

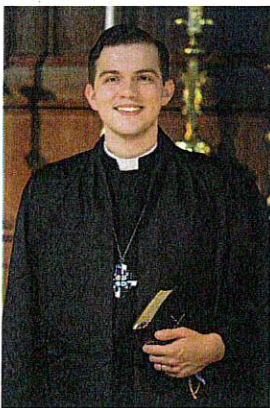


THE ALTON ANGELUS

February 2025

The Reverend Garron C. Daniels, OCS, Priest in Charge

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



From Fr. Garron Daniels+

Episcopal Parish of Alton,

What a joyous time it has been for the life of this Church. We had an absolutely beautiful Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany season! So many guests, visitors, and familiar faces came to the Church to worship and praise the glory of the Incarnate Son.

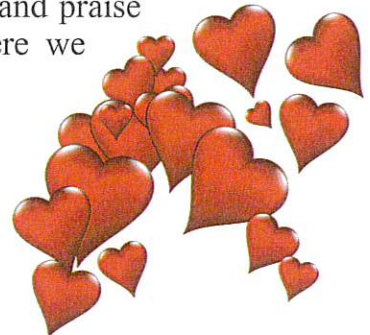
We ended the month of January on a high note with the Feast of our namesake, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, and our 2025 Annual Meeting. A huge thank you to the Guild of Grace for the wonderful brunch and for all our candidates who ran for the Vestry and the Delegate/Representative positions!

Of course, I can't forget about those who made it a huge success. We have Donna Fisher, Irene McLaughlin, and Mimi Almonroeder (the outgoing Senior Warden) who are leaving the Vestry after their hard work these past three years. If you see any of these ladies, be sure to thank them for their tremendous service to the Parish!

Not long after the Annual Meeting we have another big event, the seating of the 21st Rector of the Episcopal Parish of Alton, which so happens to be me! It's crazy to think that around this time last year, I was applying to positions and discerning where I was to go next in my calling to serve God's Church. All roads and prayers led me directly to you and I am blessed for every bit of it!

It continues to be a blessing to serve this community. I can't wait to see what 2025 will bring us and the joys we may have to gather. May this be the year where we worship and praise God's name louder than ever before and may this year be a year where we strengthen our communal bonds.

Yours In Christ,
Fr. Garron Daniels+
Rector XXI



From the Organ Loft

By the time this article is printed, Fr. Garron's installation service will have occurred. This service marks a historic event in the life of our Parish. One of the pieces of music celebrating his installation was 'Jerusalem,' which was sung during the Offertory by our own Sr. Warden Robbie Cupp. There are interesting facts pertaining to the composer and history of this piece that I would like to share.

'Jerusalem' was written in 1916 by the English composer Sir Hubert Hastings Parry. Parry held the position of director of the Royal College of Church Music (RCCM) in London, and during this time WWI was into its third year. Parry had been commissioned to write "a patriotic song that would rouse the spirits of the nation" according to Parry's friend and co-musician at RCCM, Henry Walford Davis.

The musical score/manuscript was to the setting of the English poet William Blake's stanzas from the 'Preface to Milton.' Here is a copy of the poem:

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's Mountain green
And was the Holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark satanic mills?
Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear!
O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

Parry's composition not only was a 'rallying' cry for the English nation during the war, but also became known throughout the women's suffrage movement; becoming 'The Women's Voter Hymn.' Before his death in 1918 from the Spanish Flu, Parry passed the copyrights of the hymn on to the 'National Federation of Women's Institutes.'

In 1981 the Greek composer, Vangelis, brought new recognition to 'Jerusalem' by incorporating the song into the score for the film 'Chariots of Fire.' The hymn tune (with different text) can be found in *The Hymnal 1982* on page #597.

Gay Anderson

Major Feast Days of the Episcopal Church To Be Celebrated in February

Fr. Garron will be celebrating all Principal Feasts and Major Feasts of the liturgical calendar as noted below. These feasts will be celebrated at **Trinity Chapel** with a Mass and fellowship to follow, unless otherwise stated. If the feast day is during the week, the Mass is held at 5:30 p.m. If it is on Saturday or a holiday, Mass will be held at Noon.



