



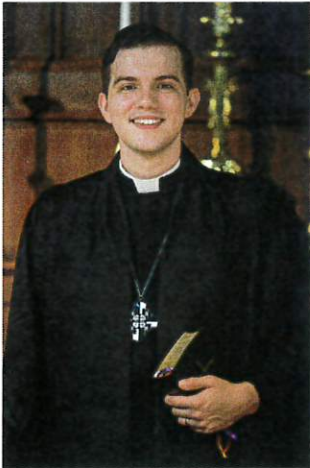
# THE ALTON ANGELUS

April 2026

The Reverend Garron C. Daniels, Rector XXI

*The Episcopal Parish of Alton*  
*Rooted in Tradition. Growing in Grace.*

## From Fr. Garron Daniels+



The Month of April begins with the great anticipation of Holy Week to then be filled with the joys and celebrations of Easter! This entire Parish seems to speak of Easter joys and empty tomb celebration. We are a people of Resurrection and hope and the Episcopal Parish of Alton shows it!

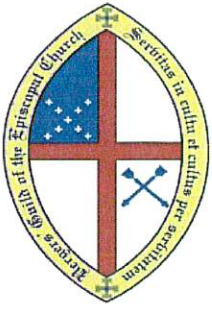
The past few months have just completely amazed me at what this Parish is doing. There has been some serious dedication in our worship. So far this year our average attendance at services on Sundays is already at almost 51 people per Sunday! Keep in mind that the average for 2025 was 46, 2024 was 42, and 2023 was 39! It's a small increase, but still something to be excited about! People are finding the Church and they are seeing how beautiful ancient worship can be. Not only is the worship drawing people in, but it's the commitment to education, outreach, and fellowship.

Classes for Confirmation continue throughout the month with many inquiring people wanting to learn more about Jesus Christ and the Episcopal Church. Other educational opportunities through the Lenten series and independent group studies have shown how more and more people desire to learn about the faith. As for outreach, we have had countless people dedicating themselves to our St. Benedict's Community Garden as it enters the first stages of prepping and planning. We have also had a small, but mighty group attend our Lenten Series to learn the skills needed to be a Recovery Friendly Congregation. Our opportunities for fellowship and socializing continue to grow. It warms my heart to see how often our halls and rooms are filled with laughter and long hours of conversation.

This Parish takes to hear the message of the Gospel and work of the Disciple. It shows in all the many aspects of the life and depth of the people here. The joys of Easter are not found in only fifty days here at St. Paul's and Trinity Chapel. The joys of Easter are found at the heart and soul of the people of this Parish! Thanks be to God!

Yours in Christ,  
**Fr. Garron+**  
Rector XXI





## A Word from the Verger

### Why We Wait: Reverence, Presence, and the Extinguishing of the Lights

In many Episcopal and Anglican parishes, attentive congregants will notice a quiet but meaningful custom at the conclusion of the liturgy: parishioners remain clear of the altar rail, chancel, and sanctuary until all candles in the chancel area have been reverently extinguished. While this practice may seem procedural on the surface, it is deeply rooted in theology, liturgical symbolism, and the inherited tradition of the Church.

Drawing from the insights of *The Twenty-First Century Parish Handbook* and *A Priest's Handbook*, we begin with a central theological claim: the altar is not merely furniture—it is the symbolic locus of Christ's sacramental presence. During the Holy Eucharist, the altar becomes the place where heaven and earth meet, where Christ is made known in the breaking of the bread.

The candles that surround the altar and adorn the reredos are not decorative; they signify the light of Christ, the "Light of the world" (John 8:12), made manifest in the gathered assembly. As long as these candles burn, they signal that the liturgical action—particularly the reverent "dwelling" in Christ's presence—has not yet fully concluded.

To approach the altar casually while these lights remain is, symbolically, to disregard the lingering sacredness of that moment, and we are highly admonished of the action of approaching or crossing the chancel before the service has fully concluded with the extinguishing of all candles.

In both Cramer and Michno's works, there is a clear emphasis on *liturgical integrity*—that worship has a beginning, middle, and proper end. The extinguishing of candles is not incidental; it is part of the closing rites of the liturgy. Just as candles are lit to mark the formal beginning of worship, their extinguishing marks its conclusion. Until that action is complete, the Church is still, in a real sense, "at prayer."

Therefore, remaining outside the chancel space until the candles are extinguished respects the integrity of the liturgical action. It acknowledges that the dismissal ("Go in peace...") is not merely verbal but enacted through the full ceremonial conclusion.

