out of parish life so that you and your new clergy can grow together and be there for one another, and not because I no longer love or care about you. I will carry you always in my thoughts, in my prayers, and in my heart.

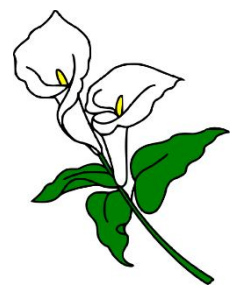
God bless you all!

Faithfully,

**Mother Cindy+**

### ***Our Sincere Condolences to:***

--**Mother Cindy and Byron Sever**, on the death of his father, Boyd Sever. Boyd's memorial service is scheduled for Thursday, March 30, 2023, at Mark's Mortuary in Wood River with visitation from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. followed by the service. The Committal will be conducted in the columbarium at St. Paul's Friday, March 31, at 11:00 a.m. for family only.



## ***From the Senior Warden...***

I have mixed feelings about Mother Cindy's retirement. I am sorry to see her leave as I know how much she has done for this parish that she loves so much. But I also see how hard it is for her to continue to devote so much time to carrying out the many duties of a Rector, especially with Byron's health to contend with in addition to her own health issues. I truly believe it is in her own best interest to be able to spend more time at home with Byron, and that being able to retire at this time is turning out to be a God-send for her.



Mother Cindy is not just moving on from our parish, but she is retiring after over 20 years of active ministry as a priest! I find it significant that her first service with us was Easter Sunday, April 27, 2016, seven years ago, and now she will take us through Lent before our Interim Rector, Fr. Kip Ashmore, takes over April 1, just in time for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. I know it just worked out that way, but somehow it feels like coming full circle.

Plans are in the works for a celebration of Mother Cindy's ministry. Her last Sunday with us is March 26. Although still tentative, it looks like we will have one service that day, to be held at St. Paul's at 10:00 a.m. It has been suggested that we have valets available to help anyone from Trinity Chapel who has trouble navigating the hill at St. Paul's so that all may participate. After the service, we will have a catered meal so that all the parish members may join in the celebration without need to work in the kitchen. And after lunch, there will a special musical treat. Stayed tuned for more information!

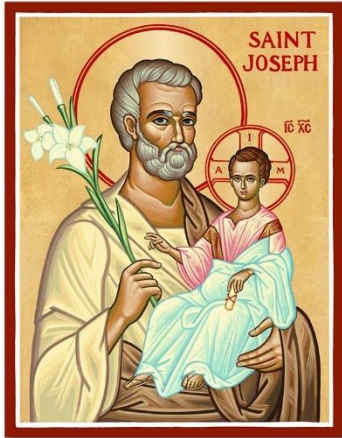
**In gratitude for her ministry here, I am collecting money for a "purse" for Mother Cindy.** You may donate cash or write checks made out to Susan Lukasik with "Mother Cindy" written on the memo line. Please give to me directly or mail to me at 727 Ramona Place, Godfrey, IL 62022. Or you may drop your donation into the offering plate or leave it in the church office with my name on the outside of the envelope.

Our parish will be going through quite a transition in the coming months. I feel very positive about our future as a parish, but it will take all of us working together for the greater good to realize our full potential. I appreciate all of you who are participating in our Conflict Resolution work as you are able. And I am very grateful for those who are volunteering to do various tasks, making sure our parish keeps functioning.

***Susan Lukasik, Senior Warden***

# Major Feast Days of the Episcopal Church To Be Celebrated in March

Mother Cindy will continue celebrating the Principal Feasts and Major Feasts of the liturgical Calendar with Holy Eucharist **held at noon at Trinity Chapel**. In the absence of a priest, Noonday Prayer will be led by a worship leader.



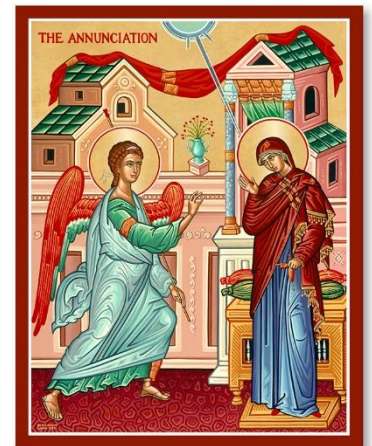
## The Feast of Saint Joseph—March 20<sup>th</sup>

Joseph was the husband of Jesus' mother Mary and Jesus' legal father. Joseph was visited by an angel when they were betrothed (but before they were married) after he found out that Mary was with child. The angel told him not to fear taking Mary as his wife because the baby was of the Holy Spirit. Although the Bible doesn't say when Joseph died, he is not mentioned as being present during the adult ministry of Jesus, and Christian tradition presents Mary as a widow. The last time Joseph appears in the canonical Gospels is in the story of the visit to Jerusalem when Jesus is 12 years old.