The Feast of St. Matthias — Monday, February 24th at 5:30 p.m.

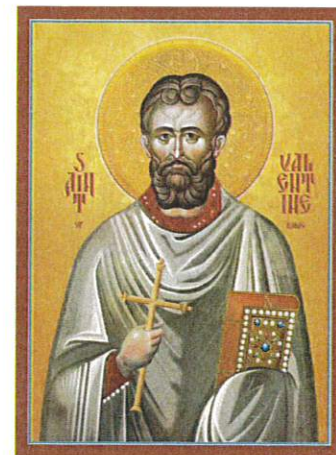
Matthias, whose name means “gift of God”, was the disciple chosen to replace Judas as one of the twelve Apostles. The Acts of the Apostles state that he was also one of the 72 disciples that the Lord Jesus sent out to preach the good news. Matthias was with the Lord since His Baptism, and was “a witness to Christ’s Resurrection,” according to St. Peter in Acts. He remained with Jesus until His Ascension.

According to various traditions, Matthias preached in Cappadocia, Jerusalem, the shores of the Caspian Sea (in modern day Turkey) and Ethiopia. He is said to have met his death by crucifixion in Colchis or by stoning in Jerusalem. There is evidence cited in some of the early Church fathers that there was a Gospel according to Matthias in circulation, but it has since been lost, and was declared apocryphal by Pope Gelasius.

He is invoked for assistance against alcoholism, and for support by recovered alcoholics.

The History of Valentine’s Day - Who was St. Valentine?

The month of February is here and with that comes my memories of Valentine’s Day from grade school when every February 13th, I would put the names of my classmates on Valentine’s Day cards and the next day, place them on their desks. In reciprocation, I received my fair share of cards, as well as candy, from a few of my classmates. As I got older, February 14th, or the weekend before or after, was filled with a dinner out and sometimes a movie, or a special home-cooked meal from my wife of 25 years, April.



I was always curious about how the observance of Valentine’s Day came about. I remember learning about St. Valentine in school and the tradition that is associated with him. At the beginning of my reading and research, I was surprised to learn there are three individuals, all martyred and named Valentine, that could be connected with Valentine’s Day. They are: Bishop Valentine of Terni, a Roman Priest named Valentine, and a third clergyman named Valentine who was martyred with several companions in Africa. Unfortunately, all of what little is known about the stories of these men and the theological history of St. Valentine has been blended into one individual. Therefore, the remaining details of this article pertaining to St. Valentine can be attributed to any of them.

The St. Valentine that is recognized by the Catholic and Anglican parishes was born around 226 A.D. and martyred in 269 A.D. Although there is no feast day that is associated with St. Valentine, he was the Patron Saint of courtly love, as well as the Patron Saint of Terni, Epilepsy and Beekeepers. St. Valentine also had the power to heal people and restored sight to several people who were blind. He cured blindness and sicknesses for a Roman Judge and other Roman officials, converting them and their families to Christianity.

St. Valentine was noted for performing an abundance of wedding ceremonies, marrying numerous Roman men and women, thus preventing the married men from being drafted into the Roman Army. In addition to illegally performing wedding ceremonies, he evangelized Christianity in the Roman Empire for which practice he was arrested and jailed by Emperor Claudius. St. Valentine tried to convert Emperor Claudius to Christianity, which greatly displeased the Emperor and when St. Valentine refused to renounce his Christian beliefs, Claudius order him to be beheaded.

There are legends that St. Valentine used to make hearts out of paper and give them to the couples he wed. It is also believed that during his imprisonment he sent a letter written on one of his paper-made hearts to a girl he cured of blindness. He signed the letter, "YOUR VALENTINE!" Thus, it came to be believed that this is how the tradition of Valentine's Day got started. Like St. Valentine, a lot of the history and origin of Valentine's Day is shrouded in mystery.

Over the course of centuries, Valentine's Day became more associated with love. Progressing into the Middle Ages in France and England, it was believed that February 14th was the first day of the birds' mating season and became established that Valentine's Day be a day of romance too. The oldest known valentine still in existence today is a poem written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London following his capture at the Battle of Agincourt. Henry VIII popularized greetings and love letters even more on Valentine's Day as he sent many to the women and future wives he courted.



