



THE ALTON ANGELUS

April/May 2023

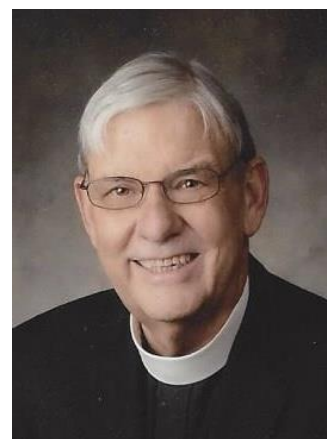
The Reverend Christopher L. Ashmore, Interim Rector

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



To the People of the Episcopal Parish of Alton....

My name is Fr. Kip Ashmore, and I have been appointed by Bishop Burgess to be your Interim Rector from April 1 to December 31. I want to take the occasion of this first newsletter article to speak of how I see my time with you.



My overall goal is help you to get to that place where you can call a new Rector to serve the Episcopal Parish of Alton in a more permanent capacity. I believe this is an attainable goal; and much of what I do will be directed to that end. This overall goal implies other, more specific things, which I'll speak to in what follows.

First, is the realization I am an *interim* Rector, and that my time with you is limited and temporary. This means that I will be focusing on particular areas of spirituality and ministry that serve to build up the parish in a positive fashion; it also means that many potential areas of spirituality and ministry in the parish will have to await the arrival and leadership of your new Rector to be tapped. But this should not be viewed as a negative thing; it can create a sense of positive anticipation for your new Rector, knowing he or she can accomplish far more than I can as an interim.

Second, there are ministries that are simply inherent in the calling of any priest to which I will be attending. Among these are the preaching and teaching of the Word of God and the due celebration and administration of the Sacraments; pastoral care of the people; the various areas of responsibility and leadership assigned by the Canons; and, where needed, the creation and maintenance of the organizational and administrative structures of the parish.

Third, if the aforementioned activities are to be accomplished, it will be of great importance that the Vestry, myself, and other parish leaders—as well as all parishioners—establish and practice

healthy and respectful lines of communication between us. In one sense, we could say that everything we do depends on our ability to communicate with one another, if we are to expect positive and good outcomes.

Fourth, I will do my best to teach and communicate to you the importance of realizing our identity as a Church. Rightly understood, the Church does something that no other institution or organization can do; that is, the Church unashamedly serves God in its mission to proclaim and bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to administer the Sacraments and other means of life-giving grace. The Church is also that place where saints are born through Baptism, learn the discipline of faith as disciples, are nourished by Eucharist and prayer, and are perfected in the Holy Spirit. This is not novel; it is, simply, good Catholic theology.

And finally, I would ask you to be patient with me. What you take for granted is brand new to me. There are people to meet and who have names I need to learn. There is St. Paul's and Trinity Chapel—places that feel like home to you—but are brand new to me. There are habits and customs and styles that are so familiar to you, but to me, they're as new as any city, or even country, to which I've never been. So, I ask for your patience as I begin.

Fr. Kip Ashmore+

Some biographical information about Fr. Ashmore:

Fr. Kip retired as a priest in January 2016 after being Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Jacksonville, Illinois, where he still lives. He has been married to his wife K-Lou Ashmore for almost 49 years. They have two adult children, Jessica (age 40 years) and Kevin (age 37 years), and three grandchildren.

Born February 2, 1950 in Pittsfield, Illinois, Fr. Kip attended the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, on a football scholarship before transferring to the University of Maryland where he received a degree in elementary education. From there he went straight to seminary and earned a Masters of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Further studies took him to Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey; it was there that he entered the Episcopal Church. After attending the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas, he was ordained to the diaconate June 1978 and as a priest January 1979. He served three congregations in the Diocese of West Texas from 1978 to 1998. He also spent time as Chaplain of St. Mary's Hall (a K-12 school) in San Antonio, Texas. From 1998 to 2016, he served as Rector in Jacksonville, Illinois. Since then, he has been doing supply work within the Diocese of Springfield. Always loving education even in retirement, he received a Masters of Sacred Theology degree from Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Wisconsin in May 2022.

From the Senior Warden...

Sunday, March 26th was quite a joyous day! Mother Cindy celebrated her last Sunday Mass as Rector of our parish during a 10:00 a.m. service at St. Paul's that brought parishioners together from Trinity Chapel as well as St. Paul's. Afterward, we enjoyed a lunch in Heneghan Hall catered by Chef Bob Catering. Mother Cindy was presented with a generous "purse" in gratitude for her time with us in addition to receiving gifts and cards from various well-wishers. To top it off, The Rev. Mike Rayson gave quite a moving concert with vocals and piano in the church sanctuary. It was a day filled with memories! Photos may be found later in this newsletter.



