



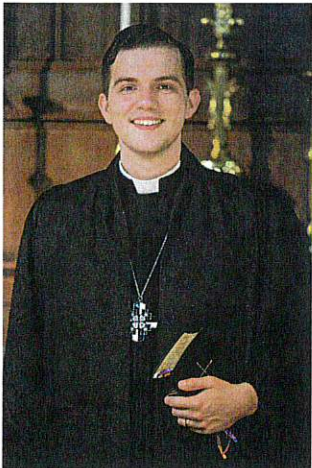
# THE ALTON ANGELUS

May 2026

The Reverend Garron C. Daniels, Rector XXVII

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

## From Fr. Garron Daniels+



Spring is in full bloom and so is our Parish! With the beautiful weather and all the buzz and excitement about our 190th Anniversary this Summer the energy in our Parish has been electrifying. It seems like every other day I run into people across town that comment on the work that is occurring in our Parish. Not long ago, I joined many of my clergy colleagues for the Chrism Mass and found myself in several conversations with clergy across the Diocese who commented on the work being done in Alton.

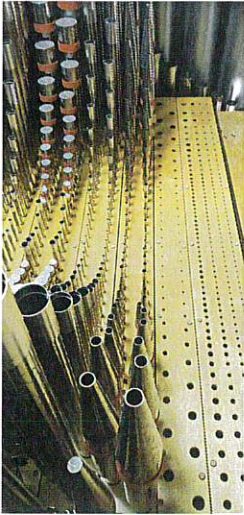
What we are doing at the Episcopal Parish of Alton is being noticed by not just our local community, but across the Diocese. The Christian discipleship being formed and nurtured here continues to draw in more people and provide more opportunities to show people the beauty of our Episcopal tradition. At times people will comment that I'm an "energizer bunny", but I quickly tell them that it's actually the congregation who I'm having a hard time keeping up with! The passion and love you have for our Parish shows in the work that is being done around our buildings, in our outreach efforts, and the many worship services we have had. On the many days and nights I find myself exhausted I take a moment to give thanks to God for the exhaustion. Thanks be to God that this Parish is at work to share the Gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God that we are working tirelessly to support one another and our common mission. Thanks be to God for the new and old members who continue to call this Parish home.

Thanks be to God for the Episcopal Parish of Alton. May we continue to be the place that is "rooted in tradition and growing in grace" each and every day!

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



## From the Organ Loft



It is finished! St. Paul's organ upgrade has been completed! After the organ was tuned last week, a representative from Walker Electronics spent last Friday voicing both the pipe and digital components to ensure tonal balance and blending. "What is pipe and what is digital?" folks will ask. My answer will be, "You will never be able to distinguish one sound from the other!" That's how realistic the digital sounds are.

I spent all day today (Tuesday) getting acclimated to all the new changes and setting pistons. As the day progressed the sanctuary began to warm up. The tones produced by the pipework begin to sound 'sharp' (higher) as the room temperature increases, but the digital voices automatically 'tune' to the change of the pitch of the pipes. How cool is that!

We now have several new voices in the collection of tonal colors that you will be sure to enjoy. The new digital Choir division (which is played on the lowest manual or keyboard) boasts a lovely clarinet stop and a robust solo tuba. Both are considered reed voices on the organ. The Great division (middle manual/keyboard) gained a most lovely harmonic flute (that is just glorious!) and a much-needed new mixture (will add brilliance when used). The choir division also contains an expanded line-up of new diapason and flute voices that will blend and add clarity and depth.

The Swell division (top manual or keyboard) has a brand-new trumpet rank of pipes (61 notes) which is far superior to the old harsh sounding one. The Positive division (the 4 ranks of pipes that hang behind the loft) are now a 'floating' division. They play the same, but the sounds can be coupled to any of the three manuals.

We also have a new set of chimes that will ring in the beginning of the service and are capable of being used as a chime solo in certain repertoire. To round off the percussive additions, a new and more powerful zimbelstern will add some sparkle for a festive treat! Another very useful feature is the ability to capture a melody of a hymn and 'solo' it out in the tenor range. This will REALLY help in introducing new or unfamiliar tunes.

I want to thank Bob Dial Organ Company for a job well done. We also had several monetary donations from individuals that spearheaded this project forward. Words cannot express my appreciation for their support of this endeavor. Thank you, too, Father Garron! Without a Rector who appreciates the importance of music in Liturgy this project would never have made it off the ground. Our Vestry's approval of this venture was a leap of faith, and I am grateful for their decision to push forward.