In the United States and around the world, Valentine's Day started being celebrated and became very popular with friends and lovers exchanging hand-written cards and notes as well as other tokens of esteem, most notably candies.

Sources: time.com, history.com, Brittanica, Wikipedia, Alookthroughtime.com, historyhit.com

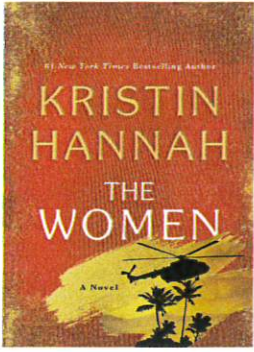
Chuck Drennan

Book Club News

If you are spending quite a bit of time indoors during the present cold weather snap, perhaps you are doing some extra reading. Why not join EPA's book club?

Our meetings are currently being held at Trinity Chapel on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Our readers gather for food, fellowship, and friendly discussions centered on the chosen book for the month. We invite women and men of the parish to read with us and come to our meetings. Oftentimes, we have members who have not had a chance to read or finish the book to be discussed. No worries! Enjoy the food and fellowship, and listen to the discussion and think of it as a book review. In many cases, topics are generalized and relate to personal experiences and knowledge.

Kristin Hannah's *The Women*, is the EPA book club's February selection. Questions? Contact Mimi Almonroeder at diamondzoe@charter.net . We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, February 26th.**



Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path. Frankie is over-whelmed by the chaos and destruction of war. Each day is a gamble of life and death, hope and betrayal; friendships run deep and can be shattered in an instant.

But war is just the beginning...the real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to a country that wants to forget Vietnam. The Women is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. The Women is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroine whose idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era.

Education Commission

Finance Notes

I will keep this brief since the 2024 financial reports were just distributed in the 2024 Annual Meeting Report along with the 2025 budget which has now been approved. If you have any questions after reviewing, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Judy Jones, Treasurer

Episcopal Church Men (ECM) plan a busy start for 2025



Recapping the end of 2024, on Thursday, December 19th, members of the EPA met at Castelli's Moonlight Restaurant for the annual All-Parish Christmas party hosted by ECM. Good food, good drinks and most of all a good time was had by all who attended.

The ECM met on Saturday, January 18th, at 9:00 a.m. at Hickory Grove Restaurant for their first meeting of 2025. Plans were discussed for the Installation service of Fr. Garron on January 30th as the Rector of the EPA; as well as plans for the upcoming Shrove Pancake and Sausage dinner to be held on Tuesday, March 4th. Also discussed, were plans for the Lenten and Feast Day services along with ideas for future gatherings and fundraising.

Any men of the parish who wish to be added to the email list, please contact Chuck Drennan at 618.550.0951 or chuckin8or@aol.com.

Chuck Drennan



News from the Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

We welcome all women of the parish to join our ECW meetings on the first Wednesday of the month and hope to see you at our upcoming meeting on Wednesday, February 5th! Our meetings are held in the conference room at St. Paul's at 10:00 a.m. 2025 is taking shape with plans for the Lenten season and various fundraisers throughout the year.

Liz Bumbacher

Anthony Louis Springman Memorial Scholarship

After the passing of our beloved Junior Warden Emeritus, Tony Springman, the Vestry voted in favor of honoring Tony through a Scholarship. After many conversations, it was approved to have a scholarship set up in honor of Tony at SIUE, where Tony had attended during his first two years of undergraduate studies before transferring to Vanderbilt University.

The scholarship is intended for those enrolled in the Graduate level program for Education Administration with an emphasis on social sciences. Preference will be given to graduate students who are graduates of Marquette High School.

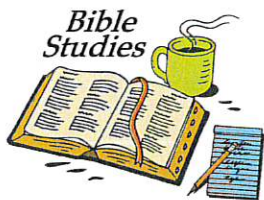
The total needed is roughly \$30,000, which allows the endowment to build while supplying funds for the scholarships to be immediately awarded. Tony's family have already promised a significant portion of the money and at this point we have sent \$10,725 to the fund. We still need your help in raising money to establish this scholarship and help students in need.