Now looking forward, I am so happy to welcome The Reverend Christopher Ashmore, who goes by Fr. Kip or Fr. Ashmore, as the Interim Rector of the Episcopal Parish of Alton! He is arriving just in time for Holy Week, so that will be his initial focus. Then, starting the week after Easter, Fr. Kip plans to be in Alton on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in addition to Sunday services, commuting from Jacksonville, Illinois, where he lives. His Letter of Agreement actually calls for Fr. Kip to be here only two weekdays, but he has generously offered to spend an extra day each week for the first month or two during the transition.

I asked Fr. Kip how to let him know about pastoral care needs when he is not in Alton. He indicated it would be fine if parishioners contact him directly—his phone is 217-473-1862 and email revkash@msn.com. I imagine a lot of pastoral care can be handled by phone, text or email, or a person could set an appointment for meeting in person when Fr. Kip would be in the Alton area anyway. In extreme need, Fr. Kip said he would be willing to make an extra trip.

Many of you know that in addition to Mother Cindy leaving, Pastoral Assistant Diane Martin has decided to leave as well. Because Diane does so much for our parish, her absence provides us with even more opportunities for volunteering! April Drennan has already asked to do the scheduling of Altar servers and readers. Is there anyone who would like to take over the bookstore? It would mostly entail keeping the checkbook and ordering books for the parish as needed (the bookstore provides a substantial discount for books, I'm told). Who would like to keep the sign in front of St. Paul's updated? We already have several volunteers to do office work until we can hire a new administrative assistant, and we will create a schedule for that after Fr. Kip arrives. If anyone else wants to volunteer to work in the office, please let me know. We could also use someone to plant the flower pots in the garden when the weather gets warmer, and for people to keep the areas around both church locations weeded and trimmed.

We are currently short on people who do various "jobs" during church services, including Chalice Bearers, Acolytes, Readers, Ushers and Greeters, and Altar Guild members. I remember when I first wanted to become a Chalice Bearer, Fr. Heneghan told me there were no

openings. There are plenty of openings now! We need to have people step up to the plate on this!

With a new priest in our midst, I think now is the time for us to come together to find a way to resolve our past conflicts for the good of the whole parish. Later in this newsletter you will find information about Mother Edie Bird's Conflict Resolution work with us. In addition, during the Lenten Program, we learned how forgiveness is something we do for many reasons, including our own health—it may be time to let go of those negative emotions of bitterness, anger, regret, and remorse! Communication is key, including listening to those with different points of view. I'm very hopeful!

I am doing a combined April/May newsletter this time because I am going to be traveling again from April 22 to May 15 and would not be able to otherwise do a May *Angelus*. Any concerns you would usually address with me during that time can be directed to our Junior Warden, Jean Downey. Jean plans to send out an update on the newsletter as needed while I am gone.

Finally, I would like to wish the best to Mother Cindy in her retirement and to Diane Martin as she moves on. Many thanks to both of you for all that you've done for our parish! You will be missed!

Susan Lukasik, Senior Warden

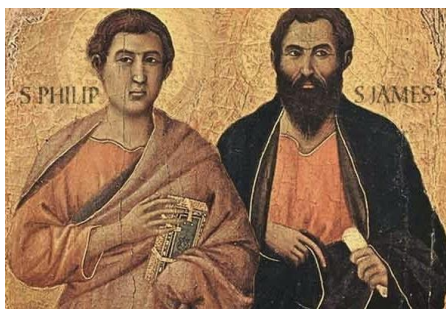
Major Feast Days of the Episcopal Church To Be Celebrated in April and May

Fr. Kip 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 Mark the Evangelist—April 25th

Also known as John Mark or Saint Mark, Mark the Evangelist is the person who is traditionally ascribed to be the author of the Gospel of Mark. It is believed that Mark wrote down many of the things Peter remembered about Jesus as Mark's gospel is based on many eye-witness accounts of Peter. According to Church tradition, Mark founded the Church of Alexandria, which was one of the five most important jurisdictions of early Christianity. He is said to have been the first bishop of Alexandria and is honored as the founder of Christianity in Africa. His symbol is the winged lion.