St. Paul truly has an organ now to rival any other instrument in the St. Louis Metro Area. I hope the music that comes forth from it enhances our worship experience and is a blessing to all that hear it.

We will also be blessed NOT to have a 'teakettle' whistle on Sunday mornings (which turned out to be some dirt residue dislodging a pipe!)

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.

## The Feast of the Ascension - Thursday, May 14th at Trinity Chapel



Ascension Day, 40 days after Easter Sunday, celebrates Christ's exultation. While on earth, he was a servant. Now in heaven, he is the ruler and Lord of all. By entering heaven as the representative of mankind, he completed the work of our salvation and guarantees the eventual glorification of all who love Him.

## The Feast of Corpus Christi - Evensong and Benediction, Thursday, June 4th at St. Paul's

"Corpus Christi," or "Body of Christ," encapsulates both the profound reality of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and the unifying nature of His church. Grounded in Scripture, supported by historical and archaeological evidence, and anchored by the consistent witness of earliest Christian communities, the concept highlights the centrality of Christ's bodily resurrection and the bond uniting all believers. As such, "Corpus Christi" remains a focal point of Christian worship and identity, ultimately reminding believers of the hope, unity, and mission they share through the risen Savior.



## Chapel of Constant Prayer

Trinity Chapel continues to be a unique and beautiful part of our daily lives as the Episcopal Parish of Alton. More recently, Jeff Dunnagan worked to replace the deadbolts of the Chapel with new electronic key pads with a code to open and lock the doors. Our hope is that Trinity Chapel becomes a place where members of the Parish go during the day and into the evening to sit and pray before the altar of God. It used to be that the Church was a place that was open 24/7 for our people to come and go as they please. So much has changed and with that, many security issues.

However, the Chapel is a perfect place for that 24/7 prayer to occur, especially with our new electronic coded doors.

If you would like the code to Trinity Chapel, please email the office directly and ask Ann for the code. The code is only being given to active members of the Episcopal Parish of Alton and a log will be created as a record of those who have been given the code.

*Fr. Garron+*

## City-Wide Litter Cleanup a Success

Thank you to all parishioners who came together on behalf of the EPA to support Pride, Inc. in the City-Wide Litter Cleanup on Saturday, April 11th. What an impact this effort has in our community!

### *Evangelism and Outreach*



## Second Saturdays: Healthy Living for a Holy Life



The next Second Saturday class meeting will be on Saturday, May 9th, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's. Our focus for the class will be strengthening with weights. If you have light dumbbells (1-5 lbs.), please bring them. Otherwise, you can bring two soup cans or two full water bottles to use as weights! Standing and seated options will be provided. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing and supportive/athletic footwear.

Looking ahead to warmer months, if anyone with a pool would like to volunteer use of their pool for aquatics exercise this summer (June, July and August, possibly September), please contact Nathalia.

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

The next date for the **Pet Food Pantry** is **May 3rd**. 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. From the April pantry, 36 dogs, 11 puppies, 141 cats and 31 kittens were fed through this ministry.

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

For the first quarter of 2026, pet food donations have been received from Petco and Triune Agility Club, and 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 Accepts Grant



Recognized for a passion and commitment to beautification within the Riverbend area, the St. Francis Garden Guild accepts a \$200 grant from Pride, Inc. to support the maintenance and improvement of our quiet, reflective garden. Thank you to all who give of their time and effort to make our garden a beloved area in Alton!

Pride, Inc. celebrates its 60th anniversary this year and is dedicated to improving the quality of life for area residents and visitors through supporting community collaboration.

If you are willing to assist with any of the 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*

## New Updates to our Website

Have you been on our website recently? Ron Downey has made a lot of new updates to our website, showing the many wonderful ministries and aspects of our Parish. More edits and changes are coming, but take a moment to check it out for yourselves at: [www.episcopalalton.org](http://www.episcopalalton.org) Thank you, Ron, for keeping our site looking good!

## Episcopal Church Men Activities

**Men of the parish are all welcome to join us on Saturday, May 16th, at 9:00 a.m. (location to be announced) for our meeting.**



Please join the ECM as we host a special coffee hour following the service at St. Paul's on Sunday, May 10th, to celebrate Mother's Day with the women of our Parish.