If you would like to donate towards the Scholarship, please make your check out to "St. Paul's Episcopal Church" with the memo stating "Memorial Scholarship". If you prefer leaving cash, put it in an envelope and leave it in the offering plate or slip it under the door of the office. Please make sure to write "Memorial Scholarship" on the envelope and who it's from!

Let's honor Tony and the long line of educators of this Parish by supporting our local students!

Fr. Garron+

Tuesday Bible Study Continues with Fr. Garron



Join our Tuesday morning Bible Study at St. Paul's beginning at 10:00 a.m. following Morning Prayer, which begins at 9:00 a.m. **However, Bible Study will not be held on February 18th or 25th.**

For those who cannot attend on Tuesday mornings because of work or other commitments, Fr. Garron also leads a Tuesday evening Bible Study which meets at St. Paul's each week beginning at 5:30 p.m. Both Bible study groups have begun their study of *The Book of Revelation*. Fr. Garron is working to keep the two classes on the same chapters so that any individual could attend either morning or evening on any given week as their schedule allows. Be sure to bring your Bible!

Education Commission

Sewanee Retreat Sign-Up and Deposit

Thank you to all who either attended the Sewanee Retreat informational session or have shown interest in the retreat. As stated during the presentation, the dates for the retreat are November 17-21st. Each person will cost roughly \$503. This amount includes housing and food (with the exception of two meals).

If you want to go to the Retreat, **each person is required to put down a \$100 deposit by February 28th.** This will reserve your spot and also allows Fr. Garron to make sure he has an accurate headcount for the final cost.

Deposits can be in cash or checks made out to St. Paul's Episcopal Church with the memo stating "Sewanee Retreat". If you haven't signed up on Fr. Garron's list, please see him ASAP. If you require a single room, please let him know so he can make sure you obtain one. Any other questions, please talk to Fr. Garron!

Fr. Garron+

The Guild of Thomas Cranmer had First Meeting

On January 8th, the Guild of Thomas Cranmer had their first ever meeting. Mimi Almonroeder, Susan Lukasik, Mary Molloy, Robbie Cupp, and Fr. Garron met for evening prayer and discussed their mission and purpose. The Guild is excited for their future and what they hope to accomplish in the Parish and out into the community.

Together they've established the following statement:

The Mission of the Guild of Thomas Cranmer is to train and organize members of the Parish who wish to serve as Worship Leaders. The Guild of Thomas Cranmer (GTC) helps lead the Daily Office and other Litanies as requested by the Rector. The GTC, while meant for the worship of the Parish, is also tasked with bringing the beauty of the Anglican tradition out into the wider community. The Guild is led by the Rector or Priest In Charge unless he/she appoints someone else to lead.

If you are interested in joining the Guild and being trained as a Worship Leader, be sure to mention it to Fr. Garron!

Treasurer Appointed to serve 4 PAWS

The Pet Food Pantry has seen a massive amount of growth in the past year, both with support from friends and parishioners and by those in need of the pantry. In consultation with the EPA Treasurer, Finance & Insurance Commission, and Marti LoRusso, Fr. Garron appointed Mimi Almonroeder to serve as the official treasurer of the 4 PAWS Pet Food Pantry. Mimi will help organize the incoming donations, keep record of all income and expenses, and any other duties assigned by the ministry.

Next time you see Mimi, be sure to stop and congratulate her on this exciting new position!



The upcoming date for the **Pet Food Pantry is February 2nd.** The Pet Food Pantry is open one hour monthly, usually 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.

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;
- Daniel-Randall Veterinary Clinic, Godfrey;
- St. Peter's Hardware, Alton;
- White Birch, Godfrey; and
- Mississippi Mud Pottery, Alton.

Evangelism and Outreach Commission



AEDs Donated to St. Paul's and Trinity Chapel

You may notice some new pieces of equipment at St Paul's and Trinity Chapel. They are our brand new Automated External Defibrillators (AED) that were graciously donated by the Greg Holthaus Memorial Fund.

After the tragic loss of Donna Taylor, Fr. Garron and the Vestry knew that we needed to act to make our Church safer and ready for

medical emergencies. Research was done and we found the Greg Holthaus Memorial Fund. This Memorial Fund was started by the family and friends of Greg Holthaus, a seemingly healthy 18 year old. While visiting friends, Greg went into Sudden Cardiac Arrest and did not survive. The Memorial Fund provides free CPR classes, donates AEDs, and offers low cost youth cardiac screenings.