Historically, Anglican and broader catholic tradition has maintained a clear distinction between the nave (the space of the people) and the chancel (the space set apart for liturgical action). While the Episcopal Church affirms the priesthood of all believers, it also preserves ordered roles within worship.

Michno, in particular, stresses that movement within the sanctuary is always purposeful and ordered—not casual or incidental. The clearing of the altar, the recession of ministers, and the extinguishing of lights are all part of a carefully structured conclusion that reflects the dignity of the rite.

By waiting, parishioners participate in this order. They allow those appointed to serve—acolytes, vergers, and clergy—to complete their ministries without interruption or distraction.

Finally, this practice forms us spiritually. It teaches patience, attentiveness, and reverence—virtues essential to Christian discipleship.

In a culture that often rushes toward the next thing, pausing until the last candle is extinguished becomes a quiet act of devotion. It is a way of saying: *what has just taken place matters*. Christ has been present among us, and we do not hurry away from that presence thoughtlessly.

Waiting until the candles in the chancel are extinguished is not about restriction—it is about recognition. It recognizes the holiness of the altar, the completeness of the liturgy, the order of the Church, and the presence of Christ among His people.

In this small but meaningful act, we embody the prayer we have just prayed: to “worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,” and to carry that reverence with us as we go forth into the world. And so, your Verger humbly beseeches you: before you move towards the altar rail or chancel space - as the postlude plays from the organ loft above, before we step onto that beautifully tiled floor, before approaching the altar to begin clearing vessels, or moving to collect the offerings given and blessed during the day’s service - stop and wait for the service to conclude with the extinguishing of the candles.

*Robbie Cupp*

## From the Organ Loft



St. Paul’s pipe organ renovation is nearing completion as Bob Dial (Dial Pipe Organ Company, Springfield, IL) and his associates have been hard at work installing the components for this exciting project! You may have noticed a high-pitched, wheezy sound coming from the loft as the organ was being played the last couple of Sundays. This has been caused by air leaks coming from the pipe chambers and will be resolved upon completion.

After the installation is completed, a representative from Walker Electronics (the parts manufacturer) will be assisting with the final tonal voicing when all pipeworks, electronics and new additions will be adjusted and tuned for the acoustics of St. Paul’s sanctuary. Some of the pipework is quite old (1800s) and all the tones produced by these varied sources need to function harmoniously. This voicing will not occur until after Easter.

Part of the project included a new set of Trumpet pipes which have been installed and are playing! St. Paul’s organ is an impressive instrument, and will soon be one of the finest state-of-the-art pipe-digital combinations in the metro St. Louis region! I am S-O-O-O excited!!



Humbly in service,

*Gay Anderson, Organist*

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

Fr. Garron will be celebrating the 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 **6:00 p.m.** (unless otherwise noted). If it is on Saturday or a holiday, Mass will be held at Noon.

Feast of The Ascension – May 19

Feast of Corpus Christi – June 4, Evensong and Benediction at St. Paul's

Feast of St. Benedict – July 11

Feast of St. Mary Magdalene – July 22

Feast of St. Mary the Virgin – August 15, Healing Mass

All Hallowtide Triduum – October 31 – November 2

Feast of St. Andrew – November 30

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – December 12, Healing Mass

## Llandaff Cathedral Dean to preach at EPA

The Very Rev. Dr. Jason Bray, Dean of Llandaff Cathedral in Wales, will be preaching at the Episcopal Parish of Alton on Sunday, June 7th. He will join us at 8:15 a.m. at Trinity Chapel and 10:10 a.m. at St. Paul's. Dean Bray will give a presentation during coffee hour at St. Paul's about Llandaff Cathedral and the Church in Wales. Please mark your calendars and plan to be in attendance. We want to give Dean Bray a very warm Alton welcome!

A little more about Dean Bray: Jason is originally from Merthyr Tydfil, and has served his entire ordained ministry in the Church in Wales since his ordination in 1997 by Bishop Rowan Williams.

With a doctorate in Theology and a passionate interest in Biblical scholarship, medieval and reformation history, Jason is a published author, teacher of the faith, and an experienced church leader. The publication of his book, *Deliverance: Everyday Investigations into the Supernatural*, about his life and experiences as an Anglican deliverance minister has meant that he is well known in circles outside the Church in Wales. You can purchase the book on our online shop [here](#).