## The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary—March 25<sup>th</sup>

The Annunciation is the announcement by the Archangel Gabriel to Mary that she would conceive and bear a son through a virgin birth and become the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the Bible, the story of the Annunciation is recorded in Luke 1: 26-38.

**Private observance of this Feast Day is welcome. No service will be held.**



Our next **Pet Food Pantry** is scheduled for Sunday, **March 5**. The pet food pantry is open one hour monthly on the first Sunday of the month from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Enter St. Paul's through the Market Street entrance to participate. Following the Pet Food Pantry will be the

**P.A.W.S.** (Pets are Welcome) service at 2:00 p.m. Bring your beloved pets and join us!



## The Rev. Edith Bird to Lead Conflict Resolution Work

This coming Saturday, March 4, our first parish-wide meeting to start the Conflict Resolution process will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the parish hall at St. Paul's Church.

All of our Conflict Resolution work will be led by the Rev. Edith Bird. Following is a short bio so we know a little bit about her:

*Edie has been working with communities in conflict for 35 years. She is committed to helping churches grow as ministering communities of healing and reconciliation in this broken world. She first studied conflict transformation work as an undergraduate at Harvard College, where she graduated with a degree in Psychology and Social Relations in 1983. She has continued those studies and the practice of Christian reconciliation and conflict mediation ever since. She is also a priest in the Episcopal Church, serving many congregations in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas and Missouri over the past 33 years. She has two adult children and lives with her husband Steve in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She and Steve lead retreats and contemplative prayer groups in SE Missouri.*

As you may recall, Bishop Burgess is requiring the Episcopal Parish of Alton to go through this Conflict Resolution work, and he has said that he will not allow us to begin the Search Process for a new Rector (or even to put together a Parish Profile) until satisfactory completion of the Conflict Resolution process has been reported to him.

I believe this work is important for the health and wellbeing of the Parish as a whole and that this process will serve to strengthen our Parish as it improves bonds of understanding, friendship and camaraderie among us. I ask you who care about this Parish to participate if you are able, whether you are an active member or have rarely been seen of late. We are doing this for the Parish as a whole, and your participation is important!

Following is the complete schedule as we know it now:

February: Edie conducted individual interviews by phone or Zoom with 12 church members representing diverse perspectives (old, young, long time members, newer members, Trinity, St Paul's, etc.). Many thanks to those parishioners who agreed to talk with Edie!

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.: Edie met with the Vestry via Zoom to answer questions and listen to concerns about the proposed process.



Saturday, March 4, 2023: Onsite 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. *Where Two or More are Gathered: Becoming Communities Centered in Christ's Reconciling Truth and Love.* All church members are encouraged to attend!

March and April 2023: Edie will be available to help anyone who would like to work in small practice groups on honest and compassionate communication skills. Practice groups will work via Zoom.

Saturday, April 29, 2023: Onsite work with small groups (10-15 persons each group) for Structured Dialogue. Edie will be onsite from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Each group will meet for 90 minutes at a time and members will be signing up for just one 90 minute group meeting. There will be four meeting times: 10-11:30 a.m.; noon-1:30 p.m.; 1:30-3:00 p.m.; and 3-4:30 p.m. Please contact Susan Lukasik to sign up for a particular time.

May 17, 2023: Edie will send a written report on the Small Group Structured Dialogues to Vestry and Congregation.

Saturday, June 3, 2023: Onsite work 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This will include a session with the large group on Celebrations and Mournings as well as small individual meetings as needed.

June 24, 2023: Onsite work 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This may include a walk through memories from the past 50 years of our parish history as we acknowledge Celebrations and Mournings.

July 2023: Edie will write a report of the work we have done and make some recommendations about next steps. It is likely that her formal work with the congregation will end at this time, but she will be available to help as needed.