The Memorial Fund met with Fr. Garron and members of the Vestry to show them how the AEDs work and shared more information about what they do. One AED will be placed near the Parish Hall and the other placed in Trinity Chapel. Parish wide training with the AED and CPR will be hopefully scheduled in the spring.

Once more, a big THANK YOU to the Greg Holthaus Memorial Fund for their generosity and kindness!

\$500 Diocesan Grant Given to the EPA

Early in December, Fr. Garron applied for a grant that the Diocese was offering to each parish. The goal of the grant money was to help support an outreach ministry and strengthen our work in the local community. After some prayer and consideration, Fr. Garron applied for the grant and the EPA was awarded the full amount of \$500.

The grant money is designated to go towards a fridge and sink set to be put into the AA conference room in St. Paul's. Not too long ago, the AA room had a kitchenette set that was removed after it became old and faulty. Now the Parish will be able to once more provide this equipment to the three different AA groups that meet in the conference room during the week. Having this equipment will provide the hospitality that is so vital and important to the AA groups.

Property & Maintenance chair, Bill Moyer, has already started on the necessary work to get this project completed and to really boost the use of our education/outreach wing of our building. We can't wait to see it completed and blessed!

Confirmation, Reception and Baptism

If you are interested in being confirmed, received, or baptized, please talk to Fr. Garron. If at least two people show interest, Fr. Garron will begin a monthly class where we will discuss all things Episcopal and what we believe as a Church. We will use the book, *Walk in Love*, as our guide for discussion. Please be sure to reach out to Fr. Garron so he can start the monthly classes!

Chair Lift Installed at St. Paul's



The EPA has had some major improvements, among them is a chair lift that has been installed in the stairwell of the Education wing! This generous gift was donated by Donna Fisher in remembrance of her husband Al. The new chair lift can be accessed from the Market Street entrance of the church and goes up to the Parish Hall. Just one of the many ways we continue to try to make our church as accessible to as many people as we can!

Fr. Garron had the joy of taking the first ride and as you can see from the photo, he was having plenty of fun!



Second Saturdays: Healthy Living for a Holy Life

Though we've navigated around snowstorms and flu bugs, we remain focused on learning more about:

- Ways to protect, maintain, and progress your physical and mental health;
- New forms of exercise to keep active or what it really means to "lift with your legs" when picking up a heavy box;
- Balance and coordination so that when winter rolls around, you feel confident about navigating the outdoors...



Join Nathalia Baum, Occupational Therapist and Certified Exercise Physiologist, for a series of classes targeting different topics surrounding health, wellness, and fitness. The next class will be held on **Saturday**,

February 8th at 10:00 a.m. in Heneghan Hall at St. Paul's. The focus of the class will be on seated and standing balance.

Individuals of all ages and fitness levels are encouraged to come. Some classes will be more informational than physical, but please always plan to arrive in comfortable clothing that you are able to move freely in. We hope to see you there! For more information, please contact Nathalia at baumnathalia1@gmail.com.



Thank you for the OWL Donations!

The Parish sprang into action this month to help our friends at the Overnight Warming Location (OWL) who said they were in need of water and individually wrapped snacks. OWL opens up to the homeless in Alton, Edwardsville, and Granite City when temperatures get dangerously low. The

homeless are given a place to stay that is warm, safe and protected from the outdoor elements.

Our community neighbor, Post Commons, was the drop off point for all the supplies. This just goes to show that *when the community comes together to help those in need, we can do some truly amazing things!* Thank you again to all who have helped out and donated!

Saturday Café—In Service with our Neighbors

Our parish is one of several local churches that joins in serving meals through the Saturday Café program held at First Presbyterian Church on Alby Street that serves free lunches to those in need. **The dates for 2025 are: May 3rd, July 19th, August 16th and November 15th.** Volunteers usually meet around 10:30 a.m. to begin serving at 11:30 a.m. We are typically finished about 12:30 p.m.

Our help in this outreach is one of the reasons this ministry has been able to serve over 8,000 people since the Saturday Café began serving in 2009. For more information about how to help, please contact Mimi Almonroeder at diamondzoe@charter.net.



