



# THE ALTON ANGELUS

April/May 2024

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

## *From the Senior Warden...*

Excitement is in the air for many reasons! Spring has appeared and, hopefully, there will not be an interruption with an extra bit of winter to spoil the warmth we are feeling. Time is flying by and it won't be long before Father Garron Daniels will be here with us! Tony Springman and I will be meeting with Father Garron soon to begin talking, listening, and planning for the future of our parish. Father Garron and Nathalia are packing up their apartment and April 5<sup>th</sup> is their moving date! I am feeling so optimistic about the future of the Episcopal Parish of Alton!



I hope you are feeling relief and joy, too, knowing that our Priest-in-Charge is going to be here. Father Garron's start date is Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, and his first Sunday with us is June 2<sup>nd</sup>. He plans to be checking in occasionally during the month of May to take care of paperwork and to set up his office. Please remember Father Garron and Nathalia in your prayers, and keep our whole parish in your prayers, too, as we all begin a new life in Christ together.

You may be wondering what "Priest-in-Charge" means for us in the Episcopal Parish of Alton. Rather than muddle through trying to explain the term with my understanding, I did reach out to Canon Mark Evans for assistance in preparing a written statement clarifying the meaning of Priest-in-Charge. He consulted with the Diocesan Chancellor about the difference between the two terms, "Priest-in-Charge" and "Rector." Here is the explanation he received and shared with me:

"A Priest-in-Charge has all of the parochial responsibilities and authority of a Rector; from the point of view of the congregation there is little practical difference between the two. A Priest-in-Charge is appointed by the Bishop, and continues in office at the pleasure of the Bishop, in consultation with the Vestry. A Rector, once installed, generally can only be removed from office because of substantial disciplinary or pastoral reasons, or by mutual consent of the Bishop, Clergy person, and Vestry. The distinction between the two offices is somewhat analogous to the difference between an associate professor and a full professor in academia."

Hopefully, this explanation has cleared up any of your questions.

Our Property and Maintenance commission has been busy checking items off of their list of the various projects that are required to keep our church in tip top shape. At St. Paul's, repairing the pews is a work in progress. Quite a few pews are showing their age and use. Please notice the warning signs that are taped to the most damaged pews and avoid sitting on those weakened areas. Bill Moyer explained that special supports will have to be made to alleviate the problem that is basically a structural issue. Eventually, perhaps all of the pews will have the supports installed.

Now, back to the feeling of excitement in the air...Have we grown accustomed to our present situation? What will our new normal look like? What will stay the same? What will change? What measures will we take to progress? So many questions! There are wonderful possibilities of moving forward, of growing, and of accomplishing much together. I thankfully look around and see all the people who have silently given their time and energy to keep the parish running smoothly. Someone swept the sidewalks, cleared the snow, spread the salt, pulled the weeds, changed the light bulbs, met with a repairman, took out the trash, washed the dishes, opened the doors, locked the doors, chanted the psalms, played the organ, rang the bells, sang the hymns, ordered church supplies, read the scriptures, served on the altar, prepared the altar, greeted us on Sunday morning, ordered and cared for the flowers, started the coffee, paid the bills, stocked the pet pantry, prepared and printed the bulletins, dropped money in the offering plate, pledged to the church, signed up for coffee hour, attended morning prayer, served as a leader of a guild or organization, served on Vestry, helped us with technology, set up Zoom meetings, sent cards to shut-ins, created a church brochure, made the soup, replenished supplies, and the list goes on and on. We could probably add dozens more actions that take place each week in our church by Someone. All of those actions are appreciated, right? I also ask that we remember how Someone has supported us, talked with us, smiled at us, laughed with us, cried with us, and prayed for us! Having a new priest does not mean that all these things stop...I imagine even more people becoming involved, people returning to church after a long absence, and visitors coming to check out what all the excitement is about. What an exciting image!

We are an amazing parish! What we accomplish together is heartwarming! I would like to share two quotes that sum up my thoughts about our parish and its future:

*"Accomplishment will prove to be a journey, not a destination."* Dwight D. Eisenhower

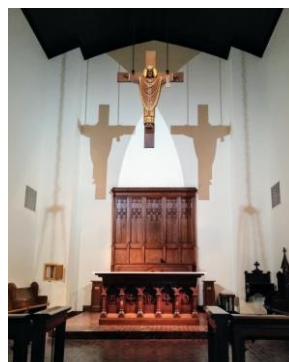
*"Ask for what you want and be prepared to get it!"* Maya Angelou

Thank you all!