Jason was previously Vicar of St. Giles' Wrexham, which is part of the Major Churches Network and is Wales' largest medieval parish church, where he strengthened and grew the congregation at St. Giles, developing its civic, media and national links as well as its life of prayer and service whilst working to increase visitor numbers significantly.

He is married to Laura. They have two grown up sons, Thomas and Benedict, and three cats.

*Fr. Garron+*

# EPA Joins Pride, Inc. for City-Wide Litter Cleanup

Evangelism and Outreach has registered The Episcopal Parish of Alton to join Pride, Inc., along with many other groups in the area, to participate in a City-Wide Litter Cleanup. We will show our support of Pride, Inc. and the City of Alton, to let the Episcopal Parish of Alton be known as caring and involved community members.

On Saturday, April 11th, we plan to meet at St. Paul's at 9:00 a.m. to join the groups who will be focusing their cleanup efforts on the downtown Alton area. We will make our way to the Downtown Registration Center located at 200 W. 3rd Street, which is the corner of 3rd Street and Belle St., where we will be given vests, gloves, trash bags, and donuts. If you normally spend the 10:00 a.m. hour with Nathalia and Second Saturdays, this group is invited to begin cleanup following that class.

Bring your family and friends, your own water bottle, and be sure to dress comfortably for the weather. It would be great to have a large group of EPA members! Wear your smile and your EPA merch, and join E & O for a worthwhile parish activity. Look for sign up sheets at Trinity and at St. Paul's - please sign up and let us know you're planning to join us.

*Mimi Almonroeder, Evangelism and Outreach*

## Second Saturdays: Healthy Living for a Holy Life



**Plan to join the next Second Saturday class meeting on Saturday, April 11th, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's.** We will be doing a modified Pilates class with chair and standing options. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing and supportive/athletic footwear.

For more information, please contact Nathalia at [baumnathalia1@gmail.com](mailto:baumnathalia1@gmail.com).

The next date for the **Pet Food Pantry** is **April 12th**. 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.

Baskets for donations of pet food are located near the entrance at both Trinity and St. Paul's.

We are grateful for six local businesses who keep 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;
- Great Rivers Animal Hospital;
- St. Peter's Hardware, Alton;
- Mississippi Mud Pottery, Alton; and
- The Bethalto Animal Clinic



*Evangelism and Outreach Commission*



## St. Francis Garden Guild Begins New Season

As the St. Francis Garden Guild begins its second year of maintaining our beautiful gardens and landscaped areas at St. Paul's Church and Trinity Chapel, we invite new members to join us.

In May, we will place potted plants in the garden at St. Paul's to add a colorful display of flowering annuals, which will bloom all season. One of the tasks of the Garden Guild is to keep the pots watered as needed, so our members take turns doing so on a weekly basis. Those who are able also weed, trim, and prune at both church properties to keep the gardens healthy and tidy.

If you are willing to assist with any of these or other gardening tasks, please contact Jean Downey at [jldowney1@charter.net](mailto:jldowney1@charter.net) or Susan Lukasik at [lukasikwands@gmail.com](mailto:lukasikwands@gmail.com). They say that gardening is good for the soul—why not make it part of your spiritual practice?

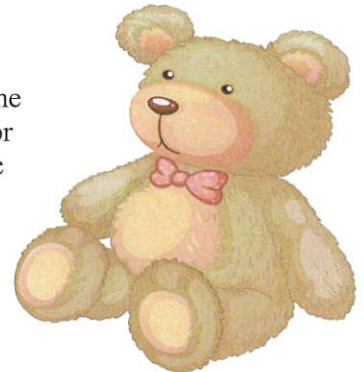
*Jean Downey and Susan Lukasik*

## Teddy Bear Sunday – April 12th

Alton Memorial Hospital is requesting new Teddy Bears to hand out to children who come into the Emergency Room. The bears are given to children who may either be a patient or have come with a family member. We all know that going to the ER can be a traumatic experience no matter what age you are.

Nurses use the Teddy Bears to help the children cope with their anxiety. The nurses will often take the temperature of the bear or take its blood pressure to show children what to expect.

The donated Teddy Bears must be BRAND NEW, IN THEIR ORIGINAL PACKAGING AND STILL HAVE A TAG ON THEM. Additionally, we will add a tag to each bear showing that it was donated by the Episcopal Parish of Alton.



*Irene McLaughlin*

## Episcopal Church Men Activities

Men of the parish are all welcome to join us on Saturday, April 18th, at 9:00 a.m. at Trinity Chapel for our meeting. Many activities are being discussed and planned as a busy Spring is upon us.