Evangelism and Outreach Commission

Lapel Pins Now on Sale

EPA lapel pins are now available! Get your very own lapel pin to show off your EPA pride! Pins are \$5.00 and can be purchased from Fr. Garron. Cash or checks (made out to St. Paul's Episcopal Church) are accepted. All proceeds will be given to the educational endeavors of the Church.





Did you know there is a new and convenient way to earn money for The Episcopal Parish of Alton (EPA) just by shopping online? Remember using AmazonSmile? Your purchases on AmazonSmile earned a percentage of money for the EPA....super easy. Unfortunately, that

program does not exist any longer.

If you recall several years ago, we were introduced to a fundraising program, ShopwithScrip. Our parish is still enrolled in this program which is now called **RaiseRight**. It is an ongoing fundraiser for our church that uses gift cards instead of cash or credit cards to pay for everyday (and not-so-everyday) expenses like groceries, gas, dining out, that morning coffee addiction, even your family's summer vacation. Each participant in our program can earn money for EPA that comes from their purchase of gift cards. This is still an excellent way to earn money for our church!

NOW, you can earn money for our parish in a brand new way – in addition to gift cards – **simply by shopping online!** If you shop online, there is a chance that your brands are available on RaiseRight! There are 450+ brands that are enrolled in this new online way to earn for our church.

As our parish coordinator for RaiseRight, I would love to help you enroll in this program and will be happy to walk you through the process. Each Sunday after church at St. Paul's, I will be available during coffee hour to assist you in enrolling. If you attend services at Trinity, I can definitely attend service there and meet with you after the service. Let me know you need help and I will gladly work with you.

In the meantime, why don't you check out the website [raiseright.com](https://www.raiseright.com). If you feel pretty confident about your skills navigating websites, here's the link to enroll and the enrollment code connected to The Episcopal Parish of Alton. Copy and paste it to your web browser.

<https://www.raiseright.com/enroll?enrollCode=A331139955862>

Our enrollment code is A331139955862

Mimi Almonroeder
RaiseRight Coordinator

Memorial Gifts and Naming Opportunities

You have probably noticed throughout St. Paul's and Trinity Chapel that there are memorial plaques designating certain items in memory or in honor of a loved one. It can be anything from the pipe organ, the parish garden, or even the A/C Unit! So many of the things we have and enjoy at our Parish were given to us by the generosity of family and friends who wanted to honor someone still living or memorialize someone who has departed.

With the New Horizons plan for the revitalization and use of our spaces, we have a multitude of naming opportunities for people to memorialize their loved ones. Currently, we are planning for: a new Parish Library, an Archives Room to store the many documents and artifacts of this historical Parish, a new Children's Chapel, a classroom for kids, a flex room, and a "comfy room". If you feel passionate about any given room and would like to help purchase any needed equipment, furniture, etc. for any of these rooms, come talk to Fr. Garron about what it would cost and how we can dedicate it in memory of your loved one!

Fr. Garron+

3rd Annual St. Benedict Conference

Are you interested in learning about deliverance ministry? Interested in special presentations given by experts in the field? Or, maybe you want a chance to worship at the Cathedral? Well look no further! The 3rd Annual St. Benedict Conference is taking place on May 28th-29th at the Cathedral of St. Paul the Apostle in Springfield, IL. The cost of the conference is \$115 and includes both meals and free merch!

If you are interested, go to www.anglicanocs.org to find the link to register. Laity requires written permission from their priest to be able to go, so please talk to Fr. Garron so he can fill out the needed form.



Save the Date!

The Order of Christ the Saviour and the Cathedral Church of St. Paul will jointly host the 3rd Annual St. Benedict Conference on Anglican Deliverance Ministry and Annual Meeting of the Friars. More details to be announced shortly. Your prayers and presence are appreciated.

WHEN: MAY 28-29, 2025

WHERE: 815 S 2ND ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL

REGISTER: ANGLICANOC.S.ORG

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH

Trafficking: Faithful Response and Support

Join this online course to learn how to recognize human trafficking and support those reentering our community after human exploitation. This 90 minute course will introduce participants to the basics of trafficking, how to respond when trafficking is suspected, and how their community can help those on their journey from surviving to thriving.