**There will be four Saturday onsite sessions: March 4, April 29, June 3, and June 24.**

Please write them on your calendar now! We will provide a quick lunch on those days, except for the April date. In April, individuals will be signing up for just one 90-minute session and will not require lunch to be served. So that we know how many to expect, we ask that individuals sign up for each session by contacting Susan Lukasik via call/text at 618-910-2726 or email [lukasikwands@gmail.com](mailto:lukasikwands@gmail.com).

I think this Conflict Resolution work will be very good for the health of our parish in addition to being required by Bishop Burgess. You are an important part of our parish family, and I hope you will attend!

***Susan Lukasik***  
Senior Warden

## Join in Our Observance of Lent

Our parish Lenten program will be held at St. Paul's each Wednesday in Lent beginning the week after Ash Wednesday. Each evening will begin with Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by a Lenten meal at 6:30 p.m. Following the meal, we will have a Lenten study program based on the book **Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go** by Adam Hamilton. Books are still available, but you are welcome to join in the discussion even if you have not read the book.



The meal will consist of soup, bread and cheese. This will be provided, so you don't have to bring anything, but everyone will be asked to make a voluntary donation to cover costs, with any profit going to the Crisis Food center.

Hosts of the Lenten Suppers will be as follows:

- March 1: ECW
- March 8: Guild of Grace
- March 15: ECM
- March 22: Trinity and Altar Guild
- March 31: Vestry

Please join us in our observance of this holy season.

*Susan Lukasik*

## Altar Guild Palm Cross Making and Brass Cleaning

Friday, March 31, 2023

9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's

All are welcome to participate!

For more information, please contact Nancy Weis-Hayes  
at 618-830-3046 or [nwh55@hotmail.com](mailto:nwh55@hotmail.com).



## EASTER FLOWERS



The glorious message of Easter morning is reflected in the festive decoration of our worship areas. You may share in this special Easter ministry by offering gifts in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for special Easter blessings.

Your gift will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin. Please fill out the form below (exactly as you want it to appear in the bulletin) and return it to the Church Office with your check made payable to "St. Paul's Episcopal Church."

GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_

THE AMOUNT OF YOUR GIFT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

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OR IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

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ST. PAUL'S \_\_\_\_\_ TRINITY CHAPEL \_\_\_\_\_

(Please check one of the above)

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

## Help Needed in Creating Church Brochures

**Anyone who enjoys history and is willing to go to the Library to do some research, we need your help!** The Public Relations and Publicity Commission is starting to work on an up-to-date brochure of our church that will include our history, some photos, etc.



If you can help with the research, or if you have pictures you think would be good to include, please contact me at [ibmpat17@gmail.com](mailto:ibmpat17@gmail.com) or Meg Dorris at [meg.johnson@rocketmail.com](mailto:meg.johnson@rocketmail.com). Thank you!!

*Irene McLaughlin*



# St. Paul's Organ Restoration

Work is progressing on the St. Paul's organ refurbish. Robert Dial Organ from Springfield (in consultation with Chris Soer Organ, Missouri) has been hired to complete the restoration project.

Rewiring of the organ console began several weeks ago when the new Walker electronics arrived. Walker components are considered top of the line among organ builders. As of February 27, all of the draw knobs and the tab rail (located above the 3 keyboards) have been rewired. Inside the console, work is continuing on the relay mechanism. Bob Dial hopes to have all the wiring done by the end of this week. The new electronics and redesign of several components will allow a seamless transition for future "upgrades" once the organ is up and playing again.



When the wiring is complete, the pipework and chests (the pipes sit in these!) will be cleaned. There is a possibility that the organ will be operable by Easter, but there is no guarantee at this stage.

There are plans to write a detailed history of St. Paul's organ, possibly in conjunction with a brochure for the wider Parish. What follows is a brief overview of its history:



*The original St. Paul's organ was built by Joseph Gratian in 1858. This organ, which was the first one that Gratian built, was placed in the front of the sanctuary on the right side as you face what is now the sacristy door. Gratian is said to have tanned his own leather for the wind chests and repurposed logs that had floated down the Mississippi for his project. St. Paul's members were pleased enough with his work that they hired him as their first organist. One of Gratian's grandsons later was tasked with the job of pumping the bellows to produce the air to sound the pipes.*

*There have been several major upgrades over the years. In the 1930s, Reuter Organ did a rebuild using some of the original pipework. The console and pipework were relocated to the rear loft in the sanctuary. The latest upgrade before the 2020 fire was begun in 1992 by Dial Organ. Fast-forward to 2023, thirty years later, the Dial company is again readying our historic instrument to fill St. Paul's with glorious sound!*



**Gay Anderson, Organist/Choirmaster**

## Bishop's Homecoming and Confirmation

The Right Reverend Brian Kendall Burgess was welcomed to the Episcopal Parish of Alton on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> during his first annual homecoming here. At the service held at St. Paul's Church, the Bishop confirmed Benjamin Garrett Silkwood (known to us as "Elias") and received Elias' mother, Carissa Dawn Eason, into the Episcopal Church.

