

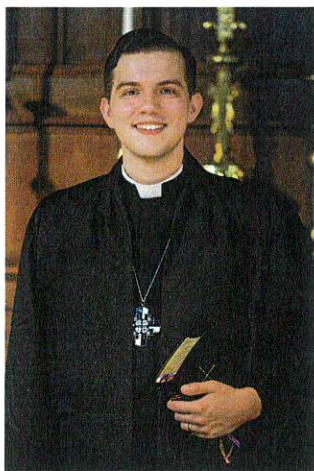


# THE ALTON ANGELUS

July 2026

The Reverend Garron C. Daniels, Rector XXVII

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



## From the Rector...

*For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace -John 1:16*

I can't help but think of the overwhelming grace that has been present in this congregation and what we have been able to accomplish in not just this year, but over 190 years that this Parish has existed. God's grace, mercy, and love has come through the many bold witnesses of faith that are the people who have called this place home. The Parish has been through highs and lows and both growth and decline. Nearly twenty seven Rectors and numerous other clergy have served at this congregation and with them thousands of parishioners who were baptized, married, and buried in the Church. Now, here we are in the year of our Lord,

2026. We've come far and faced many challenges, but this year has provided an abundance of grace and growth in the life of St Paul's and Trinity Chapel.

We've seen attendance continue to rise throughout the year as more people search for Christ and the depth of our ancient faith. We've seen the success of our Legacy of Faith Capital Campaign that has raised over \$250,000 for vital projects and ministries of the Church. In just a few short days at the beginning of July we will officially welcome five individuals into the Episcopal Church through confirmation and reception. We are blessed to have Thomas Fox, Eric Corbin, Laura Pavia, Steve Davis, and Cheryl Wooden as fellow members of this growing legacy. We are only halfway through the year and there is so much more to give thanks for as a Parish!

I am thankful for each and everyone of you and the vast amount of work you do for this Parish and for our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us give thanks for the grace upon grace that we receive as a Parish and pray that we continue to faithfully serve Christ. May God Bless our Nation and may God Bless the Episcopal Parish of Alton!

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





## *From the Senior Warden...*

### **Is the Episcopal Church Losing the Language of Sacred Space?**

Walk into almost any Episcopal church today and ask parishioners to identify the altar, and most can do so without hesitation. Ask them to point out the nave, chancel, narthex, baptistry, sanctuary, tabernacle, aumbry, or columbarium, and many would struggle.

A generation ago, Episcopalians commonly understood that church architecture was not merely practical. The church building itself taught the faith. Every space, furnishing, and direction carried theological meaning. The building was, in many ways, a three-dimensional catechism.

Percy Dearmer, in *The Parson's Handbook*, emphasized that the arrangement of the church and its furnishings should reflect the historic faith and worship of the Church. Likewise, Dennis Michno, in *A Priest's Handbook*, reminds us that ceremonial actions and sacred spaces are not simply matters of aesthetics; they teach reverence, order, and the theology of worship. More recently, Jared Cramer's *The Twenty-First Century Parson's Handbook* encourages Episcopalians to recover meaningful liturgical practices that help form disciples in an increasingly secular culture.

Consider the traditional Episcopal church building.

The **narthex** serves as the transition from the world into sacred space. Passing through its doors symbolizes leaving the concerns of daily life behind and entering the household of God. Historically, this area served as a gathering place for worshippers before entering the nave and remains a place of welcome and preparation for worship.

Located on the **Epistle Side of the narthex** in many churches is the **baptistry**, the area surrounding the baptismal font. Its placement near the entrance is intentional. Holy Baptism is the gateway to the Christian life and the sacrament through which we are incorporated into the Body of Christ. Every time we pass the font, we are reminded of our own baptismal covenant and our call to follow Christ.

Within the baptistry at St. Paul's Church is the **columbarium**, a sacred repository for the cremated remains of departed faithful Christians. The presence of a columbarium within the church building bears witness to the Communion of Saints and the Church's belief in the resurrection of the dead. It reminds us that those who have gone before us in faith remain united with us in Christ and await with us the fulfillment of God's promises.