Our annual outing to a Gateway Grizzlies baseball game will be on Saturday, May 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. All parishioners, as well as family and friends are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$16 each and may be purchased by contacting Chuck Drennan at [chuckin8or@aol.com](mailto:chuckin8or@aol.com) or 618.550.0951

Plans are moving forward to schedule a tentative date to construct beds at Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

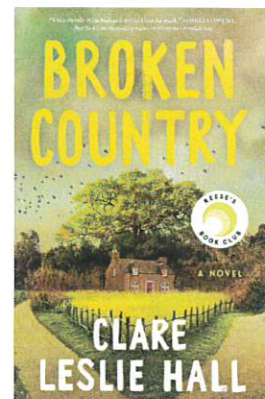
*Chuck Drennan*

## Book Club News

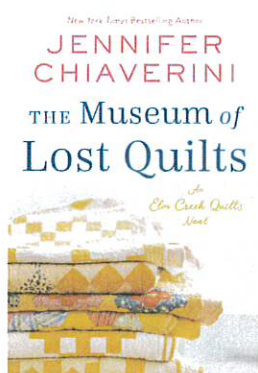
The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, May 27th, at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Chapel. We will be discussing *Broken Country* by Claire Leslie Hall with fellowship and refreshments!

*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 June book selection is *Museum of Lost Quilts* by Jennifer Chiaverini. We're looking forward to meeting for our discussion on Wednesday, June 24th, at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Chapel.



Jennifer Chiaverini's beloved and bestselling Elm Creek Quilts series returns with the first Elm Creek Quilts novel since 2019's *The Christmas Boutique*.

*Summer Sullivan, the youngest founding member of Elm Creek Quilts, has spent the last two years pursuing a master's degree in history at the University of Chicago. Her unexpected return home to the celebrated quilter's retreat is met with delight but also concern from her mother, Gwen; her best friend, Sarah; master quilter Sylvia; and her other colleagues—and rightly so. Stymied by writer's block, Summer hasn't finished her thesis, and she can't graduate until she does.*

*Elm Creek Manor offers respite while Summer struggles to meet her extended deadline. She finds welcome distraction in organizing an exhibit of antique quilts as a fundraiser to renovate Union Hall, the 1863 Greek Revival headquarters of the Waterford Historical Society. But Summer's research uncovers startling facts about Waterford's past, prompting unsettling questions about racism, economic injustice, and political corruption within their community, past and present.*

*As Summer's work progresses, quilt lovers and history buffs praise the growing collection, but affronted local leaders demand that she remove all references to Waterford's troubled history. As controversy threatens the exhibit's success, Summer fears that her pursuit of the truth might cost the Waterford Historical Society their last chance to save Union Hall. Her only hope is to rally the quilting community to her cause.*

*The Museum of Lost Quilts is a warm and deeply moving story about the power of collective memory. With every fascinating quilt she studies, Summer finds her passion for history renewed—and discovers a promising new future for herself.*

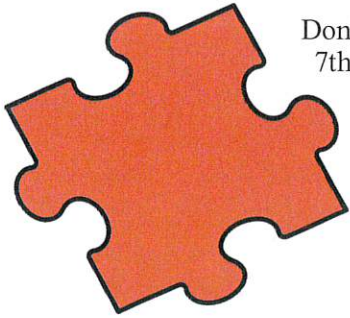
The next scheduled book for 2026 is:

July – *The Summer Guests* by Tess Gerritsen

August – *Where Butterflies Go to Die* by Michael Ringering

*Mimi Almonroeder*

## *'Puzzle Palooza Americana' planned for May 7th*



Don't miss the EPA 'Puzzle Palooza Americana! This year's event will be held on Thursday, May 7th. Refreshments provided will include appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages. You may bring your own bottle of wine but no other alcohol is permitted.

Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. and the cost is \$25 per person or \$125 for a table of six people. All tables will be working the same jigsaw puzzle with each table completing their own. Festivities will also include a 50/50 raffle and a Silent Auction.