The planning discussion will focus on the following events: Mother's Day; serving at Sleep in Heavenly Peace to construct beds in the near future as well as raising funds for their benefit; and the annual trip to the Gateway Grizzlies



*Chuck Drennan*

## Book Club News

The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 22nd, at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Chapel. We will be discussing *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi with fellowship and refreshments!

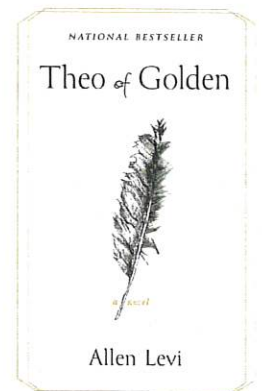
*Questions linger about Theo, a pleasant but mysterious stranger, after his arrival in the southern city of Golden.*

*Who is he, and why is he here?*

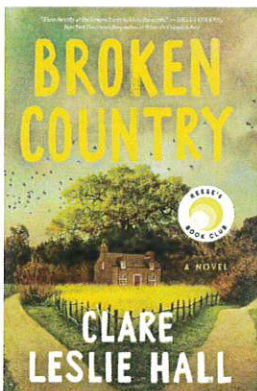
*He arrives early one spring and by chance - or is it? - he visits a coffee shop where 92 framed pencil portraits are on display. Inspired, Theo sets out on a mission of purchasing all the portraits one at a time and quietly bestowing them on their 'rightful owners.'*

*Stories are told; friendships are born; and lives are changed.*

*Theo of Golden is a beautifully crafted story about the power of creative generosity, the importance of wonder to a purposeful life, and the far-reaching possibilities of anonymous kindness.*



The May book selection is *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall. We're looking forward to **meeting for our discussion on Wednesday, May 27th, at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Chapel.**



*Beth and her gentle, kind husband Frank are happily married, but their relationship relies on the past staying buried. When Beth's brother-in-law shoots a dog going after their sheep, Beth doesn't realize that the gunshot will alter the course of their lives. For the dog belonged to Gabriel Wolfe, the man Beth loved as a teenager—the man who broke her heart years ago. Gabriel has returned to the village with his young son Leo, who reminds Beth very much of her own son, who died in a tragic accident.*

*As Beth is pulled back into Gabriel's life, tensions around the village rise and dangerous secrets and jealousies from the past resurface, with deadly consequences. Beth is forced to make a choice between the woman she once was, and the woman she has become. A sweeping love story with the pace of a thriller, *Broken Country* is a novel of simmering passion, impossible choices, and explosive consequences that toggles between the past and present to explore the far-reaching legacy of first love.*

The next scheduled book for 2026 is:

June – *Museum of Lost Quilts* by Jennifer Chiaverini

*Mimi Almonroeder*

## *Alton Police Department (APD) Swearing-in Ceremony*

At 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20th, Fr. Garron Daniels will officially swear-in before the City Council Meeting as an Alton Police Department Chaplain. Fr. Garron has been working with the APD since last October. His primary role has been with the inmates of the jail and the jailers themselves.

Prayers are appreciated and welcomed as Fr. Garron takes this next step in service to the rest of the community.

# St. Benedict's Garden

Community, Education, Hospitality, Ministry



Spring has sprung, and St. Benedict's Garden is blooming along with the season! Thank you to everyone who put in an incredible amount of work

to prepare the lot at Trinity Chapel for the beginning of this new mission.

Because of the incredible support and sponsorships from all of you, we have eight raised beds in place, filled, and ready for our first planting on April 11<sup>th</sup>, plus multiple grow bags! Within these we will have onions, lettuces, spinach, sugar snap peas, Lincoln peas, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, radishes, turnips, beets, carrots, greens, Spring onions, and various herbs for the Spring.

St. Benedict's Garden will be an ongoing expression of the Episcopal Parish of Alton's mission for hospitality and outreach, established through our work with both the Crisis Food Center and Saturday Café. The harvests from St. Benedict's Garden will go to multiple organizations in the community to provide locally grown produce to those who need it most.



If you would like to join the St. Benedict's Garden Mission team, please reach out to Tiffany Thrush. Being part of the mission isn't just working the soil. It includes outreach, processing harvests, managing donations of the harvests, event planning, and education on gardening practices and implementation.



Thank you, everyone, for your support!

*Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others, that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy-for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. BCP pg. 260*

**Tiffany Thrush**



## Capital Campaign Update

We are making headway on our capital campaign entitled *Legacy of Faith*. At the time of writing this article, we are just over \$200,000 of our \$250,000 goal. Of the \$200,000 that has been pledged, we have roughly \$28,000 in hand to begin some of the immediate projects that are needed for St. Paul's and Trinity Chapel. We are beyond thankful for our donors to the campaign that are helping make sure this Parish continues for generations to come. If you didn't receive a packet in the mail about the Capital Campaign or you need an extra one to give to a personal contact, please reach out to Fr. Garron or Ann in the office to receive a packet!

*Fr. Garron+*



## Brotherhood of St. Andrew Chapter

Join the Brotherhood of St. Andrew for their **monthly meeting at Trinity Chapel on Friday, April 17th, at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting is open to all men of the Parish. Bring snacks to share and your Bible as we dig in with some theological & scriptural discussion!

*Tim Thrush, Director*

## The Episcopal Community

**An invitation for women of the Parish:** Join us on **Thursday, April 9th, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's**, as we continue our discussion on living a Benedictine life in a busy world. This month we will discuss applying to the Episcopal Community, what the journey to membership looks like, and continue the conversation about recognizing God's grace and the Holy Spirit's guidance within our lives.



If you want to know more about The Episcopal Community, please reach out to Tiffany or Nathalia for more information. You can also go to [theepiscopalcommuntiy.org](http://theepiscopalcommuntiy.org) to learn more about the organization, and go to [stbenedictstoolbox.org](http://stbenedictstoolbox.org) to learn about the book used during the process of joining The Episcopal Community.



## THANK YOU from the Priory of St. Louis the Crusader

The Priory of St. Louis the Crusader (SMOTJ) held their annual Convent and Investiture service on March 20-21. Two people were knighted and there was a change of command (new officers). The Priory gives their thanks to the Episcopal Parish of Alton for hosting them for the second year in a row. To show their thanksgiving to the Parish, the Priory has made a donation of \$500 towards the Capital Campaign - a very generous gift from a newly formed partnership! We are beyond thankful!

*Fr. Garron+*

## Tuesday Bible Study meetings

Having finished a busy Lenten season, our weekly Bible Study group is taking a short break the first half of April and will not be meeting on April 7th and April 14th. We will resume on Tuesday, April 21st and will once again be meeting each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the St. Paul's conference room. We are currently studying the *Gospel of Luke* and both morning and evening sessions study the same sections.

All you need to bring is your Bible (any translation will do!). We will also be using an additional resource that is not required to join the study, but may be helpful as we dive deeper into Luke - *Luke for Everyone: 20th Anniversary Edition with Study Guide (The New Testament for Everyone)* by N.T. Wright. Copies are available in the Parish Bookstore for purchase.



## Bible Study

### *Education Commission*



*Not only in the community, but for our community* Collection baskets remain in the Narthex at St. Paul's and Trinity for us to contribute to the ongoing needs. Monetary donations are very much appreciated as well.

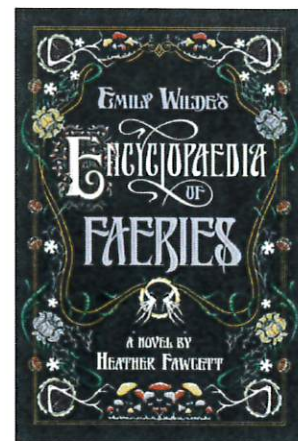
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## Twilight Tome Society plans April meeting

Please join The Twilight Tome Society on Monday, April 27th, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries* by Heather Fawcett. Treats and refreshments provided!

*A curmudgeonly professor journeys to a small town in the far north to study faerie folklore and discovers dark fae magic, friendship, and love in the start of a heartwarming and enchanting new fantasy series.*

Contact Nathalia or Tiffany with any questions at [baumnathalia1@gmail.com](mailto:baumnathalia1@gmail.com) or [temcalister@gmail.com](mailto:temcalister@gmail.com).



*Nathalia Baum and Tiffany Thrush*

## Saturday Café—In Service with our Neighbors

The following 2026 dates are scheduled for our parishioners to join with others to serve lunches through the Saturday Café program held at First Presbyterian Church. They are: May 2, July 18, August 15, and November 21.

We generally meet in the kitchen at First Presbyterian Church at 10:00 a.m., begin serving those in need at 11:30 a.m. and are done by 12:30 p.m., but you are welcome to come for a shorter time if you wish.