Bishop Burgess and Mother Cindy



Pictured left to right are Destiny Drennan, Dereck Cook, Donna Fisher, Elias, Bishop Burgess, Carissa, Mother Cindy, Diane Martin, and Marti LoRusso





## Annual Meeting Election Results

The parish's Annual Meeting was held after the Sunday service at St. Paul's February 19, 2023. A big thank you to the Guild of Grace for providing such a delicious meal before the meeting!

During the meeting, the following people were elected to Vestry:

Meg Dorris  
Tony Springman  
April Drennan  
Tom Harris

Elected to serve as delegates to the Diocesan Synod and Darrow Deanery:

Susan Lukasik  
Jean Downey

Alternate delegates:

Marti LoRusso  
Diane Martin

Many thanks to those Vestry members whose terms have come to an end:

Judy Jones  
Bruce Bayer  
Anna Potter  
Tom Wrausmann

Your hard work these past years is very much appreciated!

In a short meeting of Vestry members after the Annual Meeting, Mother Cindy announced her re-appointment of Susan Lukasik as Senior Warden. The Vestry elected Jean Downey as Junior Warden, Judy Jones as Treasurer, and Lisa Springman as Clerk of the Vestry.

## Let's Walk for Good Health and Fellowship!

The group of Friday morning walkers will continue throughout the season when the weather allows. If you are interested in joining in walking, it's best to check ahead of time with Mimi Almonroeder at [diamondzoe@charter.net](mailto:diamondzoe@charter.net) or 618-581-5756. We meet at the main entrance nearest the soccer fields at 8:00 a.m. or at Alton Square Mall when it's too cold outside.

*Parish Life Commission*





# Safety First!

## A.L.I.C.E. Training

February was a busy month for the Episcopal Parish of Alton! The month began with the homecoming visit of Bishop Burgess, the confirmation and receiving of two members, the annual meeting, Ash Wednesday, (not to forget the three luncheons!), and finally, on Sunday, February 26th, we had our A.L.I.C.E. training by the Alton Police Department. Chief of Detectives, Dustin Christner, and Detective Elliott Ferguson shared their knowledge and expertise to help us become aware of the possible situations in our church environment and gave us information which could save our lives.

The **A.L.I.C.E.** program is designed to give a person, or group of people, who may find themselves in a violent, life threatening situation, some mental and physical tools that could play a vital role in their survival. The program is designed so that anybody can employ the strategies. Young, old, male, female, it does not matter. One does not have to be police or military trained in order to survive a violent encounter. They do need to have a frame of reference from which to draw when making life saving decisions under extreme pressure, much like preparing for a fire, tornado, or earthquake.



**A.L.I.C.E.** is an acronym for:

**Alert**, the initial awareness received by your senses is the first notification of danger. Detective Ferguson explained the various levels of awareness. For detailed information, you can research the Cooper Color Code of Awareness.

White	Oblivious - unprepared
Yellow	Aware - where we should be most of the time, prepared, but relaxed
Orange	Alert - focus is on a possible threat, prepared to act
Red	Engaged - dealing with the emergency, intense
Black	Frozen - panic, shut down, worst possible state

At the first sense of a serious problem, notify authorities and those in harm's way of the danger at hand. It is important to be as clear and accurate with the information as possible. Remember to identify yourself, your location, the suspect information, type of weapon, direction of travel and a call back number. Don't hang up unless your safety is compromised or you are directed to by the dispatcher.

**Lockdown**, or shelter in place in the event of not being able to evacuate. In keeping control of the room by locking down and barricading entry points, you are making yourself a hard target and creating a stronghold that nobody should be able to enter. Only police personnel may enter a locked down room.

**Inform**, give real-time updates. This can be accomplished with things such as video surveillance equipment or public address systems. Updates during a violent intruder incident allow you to make sound decisions about how to react and what steps, if any, to take next. They can also act as good distracters for the intruder. Use no code words and be specific. Use cell phones to call or text information to each other.