God bless you,  
***Mimi Almonroeder***



*A few photos from  
Holy Week*





## From Fr. Garron Daniels

To the Episcopal Parish of Alton:

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

What a joyous time for me to write to you all as we once more shout and sing “Alleluia!” to our Risen King who trampled sin and death! I must admit that I am still in a state of shock and joy that you all have chosen me to be your next Priest-In-Charge and, hopefully, soon to be Rector. Both my wife Nathalia and I feel beyond blessed and thankful to be welcomed into your Church to preach and teach the Good News of Christ.

Many of you have most likely read my “official” biography that I use, but I would like to share with you a bit more about me. I was born and raised in rural Missouri in a small town known as Savannah. There I grew up with two brothers, Brady and Jayden Arn, and my mother and stepfather, Joellen and Chris Arn. I have other siblings from my father, but those siblings I didn’t grow up with in the same way as Brady and Jayden; those siblings are Chance, Ella, and Clarissa. As you will quickly come to find out, my family is everything to me. I wouldn’t be where I am today if it wasn’t for my family.

After leaving Savannah, I began attending Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri where I received Magna Cum Laude Honors and a Bachelor of Science degree in Justice Systems with a Minor in Philosophy & Religion. I had originally intended to work in Law Enforcement and had even enjoyed an internship with the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Andrew County Sheriff’s Department. That’s the thing, though--tell your plans to God and he will laugh, which is exactly what happened! In college I found the Episcopal Church after a long time in a non-denominational setting. During my time at the Episcopal Church and in my studies, I began to hear God’s calling to the priesthood. I didn’t understand what that calling meant, but I knew I had to follow where God was leading.

In the midst of the pandemic, I attended the University of the South: School of Theology in Sewanee, Tennessee where I gained a deep love and appreciation for the liturgy of the Church and for Christian Formation. I began to really understand what my calling to the priesthood meant. It’s during this time that I was blessed by being picked to be a Griffin Fellow that allowed me to take a pilgrimage to the Holy Land through St. George’s College, an experience that still continues to shape my faith and work as a Priest. How I crave and yearn to return once more to the very place where our faith started!

Since seminary, I’ve lived in the Central West End of St. Louis and have been working as the Curate of St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church in Creve Coeur, focused on Children and Youth Ministry as well as Christian Formation. I was also hired as a PRN Chaplain at St. Louis Children’s Hospital in September 2023 and hope to continue this ministry when I begin my work at EPA.

Through all of this I’ve had my number one fan, my supporter, my guide, my right hand, the love of my life--Nathalia Eleanor-Louise Baum. Nathalia and I met at the Episcopal Church while attending Truman State University. We continued to date through our last years of college and began long distance while I studied at Seminary and she at Mount Mary University; she studied to be an Occupational Therapist. On one of her many visits to Sewanee, I popped the question in front of the altar of All Saints’ Chapel and luckily she said yes! We finally started our lives together in St. Louis



and were married at Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis on October 28, 2023. I can't express enough what my wife means to me and how I truly wouldn't be where I am without her. Of course, I must also make mention of our long-haired mini dachshund, Maggie, whom we rescued nearly a year ago. She is a joy in both of our lives and quite opinionated for a little dog!

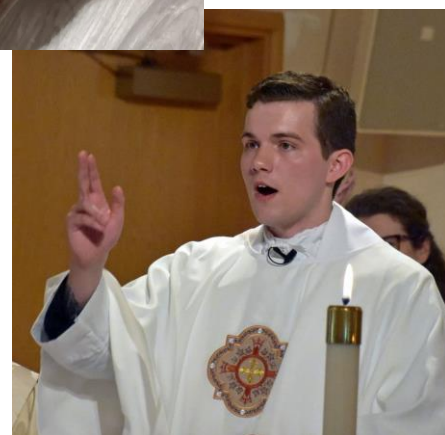
The other thing to know about me is that I'm a founding member of the Order of Christ the Saviour, a dispersed Dominican community whose ministry is Deliverance Ministry. I'm an At-Large Member of the Provincial Council of the Society of Catholic Priests and a member of the Guild of All Souls. I'm an officer in the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, an Order dedicated to helping Christians in the Holy Land. I'm also a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants; I descend from none other than Governor William Bradford. Nathalia and I also regularly volunteer at Bellefontaine Cemetery and Arboretum. This is all to say that I stay quite busy!