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# *Bearing Fruit* FINANCIAL REPORT

As of February 28, 2026:

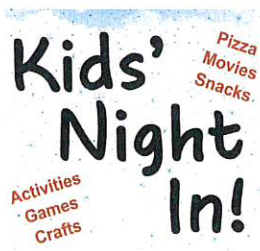
*All givers matter and  
every gift  
makes a difference.*

Y-T-D Total Revenue to Budget

Y-T-D Revenue: \$59,550  
Budgeted Revenue: \$31,844

Y-T-D Total Expenses to Budget

Y-T-D Expenses: \$45,970  
Budgeted Expenses: \$51,464



## “Kids’ Night In” Gathering planned for April

“Kids’ Night In” will be held on Saturday, April 25th, from 5-8 p.m. at St. Paul’s, for all children ages 5-14. Join us for an evening packed full of activities and crafts. Hosted in partnership with our friends at the 1st Presbyterian Church, this is a time for our community’s youth to come together to build friendships, foster fellowship and have fun! For more information, please contact Tiffany Thrush or the office at 618-465-9149.

## Formation of a Columbarium Committee

The Columbarium at St. Paul’s is almost entirely reserved or full at this moment in time. Only one space remains open for purchase.

I find that there is a deep importance for making sure space is available to the souls of the Parish who desire to be buried near our sacred spaces. Therefore, I am forming a new Columbarium Committee to explore the possibility of adding a new columbarium to our spaces. We will determine whether to build a physical structure, create a memorial garden for ashes, where to place the columbarium on our property, and what it will look like. It’s also possible the Committee may recommend not to establish a new columbarium. The whole point of the committee is to prayerfully discern if this is something we desire to add!

If you would like to be on this committee, please email Fr. Garron. The committee will only last as long as the project lasts. Members who have design, gardening, property, cemetery, and/or death/dying experience are strongly encouraged to join the committee. Experience is not required to join. A spirit of discernment and a love for our congregation is all that we require.

*Fr. Garron+*

# Ecumenical Youth Group Upcoming Schedule

The Ecumenical Youth Group (all middle school and high school students) will not be meeting on Sunday, April 5th, due to it being Easter Sunday. We encourage all our youth to attend Holy Week services in celebration of the Resurrection of Christ.

We will be meeting only three times, as follows, before taking a break for the summer:

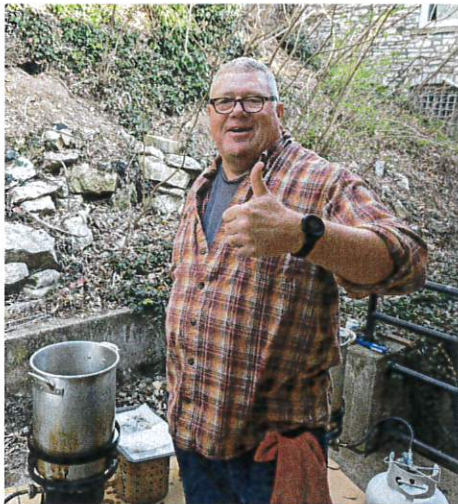
Sunday, April 19th @ 6 p.m. at Main Street United Methodist Church (1400 Main St.)

Saturday, May 9th from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the St. Louis Art Museum (details to be emailed to parents)

Sunday, May 17th @ 6 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Bonfire Party with Pizza!)

*Fr. Garron+*

## Highlighting Faith and Fellowship at the EPA





# April Calendar



Wednesday, April 1st  
6:00 p.m. *Stations of the Cross* at St. Paul's

Thursday, April 2nd *Maundy Thursday*  
7:00 p.m. Service at St. Paul's  
8:00 p.m.-8:30 a.m. Altar of Repose

Friday, April 3rd *Good Friday*  
Noon Service at Trinity Chapel  
7:00 p.m. Service at St. Paul's

Saturday, April 4th *Holy Saturday*  
10:00 a.m. Said Service at St. Paul's  
6:30 p.m. *The Easter Vigil* at St. Paul's

Sunday, April 5th *Easter Sunday*  
8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Flowering of the Cross at St. Paul's  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

Tuesday, April 7th No Morning Prayer or Bible Study this week

Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. Education commission meeting at St. Paul's

Thursday, April 9th  
11:00 a.m. Public Relations/Publicity commission meeting  
4:00 p.m. Bell choir; 5:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal at St. Paul's  
6:30 p.m. Episcopal Community meeting at St. Paul's