The Feast of the Apostles Saint Philip and Saint James—May 2nd (transferred from May 1st)

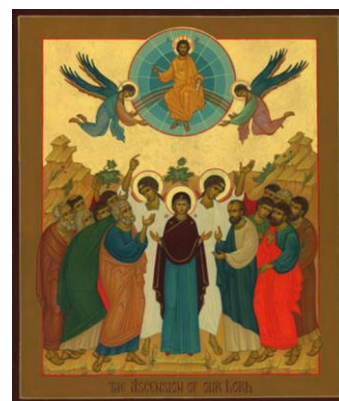
The Apostle Philip was one of the first disciples, called soon after Jesus's baptism in the Jordan. He was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. He brought his friend Nathaniel to Jesus, insisting to Nathanael that he had found the person about whom Moses had written. Saint James the Less, a brother of the Apostle Jude, was of Cana of Galilee. After the dispersion of the Apostles, he was made

Bishop of Jerusalem. When he refused to deny the divinity of Christ, the Jews cast him down from the terrace of the temple and clubbed him to death. His relics now rest next to those of Saint Philip in the Church of the Holy Apostles in Rome.

Ascension Day—May 18th

Ascension Day is a principal feast of the church year and will be celebrated with a full Mass 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church.

Ascension Day is celebrated on the 40th day of Easter (or 39 days after Easter Sunday). Always on a Thursday, it is one of the earliest Christian festivals, dating back to the year 68. According to the New Testament, Jesus met several times with his disciples during the 40 days after his resurrection to instruct them on how to carry out his teaching. Then he took them to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as he ascended to heaven. Ascension Day marks the final elevation of Jesus' human nature to divine glory.



The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary—May 31st

The Gospel of Luke, Chapter 1, records that at the time of the Annunciation, Mary learned her relative Elizabeth was miraculously pregnant. Mary went to visit Elizabeth and greeted her. At this greeting the child leaped in Elizabeth's womb. Her child was John the Baptist. Elizabeth greeted Mary as the mother of the Lord and exclaimed that Mary and the child in her womb were blessed. Mary responded with the song of praise known as the Magnificat, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

Our next **Pet Food Pantry** is scheduled for Sunday, **April 2**. 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. Marti is now leading this outreach ministry.





Holy Week

April 2-8, 2023

Palm Sunday **8:30 a.m.—Trinity Chapel**
11:00 a.m.—St. Paul's

On Palm Sunday the Church commemorates Christ's entry into Jerusalem to accomplish his saving work by dying and rising again. The liturgy of the day has two distinctive features, the procession and the reading of the Passion Gospel.

Maundy Thursday **7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper—St. Paul's**

Maundy Thursday marks a new beginning, the beginning of the end. From this point on, our Christian worship is a continuum through to Easter Morning. The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday recalls the institution of the Holy Communion as we obey Christ's command to *do this in remembrance of me*. Following the Mass, the altar is stripped to signify the last stripping away of earthly things from the life of Christ as he prepared himself for his fate in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday **Noon—The Liturgy of The Lord's Passion—Trinity Chapel**
7:00 p.m.— The Liturgy of The Lord's Passion—St. Paul's

The service for Good Friday is divided into four parts: the Ministry of the Word, the Proclamation of the Cross, the Intercessions, the Holy Communion. It is the narration of the events leading to the crucifixion historically from St. John's Gospel that lies at the heart of the service.

Holy Saturday **5:30 p.m. The Easter Vigil—St. Paul's**

The elements of Light, Scripture and Renewal of Baptismal Vows form the core of this vigil in our beautiful and darkened church, concluding with preparation for Holy Communion as we look forward to celebrating the Resurrection on Easter Morning.

Easter Morning Schedule—April 9, 2023

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist –Trinity Chapel
10:45 a.m. Flowering of the Cross—St. Paul's
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist—St. Paul's



The Rev. Edith Bird Leads Conflict Resolution Work

On Saturday, March 4, our first parish-wide meeting to start the Conflict Resolution process took place from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the parish hall at St. Paul's Church. The Rev. Edie Bird presented us with strategies for dealing with various levels of conflict, including a process called *Non-Violent Communication*, abbreviated *NVC* on the handout. This process of communication offers a means of developing compassionate communication skills that will allow for honest communication without causing others to become defensive. This is what we will be practicing in small groups during our next in-person session April 29. Handouts are available at St. Paul's and Trinity.