I hope this gives you a little more about me and where I'm from! My hope in joining you all is to really hit the ground running to help build up the Kingdom of God in Alton, Illinois that you all are hard at work doing. My hope is to show the love of God in all that we do and say, finding new and old ways to get people to see the beauty of God in our liturgy and tradition. I'm looking forward to walking side by side with you all to see what Christ has in store for us and how we can listen to Him more deeply!

Yours In Christ,

***The Rev. Garron C. Daniels, OCS***

P.S. I've been asked several times what I prefer to be called. Either "Father Garron" or "Father Daniels" is perfectly acceptable to me. Generally, I use "Father Garron" when I introduce myself, but I will respond and gladly accept both!



*In the photos are Fr. Garron, his wife Nathalia, and their dog Maggie.*

## From the Organ Loft



Many years ago, when I was still a “youngish” budding organist, I had the opportunity to hear the famous organist Diane Bish perform here locally in the St. Louis area. It was the first time that I had the privilege of meeting someone of that caliber; fortunately, with the development of videotaping, DVDs and internet, it is now possible for everyone to enjoy world class performances of a wide variety of musical genre, instruments and locations.

Beginning in the early 1980’s, there was a television series called “The Joy of Music” that featured Ms. Bish. In these episodes she and her camera crew would travel around to many interesting locations and perform on some very unusual instruments. One of the instruments that she performed on is considered the oldest playable organ in the world, and it is located in Scion, Switzerland.

This particular organ was built in 1390 and has, of course, had several restorations over the centuries. Playing an organ in 1390 and well beyond was so different than today--there was no electricity! In order to have “wind” or air to push through the pipes, it was necessary to have the massive bellows pumped! This required human manpower to come in and manually push!

The entire organ resembles a machine of mechanical blocks and levers...necessary for the action of the changing of the stops controlling the 10 ranks of pipes for this particular instrument. If you were afraid of heights, you had a problem being an organist at this church!

Here is a link for this interesting video!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxwZTfILJDA>



There will be links to the other two corresponding videos that complete this particular “Joy of Music” episode on the right side of the same page link. I hope you will enjoy these as much as I have. I certainly have a greater appreciation for our modern-day technology, and am SO glad that I don’t have to go begging someone to “pump the bellows” on Sunday morning to make the organ pipes sing!

*Gay Anderson*

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

All Principal Feasts and Major Feasts of the liturgical calendar may be celebrated privately. In the absence of a priest, we will not have Holy Day services at this time, except those celebrated on a Sunday.

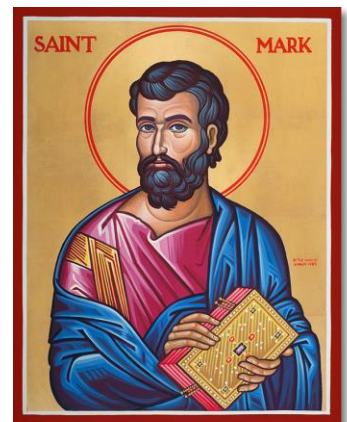


## The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred from March 25<sup>th</sup>)

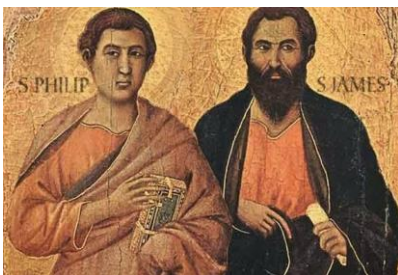
The Annunciation is the announcement by the Archangel Gabriel to Mary that she would conceive and bear a son through a virgin birth and become the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the Bible, the story of the Annunciation is recorded in Luke 1:26-38.

## The Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist—April 25<sup>th</sup>

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 1<sup>st</sup>



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 Nathaniel 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 9<sup>th</sup>

Ascension Day is celebrated on the 40<sup>th</sup> 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’s human nature to divine glory.