Friday, April 10th 7:00 p.m. Great Rivers Choral Society concert at St. Paul's

Saturday, April 11th  
9:00 a.m. City-wide Litter Cleanup – meet at St. Paul's  
10:00 a.m. Second Saturdays for Healthy Living at St. Paul's Heneghan Hall

Sunday, April 12th *Second Sunday of Easter*  
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



*Teddy Bear Sunday*

Tuesday, April 14th No Morning Prayer or Bible Study this week

Wednesday, April 15th 11:00 a.m. Evangelism and Outreach commission meeting-St. Paul's

Thursday, April 16th

10:00 a.m. Finance commission meeting – St. Paul's

4:00 p.m. Bell choir; 5:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal at St. Paul's

Friday, April 17th 7:00 p.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew meeting at Trinity Chapel

Saturday, April 18th 9:00 a.m. ECM at Trinity Chapel

Sunday, April 19th *Third Sunday of Easter*

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

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

12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class in St. Paul's conference room

12:15 p.m. ECW meeting in St. Paul's Recovery meeting room (downstairs)

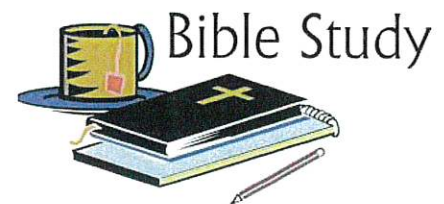
6:00 p.m. Ecumenical Youth Group at Main St. Methodist Church

Tuesday, April 21st

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

10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's

6:30 p.m. Vestry meeting at St. Paul's



Wednesday, April 22nd

9:30 a.m. Book Club at Trinity Chapel



Thursday, April 23rd

4:00 p.m. Bell choir; 5:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal at St. Paul's

Saturday, April 25th 5:00-8:00 p.m. Kids' Night In at St. Paul's

Sunday, April 26th *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

One Service today – Annual Worship and Picnic in the Park

10:30 a.m. – Shelter #1 at Glazebrook Park

12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class following the picnic

Monday, April 27th

6:30 p.m. Twilight Tome Society (fantasy book club) at St. Paul's conference room

Tuesday, April 28th

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

10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's

## Great Rivers Choral Society Performs Spring Concert at St. Paul's

On Friday, April 10th, at 7:00 p.m. come listen to the Great Rivers Choral Society (GRCS) as they celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with their spring concert "Echoes of the Past, Sounds of the Future". Led by director Raynard Brown, it promises to be an hour of toe-tapping, fun music including familiar pop tunes. The concert is free to attend (a free-will offering will be taken) and will be followed by a reception in Heneghan Hall.

## Annual Worship and Picnic in the Park



It's time again for our annual Worship and Picnic in the Park! Join us at 10:30 a.m. at Glazebrook Park in Godfrey, Shelter #1, on Sunday, April 26th. You may wish to bring a lawn chair and if you have your own prayer book, bring it too! (We will have prayer books available.) Afterwards, we will enjoy a yummy potluck lunch. Bring your favorite main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert. Parish Life will provide: beverages, lemonade, bottled tea and water, paper goods, and utensils. If you're up for some friendly competition, we will have games, too!

Sign up sheets will be posted at Trinity and St. Paul's. Please let us know if you are planning to come and what potluck item you will be bringing. Rain or sunshine...let's gather together for worship and fellowship in nature.

*Parish Life commission*

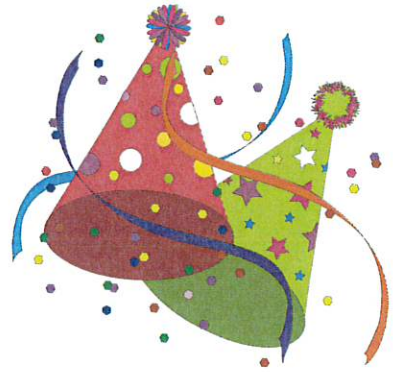
**Fr. Garron will lead Morning Prayer in St. Elizabeth's Chapel at St. Paul's Monday-Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m. except during Fr. Garron's days off as noted below.**

**Fr. Garron will be out of the office on vacation from April 6 - 11 and April 13 - 14.**



## April Birthdays

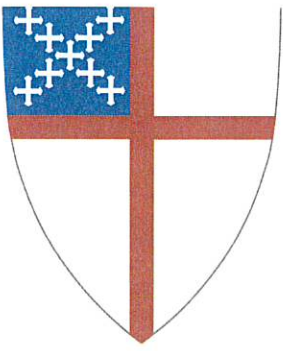
01 Debra Smith  
12 Dave Elson  
15 Rosie Elkins  
19 Marie Drennan  
21 Tim Eagleton  
29 Jeanette Phillips