In Non-Violent Communication, we start with stating what we **OBSERVE**, free from our own reactions to it. Then we tune in to our **FEELINGS** and turn off reactive judgements, tone of voice and criticism. Notice how you feel. If you have negative emotions, a basic human need is not being met. You may have a need for respect, for instance. You clearly state what you **NEED** or value that would enrich your life without demanding anything of the other person. And then you **REQUEST** concrete actions from the other without demanding. Listen for underlying feelings and needs. Try to understand each other better—empathize. Try to hear and reflect feelings and needs. Energy can shift to a more positive atmosphere.

Mother Edie also noted how appropriate strategies differ with different levels of conflict intensity.

Level I: Problems to solve for the common good

Strategies: Collaborative team work. Encourage participation to work on problems together.

Level II: Disagreement—leads to self-protection, defensiveness, suspiciousness

Strategies: Reduce stress and tension—have fun together. Encourage more communication. Express feelings using Non-violent Communication method.

Level III: Contest of wills about who's right. Focused on winning, see distorting/projecting. Have factions and reactivity.

Strategies: Mediation with outside consultant to de-escalate. Establish clear communication, set goals and review shared history. Need to develop trust.

Level IV: Fight/Flight/Freeze/Flatter. Reactivity rules. Want to blame someone.

Communication closes down. People are personalizing what is said and are being "triggered." Break in relationships—people leave. Keeps escalating. People are getting hurt. Criticizing other.

Strategies: Need intervention. Arbitration is called for. May need therapy. Get care for our souls.

Level V: Intractable Conflict. Confusion. Feeling hopeless and helpless. No way forward except intervention.

Strategies: Need intervention. Outside authority will need to make difficult decisions. Some relationships will need to be terminated.

Another model that Mother Edie talked about comes from *Caring Enough to Confront*, a book by David Augsburger. It shows four Unconscious Styles of Conflict:

1. MY WAY—I win, you lose

High level of wanting to get work done, low level of developing relationships: Work is the most important thing. Relationships can suffer. Need to re-connect with relationships. Take more time to listen; may slow down project but worth it.

2. YOUR WAY—

High level of developing relationship, low level of wanting to get work done: Can we all get along? We may not speak up for ourselves, just want acceptance. I concede just to get along. Danger is when I explode because no one is listening—but you didn't speak up.

3. NO WAY—

Low level of developing relationships, low level of wanting to get work done: Trauma response that causes us not to function. Maybe think that conflict is always bad. Can say "I'm feeling overwhelmed right now, and I can't talk about it now." May need to take time to figure it out and come back later.

4. OUR WAY—

High level of developing relationships, high level of wanting to get work done: State own perspective and willing to listen to other perspectives. Win-win. Takes time and patience. Compromise is a low level of this.

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: Edie conducted a workshop 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.*

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 (or Jean Downey after April 21) 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 three more Saturday onsite sessions: April 29, June 3, and June 24. 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 (or Jean Downey after April 21 at jldowney1@charter.net). If you have not already signed up for the small group work on April 29, please do so soon.

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

Mother Cindy's Celebration of Ministry



Mother Cindy celebrated her last Sunday service as Rector of the Episcopal Parish of Alton March 26 with a 10:00 a.m. Eucharist at St. Paul's. Following the service, we enjoyed a catered meal in Heneghan Hall. Then, after lunch, the Rev. Mike Rayson honored Mother Cindy by presenting a concert with piano and vocals. Mother Cindy will be officially retired at the end of March. We wish her much happiness in all her future endeavors!







Let's Walk for Good Health and Fellowship!



The group of Friday morning walkers will continue each week when people are available to walk. If you are interested in joining in the weekly walk, please let Mimi Almonroeder know at diamondzoe@charter.net or 618-581-5756. Mimi usually notifies everyone ahead of time each week to see who wants to walk that Friday. We meet at the main entrance of Glazebrook Park in Godfrey nearest the soccer fields or at Alton Square Mall in inclement weather, exact time determined each week (usually 8:00 or 9:00 a.m.).

Parish Life Commission

Join Us For **Stations of the Cross** at King's House

Join us on Friday, May 19th when we will visit King's House in Belleville, Illinois, to walk the outdoor path of the **Stations of the Cross** together.

EPA Walkers will be going, and we invite everyone from the parish to walk and pray with us that day. More information on the time, carpooling, and Dutch treat lunch plans will follow as we get closer to the event day.