## The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary—May 31<sup>st</sup>

The Gospel of Luke, Chapter 1, records that at the time of the Annunciation, Mary learned that 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.”

## Celebrating the Day of Pentecost

The Feast of Pentecost, which falls on May 19<sup>th</sup> this year, is celebrated on the 50<sup>th</sup> day of Easter. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in Acts 2. The events of the day are foretold by Jesus just before his Ascension. While his followers were with the risen Christ, he tells them, “*John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now*” (Acts 1:5). He goes on to say to them, “*You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth*” (Acts 1:8).



We celebrate Pentecost as the inauguration of the Church’s mission in the world. Empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are to go out into our neighborhoods and the wider world witnessing to the Good News of the Risen Christ. The Day of Pentecost is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year in the Episcopal Church (*BCP*, p. 15).

# Trinity Sunday—Feast of Title for Trinity Chapel



On May 26<sup>th</sup>, we mark Trinity Sunday, a feast that celebrates “the one and equal glory” of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, “in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being” (*BCP*, p. 380). Trinity Sunday is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year (*BCP*, p. 15), and it is celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. As recorded by St. Matthew, the last words Jesus said to his Apostles before returning to Heaven were: “*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always,*

*to the end of time.*” These words, among others in Holy Scripture, form the basis of our doctrine of the Trinity.

## So Grateful for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter!

We would like to thank Fr. Gene Stormer for guiding us through Lent by making possible our traditional Wednesday evening Lenten program, providing for both our worship and study. Many thanks, too, to Mimi Almonroeder who led us on those Wednesdays when Fr. Stormer could not be with us, and to Susan Lukasik for leading a service of Evening Prayer. Thanks go to Fr. John Henry for taking us through the Holy Week Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday’s Easter Vigil, leading us to the joy of Easter Sunday. We are so grateful!



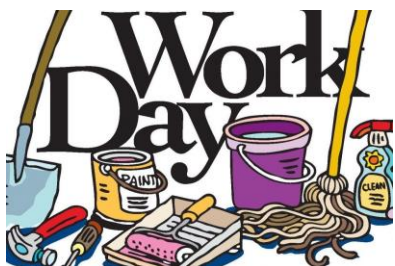
### *The Parish*

## Work Days Scheduled for Trinity and St. Paul’s

Spring has sprung and it’s time to do some cleaning! The Property and Maintenance Commission needs your help in getting our two locations spruced up for spring and for the arrival of Fr. Garron.

We will gather on **April 6<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Chapel** to do yardwork, some outside repairs, and deep cleaning on the inside. On **April 13<sup>th</sup> at St Paul’s**, we will work inside cleaning and outside in the yard/garden area doing yardwork and power washing the sidewalk and benches, and in the back of church clearing overgrown weeds and saplings. If you can’t make those dates and you want to help

(which would be greatly appreciated!), you can do cleaning when it’s convenient for you. St Paul’s has a lot of rooms that need tending to and it will take many hands. Please make plans to come and help.



The starting time both dates will be 8:00 a.m., but come and give whatever time you can give.

### *Property and Maintenance Commission*



# Parish Life

You won't want to miss these upcoming parish events! Save the dates!

## **Sunday, June 23 Parish Outdoor Service and Parish Picnic -** Glazebrook Park Shelter #1

There will be only one service this day at the park at 10:30 a.m.  
Following the service, we will have a potluck lunch.  
Beverages, paper goods, and utensils will be provided.

## **Tuesday, July 23 Music in the Garden at St. Paul's**

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Music by Sean Stone and friends  
Ice, paper goods, and utensils will be provided.  
Bring your favorite appetizer to share.  
BYO beverage.

## **September Progressive Dinner**

Date to be determined!  
If interested in helping to plan or host, please contact a member of Parish Life.

For more information, please contact Mimi Almonroeder at [diamondzoe@charter.net](mailto:diamondzoe@charter.net), April Drennan at [aecd1@aol.com](mailto:aecd1@aol.com), Donna Fisher at [aldon75@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aldon75@sbcglobal.net), or Marti LoRusso at [marti.lorusso47@gmail.com](mailto:marti.lorusso47@gmail.com).