**Counter** the attacker as a last resort. This means using techniques to overwhelm the intruder and includes methods of distraction and control. Through role play, we recognized the importance of distraction by moving, moving away, and not all huddling in a corner. There have been instances where victims did not have the ability to lockdown or get out because the violent incident occurred right next to them or they were in an area that was not securable. There is also the possibility of the intruder breaching a secured area. If this is the situation, then total commitment to countering the attacker is essential. Many objects can be used as distraction devices (e.g. hymnals, prayer books, dishes, coffee cups); spread out, turn out the lights and be ready to cause confusion for the intruder and make yourself a hard target. Control means physically apprehending the person trying to cause harm and securing the weapon.

**Evacuate**, or get out!! Your goal here is to put as much time and distance as possible between you and the attacker. You will want to move much farther away from this danger zone.

With the training behind us, we now need to make sure that safe practices are being put to use whenever the buildings are in use. We will need your help and understanding.

-We need to lock the doors to the church on Sunday mornings, during other weekly services, and when any classes or meetings are being held in our facilities. Organizations that use our buildings may need instruction on safely using our facilities.

-We need a designated usher or door person every Sunday to allow latecomers entrance into the church or meeting.

-We need to notify the parish through *The Angelus* and weekly bulletins that the doors will be locked during the service.

-We need volunteers to be trained to become greeters and ushers, or door people, so that parishioners and visitors wishing to attend services do not leave frustrated with the locked doors.

-Do you know where all the exits are at Trinity and at St. Paul's? We might need to be shown any unfamiliar exits.

The Education Commission and Parish Life Commission thank you for your participation in the A.L.I.C.E. training. We hope this was a learning experience for you and that you gained confidence and knowledge from the training.

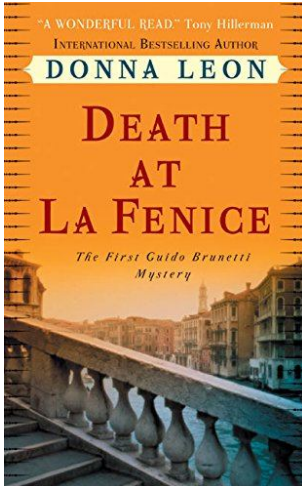
***Mimi Almonroeder  
Jean Downey  
Donna Fisher***



## Book Club

Please join us on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's to discuss *Death at La Fenice*. Coffee/Tea and a light snack will be provided.

A brief description follows:



There is little violent crime in Venice, a serenely beautiful floating city of mystery and magic, history and decay. But the evil that does occasionally rear its head is the jurisdiction of Guido Brunetti, the suave, urbane vice-commissario of police and a genius at detection. Now all of his admirable abilities must come into play in the deadly affair of Maestro Helmut Wellauer, a world-renowned conductor who died painfully from cyanide poisoning during an intermission at La Fenice.

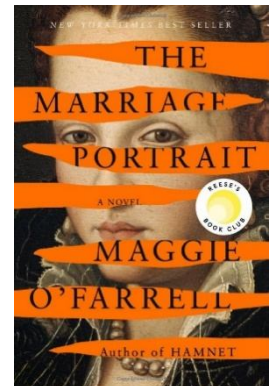
But as the investigation unfolds, a chilling picture slowly begins to take shape—a detailed portrait of revenge painted with vivid strokes of hatred and shocking depravity. And the dilemma for Guido Brunetti will not be finding a murder suspect, but rather narrowing the choices down to one.

### Sneak Peek for April: *The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell

Florence, the 1550s. Lucrezia, third daughter of the grand duke, is comfortable with her obscure place in the palazzo: free to wonder at its treasures, observe its clandestine workings, and devote herself to her own artistic pursuits. But when her older sister dies on the eve of her wedding to the ruler of Ferrara, Modena and Reggio, Lucrezia is thrust unwittingly into the limelight: the duke is quick to request her hand in marriage, and her father just as quick to accept on her behalf.

Having barely left girlhood behind, Lucrezia must now enter an unfamiliar court whose customs are opaque and where her arrival is not universally welcomed. Perhaps most mystifying of all is her new husband himself, Alfonso. Is he the playful sophisticate he appeared to be before their wedding, the aesthete happiest in the company of artists and musicians, or the ruthless politician before whom even his formidable sisters seem to tremble?