This event is being sponsored by the Education and Parish Life Commissions. If interested and for further information, please contact Jean Downey at jldowney1@charter.net or Mimi Almonroeder at diamondzoe@charter.net.



Request from the Property and Maintenance Commission

To help us keep utility costs down, there are a few things you can do:

1. Please be sure that all lights are turned off before you leave.
2. Check to see that bathroom toilets and faucets aren't running and that lights and exhaust fans are turned off.
3. If you notice a problem, please notify the Property and Maintenance Commission so it can be addressed quickly. You may call me at (618) 791-3860.

Thank you!

Donna Fisher

Guild of Grace Takes a Turn at Axe Throwing

Guild of Grace members met for their regular meeting on March 28th at Joe's Pizza in Eastgate Plaza, East Alton, for a wonderful meal, meeting and fellowship. Following our meal, we visited Riverbend Axe to test our skills at axe throwing. Donna Fisher and Veronica Wrausmann proved to be very skilled in this art! Old and young, we had a 100% success rate at hitting the target. Thank you April Drennan for setting up a fun evening and pushing us to do activities outside of the ordinary!

The next Guild meeting is scheduled for April 25th. Stay tuned for location, which will be announced later. The Guild normally meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. All women of the parish are invited to attend.



ECM News

The ECM will have its next breakfast meeting on Saturday, April 22nd at 9:00 a.m. at Trinity Chapel. Breakfast will be served, and all men of the parish are welcome. Come and join us in fellowship! For more information, please contact Dereck Cook at cookdnj@yahoo.com.

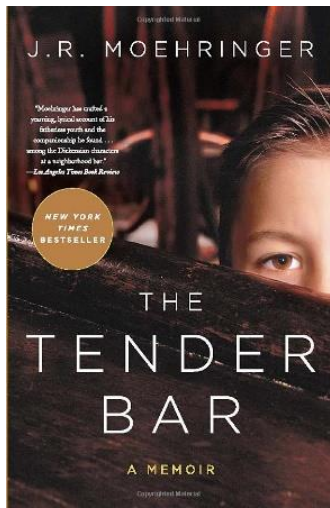
Book Club

Join us on Wednesday, April 26th at 9:30 a.m. at Foxes Boxes, 515a N. Bellwood, Bethalto, IL, to discuss *The Tender Bar: A Memoir* by J.R. Moehringer. We have decided to meet at a different location that offers pastries, coffee and tea.

Please note that in the March *Angelus* we published that we would be reading *The Marriage Portrait* in April. This book was chosen by Mimi as the April selection. However, Mimi will be out of town and wanted to be here to lead the discussion. Mimi and Jeanie decided to flip the dates for April and May.

Below is a description for our April Book:

J.R. Moehringer grew up captivated by a voice. It was the voice of his father, a New York City disc jockey who vanished before J.R. spoke his first word. Sitting on the stoop, pressing an ear to the radio, J.R. would strain to hear in that plummy baritone the secrets of masculinity and identity.



*Though J.R.'s mother was his world, his rock, he craved something more, something faintly and hauntingly audible only in *The Voice*.*

*At eight years old, suddenly unable to find *The Voice* on the radio, J.R. turned in desperation to the bar on the corner, where he found a rousing chorus of new voices. The alphas along the bar—including J.R.'s Uncle Charlie, a Humphrey Bogart look-alike; Colt, a Yogi Bear sound-alike; and Joey D, a softhearted brawler—took J.R. to the beach, to ballgames, and ultimately into their circle. They taught J.R., tended him, and provided a kind of fathering-by-committee. Torn between the stirring example of his mother and the lurid romance of the bar, J.R. tried to forge a self somewhere in the center. But when it was time for J.R. to leave home, the bar became an increasingly seductive sanctuary, a place to return and regroup during*

his picaresque journeys. Time and again the bar offered shelter from failure, rejection, heartbreak—and eventually from reality.

Sneak Peek for May: *The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell. It's 333 pages. Historical fiction.

We will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 24th. Location will be determined at a later date.

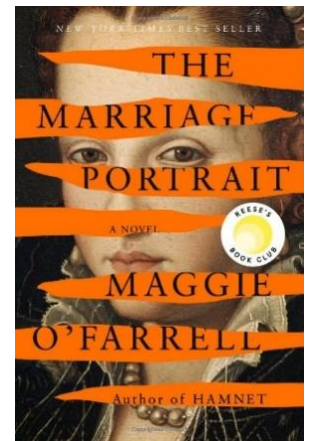
The author of award-winning *Hamnet* brings the world of Renaissance Italy to jewel-bright life in this unforgettable fictional portrait of the captivating young duchess Lucrezia de' Medici as she makes her way in a troubled court.