## *Parish Life Commission*

## **New Rental Agreements Set**

The Public Relations and Publicity Commission has completed its revision of the application and fee structure for the use of various facilities of the Episcopal Parish of Alton, which the Vestry has approved. Application forms with updated fees will be in the office if you want to use any of our facilities. There is a reduction in the fees for parishioners. **Please see the rules/fees and application form on the following two pages.** For more information, please contact Millie Hancock at [momlh38@yahoo.com](mailto:momlh38@yahoo.com) or Irene McLaughlin at [ibmpat17@gmail.com](mailto:ibmpat17@gmail.com).



## *Public Relations and Publicity Commission*

**USE OF FACILITIES  
BY GROUPS NOT AFFILIATED WITH  
THE EPISCOPAL PARISH OF ALTON**

**OVERVIEW**

1. Social and charitable groups, excluding any political groups, may use the facilities.
2. Not for profit groups wishing to use the facilities on a regular basis for meetings may apply for a waiver of fees.
3. Any person or group holding an activity where wine will be served in either of the buildings of the Parish of Alton facilities must provide a copy of their rider insurance at his/her expense. No alcoholic beverage other than wine may be consumed on the property of the Episcopal Parish of Alton.
4. The representative of the requesting group shall sign all requests for use of the facilities.
5. All groups using the facilities must secure a sponsor from the Parish who will be responsible for the key and for opening and locking the facilities.
6. Dates for the use of the facilities are subject to the approval of the Rector or Priest-in-Charge.
7. All requests are subject to approval by the Rector or Priest-in-Charge and Vestry.

**THE EPISCOPAL PARISH OF ALTON  
FEES FOR USE OF FACILITIES**

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PUBLIC</b>	<b>PARISHIONER</b>
1. St. Paul's Episcopal Church	\$350	\$100
2. Heneghan Hall	\$250	\$100
3. Heneghan Hall and Kitchen	\$300	\$150
4. Bridal Suite	\$200	\$50
5. Kitchen only	\$150	\$50
6. Trinity Fellowship Hall	\$75	\$35
7. Trinity Chapel/Fellowship Hall	\$150	\$75
8. Wedding - Church, Bridal Suite & All Purpose room downstairs	\$500	\$200

There will be a clean-up fee of \$100 to be paid in advance of the event.

# APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT FOR USE OF EPA FACILITIES

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

We, \_\_\_\_\_, request the use of the Episcopal Parish of Alton facilities noted below for the following date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ and time(s): \_\_\_\_\_.

We request use of space for approximately \_\_\_\_\_ people.

- \_\_\_\_\_ St. Paul's Episcopal Church \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Heneghan Hall \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Heneghan Hall and Kitchen \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Parlor (Market Street Entrance) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wedding parlor (upstairs) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Trinity Chapel and/or Fellowship Hall \_\_\_\_\_

Fees required: \_\_\_\_\_ (see attached fee schedule)

The granting of this request shall not exceed one (1) year from date of request. Thereafter, it must be resubmitted for reconsideration.

Name of Person or Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned hereby agrees to the fees and policies of The Episcopal Parish of Alton (EPA) and to release, hold harmless, and indemnify the EPA (DBA St. Paul's Church) from any and all damages resulting from the use of any facilities, property damage, personal injuries, or any other claims. I have read and I understand the above statement.

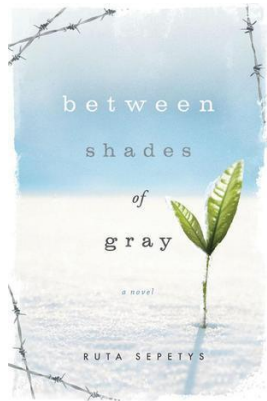
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of representative \_\_\_\_\_



## Book Club News

In April, our book club will be visiting Lucianna's Pastries in its new location at 1020 W. Delmar, Godfrey. We will gather there at 9:30 a.m. on our usual meeting day, the fourth Wednesday of the month, which falls on April 24<sup>th</sup>. May's book club will be on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.