As Lucrezia sits in constricting finery for a painting intended to preserve her image for centuries to come, one thing becomes worryingly clear. In the court's eyes, she has one duty: to provide the heir who will shore up the future of the Ferranese dynasty. Until then, for all of her rank and nobility, the new duchess's future hangs entirely in the balance.

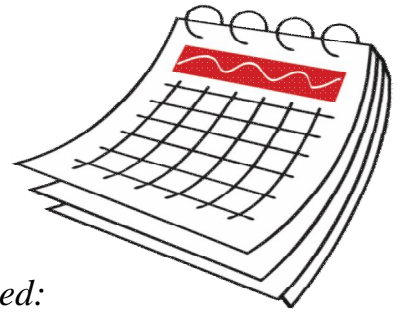


## Education Commission

# March Calendar

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

Lenten Program at St. Paul's: Mass 6:00 p.m.  
followed by Soup Supper and Study Program



Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

**Conflict Resolution work** – *Where Two or More are Gathered:  
Becoming Communities Centered in Christ's Reconciling Truth and Love,*  
presented by the Rev. Edith Bird, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., St. Paul's

Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> *Second Sunday in Lent*

Offering for Rector's Discretionary Fund  
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel  
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's  
12:30-1:30 p.m. Pet Food Pantry  
2:00 p.m. P.A.W.S.

Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Lenten Program at St. Paul's: Mass 6:00 p.m. followed by Soup Supper, Study Program

Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> *Third Sunday in Lent*

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel  
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

Lenten Program at St. Paul's: Mass 6:00 p.m. followed by Soup Supper, Study Program

Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel  
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> –

Noon Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel—*Feast of St. Joseph*

Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>—Vestry meeting 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's

Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's--Book Club

Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Lenten Program at St. Paul's: Mass 6:00 p.m. followed by Soup Supper, Study Program

Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

No Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

**SAVE THE DATE! —Mother Cindy's retirement celebration with lunch and concert! More information to follow!**

Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

Lenten Program at St. Paul's: Mass 6:00 p.m. followed by Soup Supper, Study Program

**--Mondays@7 will not meet during Lent, but will resume again in April.**

**--The Wednesday Book Discussion group is not meeting during Lent. Contact Diane Martin for more information.**

Our 2023 dates to participate in the **Saturday Café**, a program serving free lunches to those in need at First Presbyterian Church on Alby, **are July 15, August 19, and November 18. Mark your calendars now.** For more information, please contact Bruce Bayer at 618-798-1310.

## March Birthdays

**2 Charlie Drennan, Jr.**

**5 Collin Downey**

**5 Kirk Meyer**

**8 Amy Shields**

**13 Jane Travis**

**15 Nancy Simpson**

**16 P.J. McLaughlin**

**19 Gay Anderson**

**23 Patti Wright**

**24 Dennis Englemann**

**26 Brenden Drennan**

**26 Will Johnson**

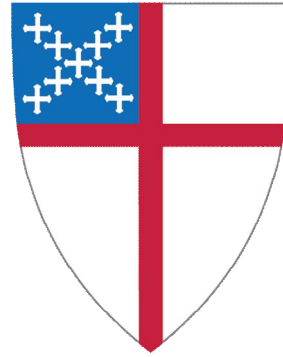
**29 Michael McBride**

**31 Donovan Stone**



## ***Vestry***

**Mother Cindy+, Rector**  
**Susan Lukasik—Rector's Warden**  
**Jean Downey—People's Warden**  
**Judy Jones—Treasurer**  
**Lisa Springman—Clerk of the Vestry**



### **Vestry Commissions:**

**Education:** Jean Downey, Mimi Almonroeder

**Evangelism & Outreach:** Connie Terry, Tony Springman, Meg Dorris, April Drennan

**Liturgy & Music:** Susan Lukasik, Irene McLaughlin

**Parish Life:** Mimi Almonroeder, Donna Fisher, Jean Downey, April Drennan

**Property & Maintenance:** Dereck Cook, Tom Harris, Donna Fisher

**Public Relations & Publicity:** Irene McLaughlin, Susan Lukasik, Meg Dorris

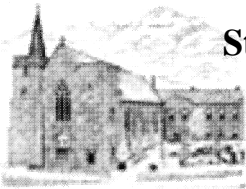
**Insurance:** Connie Terry, Tony Springman

**Finance:** All Vestry



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