A brief description follows: ***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.



Lenten Program

A big thank you goes to Susan Lukasik for guiding us through our Lenten study program of *Forgiveness* by Adam Hamilton. Thanks also for all of your dedication, preparation and teaching on the subject! It was a wonderful companion series to our conflict resolution workshops.

Education Commission

***With Mother Cindy and Diane Martin leaving,
we will no longer have Mondays@7,
P.A.W.S. (Pets Are Welcome Service), or
the Wednesday evening discussion group—at least for now.
Pet Food Pantry will continue, led by Marti LoRusso.***

April Calendar

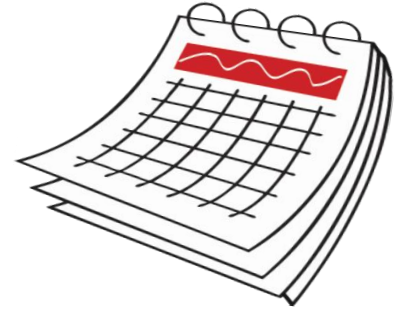
Sunday, April 2nd *Palm Sunday*

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



Thursday, April 6th *Maundy Thursday*

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Paul's

Friday, April 7th *Good Friday*

Noon Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at Trinity

7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at St. Paul's

Saturday, April 8th *Holy Saturday*

5:30 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. Paul's

Sunday, April 9th *Easter Sunday—The Day of Resurrection*

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

10:30 a.m. Flowering of the Cross at St. Paul's

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's



Tuesday, April 11th—Vestry meeting 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's

Sunday, April 16th *The Second Sunday of Easter*

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

Saturday, April 22nd ECM breakfast—9:30 a.m. at Trinity

Sunday, April 23rd *The Third Sunday of Easter*

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

Tuesday, April 25th —

Noon Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel—*Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist*

Guild of Grace meeting—time and location to be determined

Wednesday, April 26th

9:30 a.m. at Foxes Boxes in Bethalto--Book Club

Saturday, April 29th Conflict Resolution onsite work with small groups for Structured

Dialogue—St. Paul's 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (90 minute groups)

Sunday, April 30th *The Fourth Sunday of Easter*
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

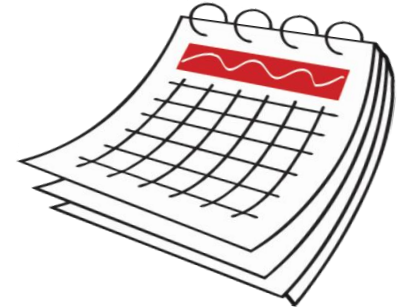
May Calendar

Tuesday, May 2nd

Noon Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel— *Feast of the Apostles St. Philip and St. James*
(transferred from May 1st)

Sunday, May 7th *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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



Sunday, May 14th *The Sixth Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day*

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

Tuesday, May 16th—Vestry meeting 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's

Thursday, May 18th *Ascension Day*

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

Friday, May 19th Field Trip to King's House—Save the date; more information to follow

Sunday, May 21st *The Seventh Sunday of Easter*

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

Wednesday, May 24th

9:30 a.m. Book Club—location to be determined

Sunday, May 28th *The Day of Pentecost*

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

Wednesday, May 31st

Noon Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel—*The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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.



April Birthdays

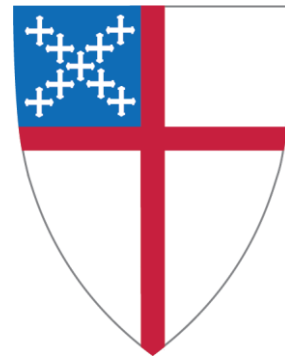
08 Alexander Cook
14 Kay Durham
15 Rosalie Elkins
19 Marie Drennan
21 Tim Eagleton
29 Kaylie Jones

May Birthdays

02 Janice Wuest
02 Scott Dorris
06 Susan Lukasik
07 Trevor Eagleton
10 Kareen Eagleton
11 John Ulffers
11 Nick Zankl
17 Donald Lipe
18 Archer Cook (Andrew's son)
18 Pam Smith
22 Bobby Eudy
22 Roy Anderson
22 Charles Buxton
26 Lurna Hutchinson
27 Julie Harris



Vestry
Fr. Kip+—Interim 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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