On the **Gospel Side of the narthex** is the **Chapel of Our Lady of Peace**. Throughout Christian history, chapels dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary have served as places of prayer, intercession, and devotion. Episcopalians honor Mary not because she is divine, but because she is the Mother of our Lord, the first disciple, and a model of faithful obedience to God's will. The title "Our Lady of Peace" recalls Mary's role in bearing the Prince of Peace into the world. Such chapels provide a quiet place for personal prayer, reflection, and the lighting of devotional candles. They also remind us of Mary's words: "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5), continually directing our attention toward her Son, Jesus Christ.

The **nave**, from the Latin *navis* meaning "ship," is where the congregation gathers. The Church has long understood itself as a vessel carrying God's people safely through the storms of life. Just look skyward and you will notice a wooden ceiling that is shaped like the hull of a ship! Here, the baptized assemble as the Body of Christ for worship, prayer, and fellowship.



Near the entrance stands the **font**. Its location is intentional. Baptism is the doorway into the Christian life and the means by which we enter the fellowship of Christ's Church. Every time we pass the font, we are reminded of our baptismal covenant and our identity as God's people.

The **lectern**, often fashioned in the shape of an eagle, is where the Scriptures are proclaimed. The eagle symbolizes the spread of the Gospel throughout the world and the soaring truth of God's Word. The **pulpit**, often elevated, signifies the authority of Holy Scripture and the ministry of preaching.

Moving eastward, we enter the **chancel**, traditionally occupied by clergy, choir, and other ministers. Historically separated from the nave by rails or screens, the chancel symbolizes our movement toward the heavenly realities made present in worship.

Within the chancel lies the **sanctuary**, the holiest portion of the church building. Here stands the altar, the focal point of Episcopal worship. The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice, Christ's presence among His people, and the heavenly banquet to which all the faithful are invited.

Many Episcopal churches also contain a **tabernacle** within the sanctuary. Often crafted of precious metal, lined with silk or satin, and adorned with a gilt door or veiled entrance, the tabernacle serves as the repository for the Blessed Sacrament—the consecrated Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ reserved after the Eucharist. Its presence reminds us that Christ remains present with His Church and provides Communion for the sick, homebound, and dying. A sanctuary lamp burning nearby traditionally signifies this sacred presence and calls the faithful to reverence and prayer. Another often-overlooked feature is the **aumbry**. Usually built into the sanctuary wall or located near the altar, the aumbry is a blessed cabinet or vault used to store the holy oils consecrated by the bishop at the Chrism Mass. These include the **Oil of Catechumens**, used in preparation for Holy Baptism; the **Oil of the Sick**, used in the sacramental ministry of healing; and **Holy Chrism**, used in Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination, and the consecration of churches and altars. The presence of these oils reminds us that the Church's sacramental life extends beyond Sunday worship into every stage of the Christian journey.

Many traditional Episcopal churches are oriented toward the east. Christians have long associated the rising sun with the Resurrection and with the promised return of Christ. Worship facing liturgical east reminds us that we live in hopeful expectation of the coming Kingdom.

Even seemingly small details carry meaning. Our bells call the faithful to prayer and remind the surrounding community of God's presence. Candles symbolize the light of Christ. Processions teach that the Christian life is a pilgrimage. Kneeling rails encourage humility before God. The north side of the altar has traditionally been known as the **Gospel Side**, while the south side is known as the **Epistle Side**, reflecting the historic locations from which Scripture was proclaimed. Every object and action proclaims the Gospel in visible form.

The challenge facing the modern Episcopal Church is not merely preserving old buildings or maintaining historic customs. The deeper challenge is preserving the theological language embedded within them. When we lose the meaning of our sacred spaces, we lose one of the Church's most effective tools for teaching the faith.

Recovering this knowledge is not about nostalgia. It is about understanding that our church buildings were designed to help us encounter God. They tell the story of salvation, shape our worship, and remind us that Christianity is not merely believed—it is lived, seen, heard, touched, and experienced.