Trafficking: Faithful Response & Support

Online Course

Jan 13, 7 pm ET / 6 pm CT
Jan 30, 7:30 pm ET / 6:30 pm CT

Feb 5, 7 pm ET / 6 pm CT
Feb 18, 7:30 pm ET / 6:30 pm CT
Feb 27, 7 pm ET / 6 pm CT

Partnership between Total Life Wellness and Province V of The Episcopal Church

The course times (CT) and dates are: Wednesday, February 5th, from 6-7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, February 18th, 6:30- 8 p.m.; and Thursday, February 27th, 6-7:30 p.m. This course is a partnership between Province V and Total Life Wellness. Funding provided by Becoming a Beloved Community Grant from The Episcopal Church. To register, please visit www.provincev.org.

Simplify your Giving to the Episcopal Parish of Alton



Scan the QR code (left) to initiate your gift today!

We encourage you to prayerfully consider setting up a recurring gift that will automate your regular giving. If you have any questions, please reach out to our church office so we can assist you.



Please note the following updates/changes in our church directory:

Updates:

Millie Hancock
802 Lexington Estates Dr.
Godfrey, IL 62035



Sharing Joys and Concerns



Bill and Verla Moyer are the proud great grandparents of Miller James Marsh, born December 13, 2024, in Dallas, TX. Daughter Holly Moyer Lindstrom is the grandmother, and granddaughter Allie Knudsen Marsh is the new mother. This is the Moyers' third great grandchild. The second photo is of four generations.



Calendar for February



Sunday, February 2nd *The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple*

Open Offering supports 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, February 4th

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Paul's

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's

5:30 p.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's

Wednesday, February 5th 10:00 a.m. ECW - St. Paul's conference room

Saturday, February 8th 10:00 a.m. Second Saturdays: Healthy Living for a Holy Life –
Heneghan Hall

Sunday, February 9th *The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

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

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

Tuesday, February 11th

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Paul's

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's

5:30 p.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's



Wednesday, February 12th 6:00 p.m. Guild of Grace - Chapala Mexican Grill

Sunday, February 16th *The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany*

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

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

Monday, February 17th Office closed in observance of President's Day

Tuesday, February 18th - No Bible Study will be held

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Paul's



Saturday, February 22nd 3:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting and Retreat – St. Paul's

Sunday, February 23rd *The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany*

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

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

Monday, February 24th 5:30 p.m. The Feast of St. Mathias – Trinity Chapel

Tuesday, February 25th – No Bible Study will be held
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Paul's

Wednesday, February 26th
9:30 a.m. Book Club – Trinity Chapel



*Fr. Garron will lead Morning Prayer in St. Elizabeth's Chapel at St. Paul's
Monday-Thursday at 9:00 a.m. except as noted above*

*Fr. Garron will be out of the office from Monday, February 24th, through
Wednesday, February 26th, attending a Clergy Lenten Retreat*



February Birthdays

01 Michael Garland
04 Donna Fisher
06 Sean Downey
13 Pat McLaughlin
17 Ronin Wagner
18 Bruce Bayer
25 Bill Moyer



Vestry

Fr. Garron Daniels+—Rector XXI

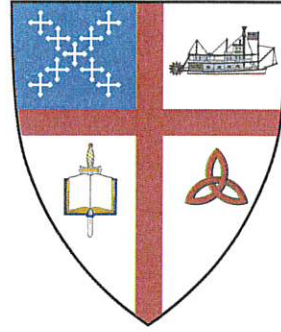
Robbie Cupp—Senior Warden

Chuck Drennan—Junior Warden

Judy Jones—Treasurer

Lisa Springman—Clerk of the Vestry

Tony Springman—People's Warden Emeritus



Vestry Commissions:

Education: *Mimi Almonroeder, Meg Dorris

Evangelism & Outreach: April Drennan, Mary Molloy

Liturgy & Music: Robbie Cupp, Chuck Drennan, Millie Hancock

Parish Life: *Mimi Almonroeder, April Drennan

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

Public Relations & Publicity: *Millie Hancock

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* Indicates lead person



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