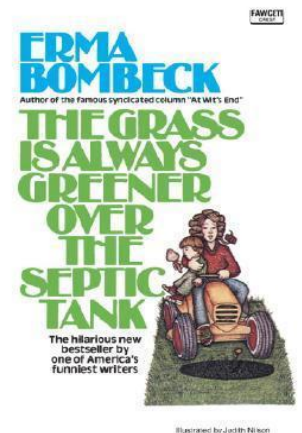
***Between Shades of Gray*** by Ruta Sepetys is our book selection for April.

*Lina is just like any other fifteen-year-old Lithuanian girl in 1941. She paints, she draws, she gets crushes on boys. Until one night when Soviet officers barge into her home, tearing her family from the comfortable life they've known. Separated from her father, forced onto a crowded and dirty train car, Lina, her mother, and her young brother slowly make their way north, crossing the Arctic Circle, to a work camp in the coldest reaches of Siberia. Here they are forced, under Stalin's orders, to dig for beets and fight for their lives under the cruelest of conditions.*

*Lina finds solace in her art, meticulously—and at great risk—documenting events by drawing, hoping these messages will make their way to her father's prison camp to let him know they are still alive. It is a long and harrowing journey, spanning years and covering 6,500 miles, but it is through incredible strength, love, and hope that Lina ultimately survives. *Between Shades of Gray* is a novel that will steal your breath and capture your heart.* goodreads.com

In May, the book club will be reading ***The Grass Is Always Greener Over the Septic Tank*** by Erma Bombeck.

*In the midst of life's daily chaos, have you ever wondered if there's a place, metaphorically greener and more idyllic, away from the septic tank that is suburbia? Well, Erma Bombeck has the answer for you! In her witty and relatable book, "The Grass Is Always Greener over the Septic Tank," she hilariously explores the notion that there is no escape from the trials and tribulations of suburban living. With her keen observations and delightful humor, Bombeck invites readers on a journey that unearths the truth about the grass on the other side, captivating them from the very first page and leaving them yearning for more insights into the comical realities of suburbia.* bookey.app



Looking ahead, June's book selection is *The Expected One* by Kathleen McGowan.

For more information about our book club, please contact Mimi Almonroeder at 618-581-5756 or [diamondzoe@charter.net](mailto:diamondzoe@charter.net). We would love for you to join us!

***Education Commission***

## Join our Weekly Morning Prayer and Bible Study

Please join us as we continue our Tuesday morning Bible Study in the conference room at St. Paul's, taught by Fr. Gene Stormer, beginning at 10:15 a.m. **We are currently studying *The Gospel of Mark*.** Prior to Bible Study, Fr. Stormer conducts a said service of Morning Prayer each Tuesday in St. Elizabeth's Chapel at 9:30 a.m.



### *Education Commission*



The next **Pet Food Pantry** will be held April 7<sup>th</sup> and on May 5<sup>th</sup> following that. The Pet Food Pantry is open one hour monthly on the first Sunday of the month from 12:30-1:30 p.m. People may enter St. Paul's through the Market Street entrance to participate.

Marti LoRusso, who is leading this outreach ministry, welcomes any volunteers willing to help. The Pet Food Pantry is supported entirely by donations of pet food and monetary gifts from our parish and community members. Baskets for donations of pet food are located near the entrance at both Trinity and St. Paul's. Monetary donations are also much appreciated! Make checks out to the *Episcopal Parish of Alton* and write "Pet Food Pantry" in the memo area.

In addition, we are grateful for five local businesses for keeping a donation jar on their counter. Please support these businesses and thank them for helping us provide pet food for families in need:

Farm Fresh, Roxana;  
LuciAnna's Pastries, Godfrey;  
Daniel-Randall Veterinary Clinic, Godfrey;  
St. Peter's Hardware, Alton; and  
White Birch, Godfrey.

### *Evangelism and Outreach Commission*

During the months of April and May, we are asking you to continue to bring non-perishable foods to share with our neighbors at Crisis Food Center. You will find collection baskets in the Narthex at St. Paul's and Trinity. Monetary donations are very much appreciated as well. Thank you so much for your generosity!



### *Evangelism and Outreach Commission*



## Saturday Café—In Service with our Neighbors

Our parish is one of several local churches that join in serving meals at the Saturday Café, a program held at First Presbyterian Church on Alby Street that serves free lunches to those in need.