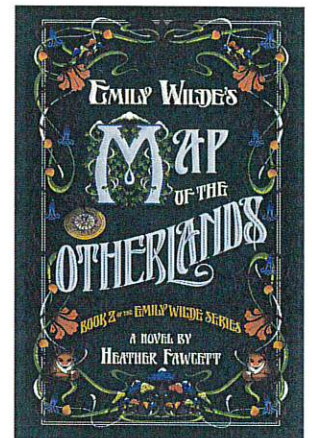
*Episcopal Church Women*

## **Join Twilight Tome Society for next discussion**

**The Twilight Tome Society will be discussing *Emily Wilde's Map of the Otherlands* by Heather Fawcett on Monday, June 1st, at 6:30 p.m.. Treats and refreshments provided!**

*Emily Wilde is a genius scholar of faerie folklore who just wrote the world's first comprehensive encyclopaedia of faeries. She's learned many of the secrets of the Hidden Ones on her adventures . . . and also from her fellow scholar and former rival Wendell Bambleby.*

*She also has a new project to focus on: a map of the realms of faerie. While she is preparing her research, Bambleby lands her in trouble yet again, when assassins sent by his mother invade Cambridge. Now Bambleby and Emily are on another adventure, this time to the picturesque Austrian Alps, where Emily believes they may find the door to Bambleby's realm and the key to freeing him from his family's dark plans.*



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*



## **Brotherhood of St. Andrew Chapter**

Join the Brotherhood of St. Andrew for their **monthly meeting at Trinity Chapel on Friday, May 15th, at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting is open to all men of the Parish. Bring snacks to share and your Bible as we continue our discussion on Evangelism!

*Tim Thrush, Director*



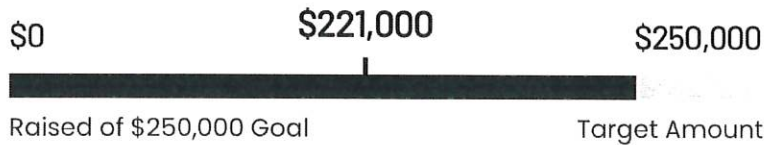
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We are 88% of the way to our goal for our Capital Campaign! Though we are getting close, we still have work to do to reach the full amount. If you haven't pledged yet, please consider doing so to help us get to \$250,000. Many members and friends have also provided one-time gifts of \$1,000 to help in our campaign efforts. These individual gifts are what helps us get closer and closer to our final goal.

Continue to pray for the Parish and help us in spreading the word about our Legacy of Faith Campaign!

*Fr. Garron+*

## Mark your Calendar for the Ignite Youth Choir Performance at St. Paul's

Let's show our love for the youth in our community who are performing with the **Ignite Youth Choir at St. Paul's on Sunday, May 31st, at 6:00 p.m.** Under the direction of Joe Leonard, 2026 is the twelfth season for the 40-member middle and high school youth choir made up of youth from the Alton/Godfrey area.

You won't want to miss this high-energy concert. Take Your Flame, Ignite the World...*Matthew 5-16*



# The Episcopal Community

**An invitation for women of the Parish:** Join us on **Thursday, May 14th, at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Chapel**, 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 [theepiscopalcommunity.org](http://theepiscopalcommunity.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.

## EPA Book Club is A Novel Bunch!

The EPA book club has been around for many years. The list of books we have read goes back to 2016. Jean Downey notes that she began attending regularly in 2014, after she retired. However, the book club was active off and on in years before that, with members such as Jane Hill, Barb Ulffers, and Susan Lukasik. Susan thinks that this was probably about twenty five years ago. The club met in the evening, was small, and due to lack of interest, the club disbanded.

Jane Hill shared a little of her memory about the book club. She remembers that the members agreed to read at least one piece of literature aloud together, and maybe others. She also recalls that the club read one of her all-time favorites, 'Murder in the Cathedral,' by T.S. Eliot.

Several other book studies were led by Susan Lukasik, through the Education Commission, not as a book club, though. Some may remember her leading discussions, one, along with Father Pence, of 'The Davinci Code,' by Dan Brown. Susan also led a discussion about the Harry Potter books, which are so filled with symbolism.

After some researching, Susan Lukasik found other pertinent book club historical information:

In the May 2013 Angelus, Jane Hill wrote a blurb that said:

*Do you love to read and discuss books?*

*There appears to be interest in reading-establishing the book club. All interested people are invited to meet on Wednesday, May 15th at 2:00 p.m. in Heneghan Hall to organize and recommend titles. For more information, please contact Jane Hill.*

In the June 2013 Angelus, Jane wrote that the group that had met in May agreed to meet at 10:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at Trinity Chapel. The first book was 'The Boy in the Striped Pajamas' by John Boyne, led by Jane Hill on June 19th.

Now, in 2026, the active club of readers has chosen a name. We are: **A Novel Bunch!**

What makes us so novel?