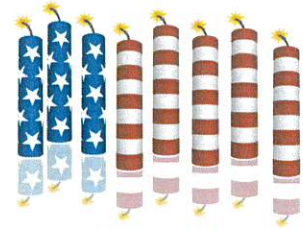
As Episcopalians, we are heirs to a rich spiritual and liturgical inheritance. The question before us is whether we will continue to pass that inheritance on to future generations.

After all, if our church buildings have something to teach, we should be eager to learn!

*Robbie Cupp*

# From the Organ Loft

We are in the midst of our final preparations for the 190th Anniversary. The weekend of July 5th is sure to be very exciting and memorable. The activities and special services, guests, and recognitions are planned with anticipation for much rejoicing!



Our musicians and I have been rehearsing anthems. Several guests will supply their talents as well. Hymns have been chosen that will reflect the meaningful nature of these services.

As I prepared my organ selections for these services, one particular piece and its composer kept coming to mind. I decided to include this piece in the Sunday, July 5th, service during Holy Communion.

This selection is the 4th movement '*Adagio*' from the 'Fifth Organ Symphony' written by a very famous French composer, Charles Marie Widor. Widor is best known for his '*Toccata*' that follows the '*Adagio*.'

Widor personified French organ tradition. His family were organ builders and on close terms with the famous organ builder Aristide Cavaillé-Coll. It was Cavaillé-Coll who arranged for the young Widor to begin his formal studies in Brussels with Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens in 1863. In 1870, Widor became organist at the church of Saint-Sulpice in Paris, home to one of Cavaillé-Coll's finest instruments.

The orchestral voicing of the great organ in Saint-Sulpice (installed in 1862) fostered writing of a symphonic scope and texture. The Cavaillé-Coll organs had a warm, lush sound and a vast array of stops extending the timbre of the instrument which allowed for fluid changes in dynamics.

The majority of the movements in Widor's ten symphonies for organ were composed during his years at Saint-Sulpice reflecting the characteristics of its organ. Widor wrote music for a wide variety of instruments and ensembles. Only his works for organ are played with any regularity today.

The Fifth Symphony has five movements. The fourth movement '*Adagio*', quiet and reflective in style, contains the theme played on a four-foot flute in the pedal. It hints at the theme of the '*Toccata*' that follows. The final movement '*Toccata*,' is undoubtedly Widor's most famous work. It represents what has become the classic 'toccata' texture for the organ; fast-moving manual figuration heard over a long note theme in the pedals. The inspiration for the '*Toccata*' was from the doves or pigeons in the high dome of the Cathedral symbolizing for Widor the Holy Spirit going from the Church into the world. Especially prominent are the swirling arpeggios in the ending. It takes little imagination to visualize the soaring birds escaping through the high windows in the final measures.

Most contemporary organists tend to play the '*Toccata*' too quickly! Widor played at a much slower tempo. I vividly remember my professor, Pat Partridge, at Christ Church Cathedral, bounding up the organ loft stairs, reaming me out, and almost reducing me to tears, for playing the '*Toccata*' too fast during a practice session screaming, "If you keep playing that piece so fast you will ruin it!!"

In 1932 at the age of 88, Widor was coaxed into recording the now famous '*Toccata*.' Here is a link to listen to the 'Master' playing it:

[https://www.reddit.com/r/classicalmusic/comments/hdw4kg/charles\\_marie\\_widor\\_playing\\_his\\_own\\_toccata\\_from/](https://www.reddit.com/r/classicalmusic/comments/hdw4kg/charles_marie_widor_playing_his_own_toccata_from/)

I pray our music throughout upcoming Celebrations lift our spirits to soar like the birds of Saint-Sulpice!

Until next month,

***Gay Anderson, Organist***



# Major Feast Days of the Episcopal Church To Be Celebrated

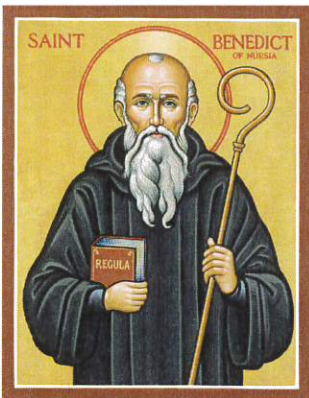
Fr. Garron will be celebrating the Principal Feasts and Major Feasts of the liturgical calendar as noted below. These feasts will be celebrated at **Trinity Chapel** with a Mass and fellowship to follow, unless otherwise stated. If the feast day is during the week, the Mass is held at **6:00 p.m.** (unless otherwise noted). If it is on Saturday or a holiday, Mass will be held at Noon.