**Upcoming dates in 2024 when the EPA will be responsible for providing and serving food include May 4<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, August 17<sup>th</sup>, and November 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Would you like to help? We generally meet in the kitchen at First Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a.m. and are done by 12:30 p.m., but you are welcome to come for a shorter time if you wish. Bruce Bayer usually prepares the main part of the meal ahead of time, and side dishes and desserts are purchased. Each Saturday the Café plans for 65 people and about 40 people show up. The bulk of the leftovers are given to those who come.

The average cost is \$170 per Saturday. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the food, you may write a check to *The Episcopal Parish of Alton* and note “Saturday Café” in the memo area.

Mark your calendars now. For more information about how to help, please contact Bruce Bayer by texting 618-798-1310 or Tony Springman at [springmant@gmail.com](mailto:springmant@gmail.com).

*Evangelism and Outreach Commission*

## ECM News

The next meeting of the Episcopal Church Men is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, at 9:00 a.m. at the Hickory Grove Restaurant. The primary topic on the agenda will be the selection of the parish's Mother of the Year for 2024, but there will be plenty of time to socialize as well.

At the last meeting, the ECM chose to donate the proceeds from the Pancake and Sausage Super and the Lenten Soup Dinner hosted by the group to the Crisis Food Center, with over \$500 being raised. Thanks to all for your generous donations!

Also discussed at the meeting was upcoming work days at Trinity and St. Paul's on April 6 and 13, respectively, being sponsored by the Property and Maintenance Commission. Members of the group are encouraged to attend as available; even moral support is greatly appreciated for those who are limited in their mobility.

*Dereck Cook*



# ECW News

The Episcopal Church Women Board and any interested women of the parish will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> in Heneghan Hall. The May meeting will be on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at the same time and location.

*Liz Bumbacher*

## Guild of Grace

The next Guild of Grace meeting is at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's. Please bring appetizers. The date of the May meeting is to be determined.

*April Drennan*

## Mark Your Calendars for Puzzle Palooza!



Mark Your Calendars and join the fun!! The Guild of Grace and ECW will be holding a **Puzzle Palooza** at St. Paul's Church on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person, which will include snacks and non-alcoholic drinks. You are welcome to bring wine. Teams with a maximum of 6 persons will compete to complete a 500-piece puzzle in two hours. The winning team will receive a prize!

Get your bunko group, card club, coffee group, pickle ball group, golf buddies, what have you, to join us for a fun evening of Puzzle Palooza!!!

You may make reservations by mailing a check made out to *Guild of Grace* to the office of St. Paul's Episcopal Church no later than June 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Irene McLaughlin at [ibmpat17@gmail.com](mailto:ibmpat17@gmail.com).

*ECW and Guild of Grace*

## A Note from the Editor:

This edition of *The Alton Angelus* is a double April/May issue due to my being out of town at the end of April. Any needed updates before June will be sent out by email from the church office and will also appear in the weekly bulletins.

*Susan Lukasik*

# April Calendar

Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

10:15 a.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's

Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 a.m. ECW meeting at St. Paul's

Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. Guild of Grace meeting at St. Paul's

Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. to Noon Work Day at Trinity Chapel

11:00 a.m. Barb Swany funeral at St. Paul's with visitation starting at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> *The Second Sunday of Easter* --Fr. Stormer here

Offering for Rector's Discretionary Fund

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

12:30-1:30 p.m. Pet Food Pantry

Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> *The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
(transferred from March 25<sup>th</sup>)

Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

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

10:15 a.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. to Noon Work Day at St. Paul's

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> *The Third Sunday of Easter* -- Fr. Henry here

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

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

10:15 a.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's

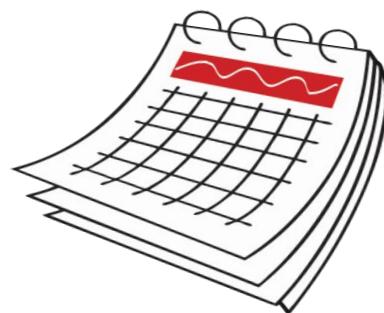
6:00 p.m. Vestry at St. Paul's

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. ECM meeting at Hickory Grove Restaurant

Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> *The Fourth Sunday of Easter* --Fr. Stormer here

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's



Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

10:15 a.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's

Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. Book Club at Lucianna's in Godfrey (note their new location!)

Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> *The Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist*

Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> *The Fifth Sunday of Easter* -- Fr. Henry here

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

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

10:15 a.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's

Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> *Feast of the Apostles Saint Philip and Saint James*

10:00 a.m. ECW meeting at St. Paul's

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday Café

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> *The Sixth Sunday of Easter* --Fr. Stormer here

Offering for Rector's Discretionary Fund

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

12:30-1:30 p.m. Pet Food Pantry

Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

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

10:15 a.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's

Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> *Ascension Day*

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> *The Seventh Sunday of Easter/The Sunday After Ascension Day* --Fr. Henry here

Mother's Day

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

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

10:15 a.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> *The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday* --Fr. Stormer here

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's



Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

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

10:15 a.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's

Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 a.m. Book Club at Lucianna's in Godfrey

Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> *The First Sunday After Pentecost/Trinity Sunday* --Fr. Henry here

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day -- Church Office closed

Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> **Fr. Garron starts as our Priest-in-Charge!**

Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> *The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> *The Second Sunday after Pentecost*

**Fr. Garron's first Sunday with us!**

Offering for Rector's Discretionary Fund

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

12:30-1:30 p.m. Pet Food Pantry

## Our Sincere Condolences to:

--Friends and Family of **Mary Woodcock**, who died March 24, 2024. A funeral service will be held at St. Paul's Church on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m.



--Friends and Family of **Barb Swany**, who died March 25, 2024. A funeral service is planned for 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at St. Paul's Church with visitation starting at 10:00 a.m.

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



The group of Friday morning walkers will continue meeting each week when people are available to walk. The exact time and location are determined on a weekly basis--Mimi usually notifies everyone ahead of time to see who wants to walk that Friday. If you are interested in joining us, please let Mimi Almonroeder know at [diamondzoe@charter.net](mailto:diamondzoe@charter.net) or 618-581-5756.

*Parish Life Commission*



## April Birthdays



01 Debra Smith  
08 Alexander Cook  
12 David Elson  
14 Kay Durham  
15 Rosalie Elkins  
19 Marie Drennan  
21 Tim Eagleton  
29 Kaylie Jones  
29 Jeannette Phillips

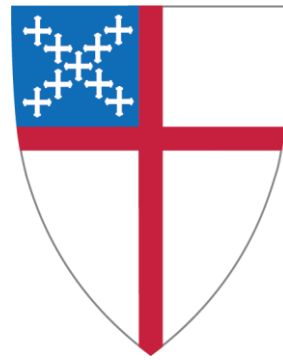
## May Birthdays

02 Janice Wuest  
02 Scott Dorris  
02 Westin Cook  
02 Calliope Rose Bailey  
06 Susan Lukasik  
07 Trevor Eagleton  
10 Kareen Eagleton  
11 John Ulfers  
11 Nick Zankl  
13 Carissa Eason  
17 Donald Lipe  
18 Archer Cook  
18 Pam Smith  
22 Bobby Eudy  
22 Roy Anderson  
22 Charles Buxton  
26 Lurna Hutchinson  
27 Julie Harris



## Vestry

**Mimi Almonroeder—Senior Warden**  
**Tony Springman—Junior Warden**  
**Judy Jones—Treasurer**  
**Lisa Springman—Clerk of the Vestry**



### Vestry Commissions:

**Education:** \*Mimi Almonroeder, Meg Dorris

**Evangelism & Outreach:** \*Tony Springman, April Drennan

**Liturgy & Music:** \*Irene McLaughlin, Robbie Cupp, Chuck Drennan, Millie Hancock

**Parish Life:** \*Mimi Almonroeder, Donna Fisher, April Drennan

**Property & Maintenance:** \*Bill Moyer, Robbie Cupp, Chuck Drennan, Donna Fisher,  
Tom Harris

**Public Relations & Publicity:** \*Millie Hancock, Irene McLaughlin

**Finance & Insurance:** \*Judy Jones (*ex officio*), \*Meg Dorris, Tom Harris, Bill Moyer

\* Indicates lead person



The deadline for the June *Angelus* is May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please email your articles and photos to [lukasikwands@gmail.com](mailto:lukasikwands@gmail.com).

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