- We started in this parish more than twenty years ago.
- We remained one of the only active groups during COVID.
- We welcome women and men.
- We read a variety of genres.
- We support and fund our own outreach program, Christmas Jar.

Besides being A Novel Bunch, we're a fun group and welcome new members at any time. Join us at our next gathering, May 27th, at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Chapel when we will be discussing *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall.

## Tuesday Bible Study meetings

Our weekly Bible Study group has resumed our normal schedule of 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.

### *Evangelism and Outreach Commission*

## Saturday Café Needs You!

For several years, The Episcopal Parish of Alton has been involved in working at the Saturday Cafe, which is held weekly at 1st Presbyterian Church, Alton. This year, the dates we are responsible for are: **May 2, July 18, August 15, and November 21.**

At both Trinity Chapel and St. Paul's, there will be sign up sheets for people to volunteer to help. A team of six volunteers for each date will be enough to handle the planning, shopping, preparing, serving, and clean-up required. If working at the Saturday Cafe is not possible for you, please think about giving a monetary donation to be used to purchase food or offer to purchase or make something for the meal.

We try to serve a home cooked meal, providing protein, vegetable, salad, fruit, dessert, and a beverage. On occasion, we have purchased fried chicken, pizza, or sub-sandwiches. Usually we buy four 12-packs of varied brands of soft drinks and one case of bottled water. Unless the team plans otherwise, food should be delivered to St. Paul's by the Friday before the Saturday Cafe. Beverages should be put in a refrigerator so they can be served cold.

For specific information regarding the number of meals to plan for, reach out to Susie Delano at 1st Presbyterian Church at [susiedelano@icloud.com](mailto:susiedelano@icloud.com)

Those who are picking up the food from St. Paul's, should do so at about 10:00 a.m. Then at 1st Presbyterian, park on Alby St., so you will be able to unload the food from your cars and onto carts from the kitchen. The rest of your team should plan to arrive at 1st Presbyterian Church between 10:15 and 10:30 a.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 and by 12:30, we are usually finished with clean up and can leave.

Thank you for volunteering!

### *Evangelism and Outreach Commission*



## *Fr. Garron Sworn-in as APD Chaplain*



Fr. Garron Daniels was officially sworn-in as an Alton Police Department Chaplain before the Alton City Council meeting on Monday, April 20th. 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.

A heartfelt congratulations and blessings to Fr. Garron for his commitment to serve the larger Alton community!



## *Bearing Fruit* **FINANCIAL REPORT** As of March 31, 2026:

*All givers matter and  
every gift  
makes a difference*

### Y-T-D Total Revenue to Budget

Y-T-D Revenue: \$109,030

Budgeted Revenue: \$48,017

### Y-T-D Total Expenses to Budget

Y-T-D Expenses: \$76,746

Budgeted Expenses: \$73,275



## **Columbarium Committee Formation**

The Columbarium at St. Paul's is now entirely full/reserved of spaces. At the moment there are no more open spaces for interment.

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 be meeting only two more times, as follows, before taking a break for the summer:

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+*

**ECCI 2026** 

**Episcopal Church Camp of Illinois 2026**

**Ages: 7 years old to Graduating 11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Dates: June 21 - June 26, 2026**  
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**Location: Camp Wartburg, Wartburg, IL**  
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## Highlighting Faith and Fellowship at the EPA



# May Calendar

Saturday, May 2nd

10:00 a.m. Saturday Café at 1st Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 3rd *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*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

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

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

6:00 p.m. Alton Youth Symphony Chamber Strings concert at St. Paul's

Tuesday, May 5th

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer at St. Paul's

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

Wednesday, May 6th

10:00 a.m. Set-Up for Puzzle night at St. Paul's

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

Thursday, May 7th

10:30 a.m. Public Relations/Publicity commission meeting

5:45 p.m. Puzzle Palooza Americana at St. Paul's

Saturday, May 9th

10:00 a.m. Second Saturdays for Healthy Living at St. Paul's Heneghan Hall

Sunday, May 10th *Sixth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day*

*Mother's Day Coffee Hour hosted by ECM at St. Paul's following the service*

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

Tuesday, May 12th

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer at St. Paul's

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

Thursday, May 14th

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

6:00 p.m. *Feast of the Ascension* at Trinity Chapel

6:30 p.m. Episcopal Community meeting at Trinity Chapel



Friday, May 15th 7:00 p.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew meeting at Trinity Chapel

Saturday, May 16th 9:00 a.m. ECM meeting – place TBD

Sunday, May 17th *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

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

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's followed by Cursillo presentation during coffee hour