## May Birthdays

02 Scott Dorris  
02 Janice Wuest  
06 Susan Lukasik  
07 Trevor Eagleton  
10 Karen Eagleton  
11 John Ulfers  
11 Nick Zankl  
22 Roy Anderson  
22 Charles Buxton  
26 Lurna Hutchinson





## *Vestry*

**Fr. Garron Daniels+—Rector XXI**

**Robbie Cupp—Senior Warden**

**Chuck Drennan—Junior Warden**

**Judy Jones—Treasurer**

**Linda Dunnagan—Clerk of the Vestry**

**Tony Springman – People’s Warden Emeritus**

### **Vestry Commissions:**

**Education:** \*John Pearson, Robbie Cupp, Ann Bromaghim, Jean Downey,  
Tiffany McAlister, Mimi Almonroeder, Tom Wrausman

**Evangelism & Outreach:** Mary Molloy, Marti LoRusso, April Drennan, Steve Davis,  
Reggie Bunis, \*Mimi Almonroeder

**Liturgy & Music:** Robbie Cupp, Chuck Drennan, April Drennan, \*Fr. Garron Daniels

**Parish Life:** Mary Molloy, Marti LoRusso, \*April Drennan, Reggie Bunis, Verla Moyer,  
Mimi Almonroeder

**Property & Maintenance:** \*Bill Moyer, Chuck Drennan, Dereck Cook, Tom Harris,  
Dave Elson, Jack Gottlob, Jeff Dunnagan, Donna Fisher, Michael Kokos

**Public Relations & Publicity:** \*Millie Hancock, Meg Dorris, Dereck Cook, Judy Jones,  
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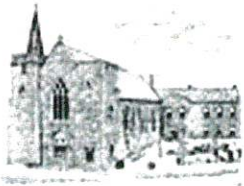
**Finance & Insurance:** \*Judy Jones (*ex officio*), \*Jeff Dunnagan, Tom Harris, Bill Moyer,  
Dave Elson, Linda Dunnagan, Connie Terry, Thomas Fox, John Pearson

\* Indicates lead person



The deadline for the May *Angelus* is April 20th. Please email your articles and photos to [episcopalalton@gmail.com](mailto:episcopalalton@gmail.com).

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# *Holy Week Schedule*

## March 29th: Palm Sunday

8:15 a.m.-Trinity Chapel  
10:30 a.m.-St. Paul's

## March 30th: Confessions

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.-St. Elizabeth's Chapel  
4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.-St. Elizabeth's Chapel  
Also may be arranged at other times by Appointment

## April 1st: Stations of the Cross

6:00 p.m.-St. Paul's

## April 2nd: Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m.-St. Paul's  
8:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.-Altar of Repose

## April 3rd: Good Friday

Noon-Trinity Chapel  
7:00 p.m.- St. Paul's

## April 4th: Holy Saturday

10:00 a.m.-St. Paul's

## April 4th: Easter Vigil

6:30 p.m.-St. Paul's

## April 5th: Easter Sunday

8:15 a.m.-Trinity Chapel  
10:00 a.m.-Flowering of the Cross  
10:30 a.m.-St. Paul's



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## ALTON CITY-WIDE LITTER CLEANUP!

**9 a.m., Saturday, April 11**



### PRIDE will furnish

- donuts
- gloves
- vests
- trash bags

### What to Bring

- comfortable clothes
- water bottle
- friends and family!
- enthusiasm!

### Meet at St. Paul's

9 a.m. or 11 a.m. (following Second Saturday class)

Join us for a fun day of cleaning up our community!



## GREAT RIVERS CHORAL SOCIETY

*25th Anniversary Season Concerts*

**GRCS 25: Echoes of the Past, Sounds of the Future**

**Friday, April 10th - 7 p.m.**

St. Paul Episcopal Church  
10 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Alton, IL 62002

**Saturday, April 11th - 3 p.m.**

Godfrey First United Methodist Church  
1100 Airport Road, Godfrey IL 62035

**Sunday, April 12 - 3 p.m.**

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1100 Airport Road, Godfrey IL 62035

**A 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception will follow the concert.**

Concert events are free and open to the public.  
A free will offering will be taken.



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