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)

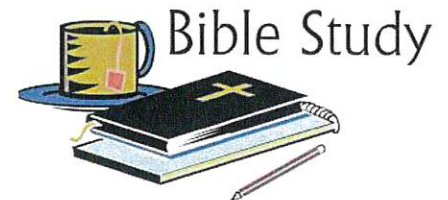
6:00 p.m. Ecumenical Youth Group at St. Paul's

Tuesday, May 19th

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and 5:00 p.m. Evening 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, May 20th

11:00 a.m. Evangelism and Outreach commission meeting-St. Paul's

Thursday, May 21st

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

Saturday, May 23rd 6:30 p.m. Gateway Grizzlies ballgame

Sunday, May 24th *The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday*

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

Monday, May 25th *Office Closed for Memorial Day*

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

Tuesday, May 26th

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer at St. Paul's

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



Wednesday, May 27th

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

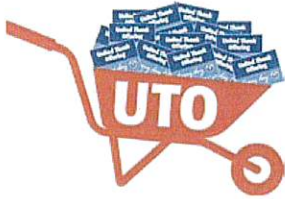
Saturday, May 30th 10:00 a.m. Self-Defense training hosted by Sacred Spaces – St. Paul's Heneghan Hall

Sunday, May 31st *The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday*

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

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

6:00 p.m. Ignite Youth Choir Concert at St. Paul's



**Our Spring United Thank Offering (UTO) will be collected through Sunday, May 17th.** Gifts may be placed in the collection plate, mailed to the Church office, or made through online giving. Please designate “UTO” in the memo if you are submitting a check or select United Thank Offering from the drop-down menu online once you have scanned the QR code provided.



**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 from May 6 - 8 and May 27 - 31.**

**Kitchen Housekeeping Note:**

**Please do not store your food and drink items in the church kitchen -  
Space is limited.**

**Any food and drink that was on the kitchen counter is now in the  
cabinet under the microwave.**

**THANK YOU**



## May Birthdays

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



## June Birthdays



04 Nathalia Baum  
12 Kelley Downey  
12 Rebecca Eagleton  
12 Tim Thrush  
17 Mary Molloy  
20 Destiny Drennan  
24 April Drennan  
26 Irene Gulovsen  
26 Valeria Wyatt  
30 Joseph Wuest



EPA Annual Retreat

# Listening with the Ear of the Heart: Monastic Wisdom for Daily Living

Todd Hall Retreat Center  
Columbia, IL

## The Retreat will include:

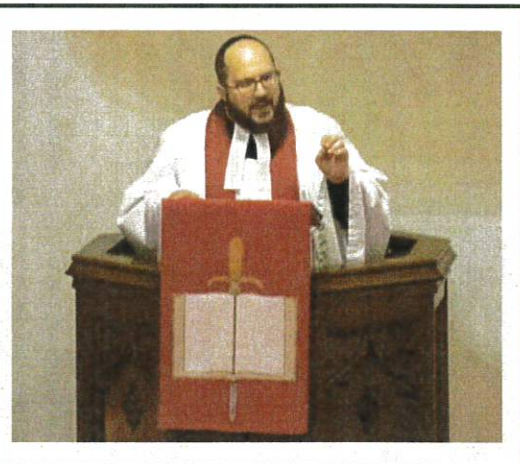
- Overnight lodging and meals
- The rhythm of Daily Office Prayer
- Three Lectures on Monasticism
- Time for silence, prayer, and rest
- A chance to connect with fellow parishioners

Cost  
\$310 for single  
\$500 for double

\$100 deposit is required to reserve spots. Deposit due by August 1st

For more information contact Fr Garron at: [frgarron@gmail.com](mailto:frgarron@gmail.com)

**November  
5th-7th**



**The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon**  
*Guest Retreat Presenter*

**FREE**

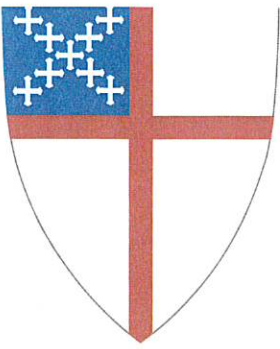
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## *Vestry*

**Fr. Garron Daniels+—Rector XXVII**

**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,  
Irene McLaughlin, Nancy Weiss-Hayes, Vivian Monckton, Sandy Gottlob,  
Tiffany McAlister

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

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