## The Feast of Independence Day - Saturday, July 4th; 11:00 a.m. at Trinity, 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's

Come worship with us at Trinity Chapel for a special Holy Eucharist using the 1789 Book of Common Prayer. In the evening, join us for an Evensong service for *The Feast of Independence Day* followed by special cookout and potluck.



## The Feast of St. Benedict - Saturday, July 11th



Born in the 6th century near Rome, Benedict left behind a life of privilege to seek a deeper connection with God through simplicity, prayer, and community. His search for spiritual purpose led him to write *The Rule of St. Benedict*, a guide for living in community rooted in humility, balance, and service. Though written over 1,500 years ago, the *Rule* remains deeply relevant today – offering a way of life centered on compassion, patience, and care for others.

A Prayer for The Feast of St. Benedict – Gracious God, whose heart is love – embrace, center and ground us in your heart. Pour out Your healing Spirit of Peace to transform our fears, indifference and divisions into unity of purpose and ministry. As St. Benedict taught his monks to keep their hearts open, so may our hearts be

open to each other and all we serve. In Your Holy Name, Amen

## The Feast of St. Mary Magdalene - Wednesday, July 22nd

*The Gospel of John* emphasizes the special role of Mary Magdalene. She is the first to meet the Risen Christ, hence she came to be called “the apostle of the Apostles”. Mary Magdalene was the first eyewitness of the Risen Christ, and for this reason, she was also the first to bear witness to him before the Apostles. This event, in a sense, crowns all that has been said previously about Christ entrusting divine truths to women as well as men.





## Please Welcome our Guest Preacher, The Ven. John Ng'oma

The Venerable John Mnyema Ng'oma is the Priest in Charge of Soche Anglican Parish and serves as Archdeacon of Soche Archdeaconry in the Anglican Diocese of Southern Malawi. He was born May 28, 1985, into a family of eight children - four boys and four girls. He is the 7th born. Fr Ng'oma is married to Angela and together they have been blessed with two children, a girl (Mayamiko) and a boy (Madalitso). Mayamiko is 14 years old and Madalitso is 10 years old. The names are in their national language which is called "Chichewa." The name "Mayamiko" means "Thank you God." The name "Madalitso" means "Blessings from God."

Fr. Ng'oma was ordained as a Deacon in November, 2008, and priested in November, 2009. He has served four parishes so far in his ordained life. Effective January 1, 2025, he was appointed by his bishop as an archdeacon.

Fr. Ng'oma holds a Bachelor's degree in Divinity, a Diploma in Business Administration, Masters Degree in Business Administration, Master of Arts degree in Theology and is currently working on his Doctorate Degree in Ministry at the University of the South, Sewanee School of Theology. Fr. Ng'oma has worked as an African Representative for United Religions Initiative (URI) for four years; URI is headquartered in San Francisco, California. He also serves as a board member on several local NGO boards.



Fr. Ng'oma likes uplifting lives of the vulnerable and does so by distributing food to the hungry and providing goats to widows through an initiative called "Goats for the Widows." The program empowers widows to own goats so that they can economically support themselves after selling the goats when they multiply. He encourages the widows to pass on to other widows a goat when they multiply so that the initiative can be sustainable and reach more people. His vision is to see a just society in which everyone enjoys life, knowing that everyone is created in the image of God. In his free time Fr. Ng'oma likes to read and make new friends!

**Please join us in warmly welcoming Fr. John Ng'oma to the Episcopal Parish of Alton! On Sunday, July 12th, he will be at Trinity Chapel at 8:15 a.m. and at St. Paul's at 10:30 a.m. After the service at St. Paul's, he will stay for coffee hour where parishioners can learn more about Fr. Ng'oma and the ministry he is committed to in his Diocese.**

## The Episcopal Community

**Our group is currently working on discernment and continuing to explore St. Benedict's Toolbox: The Nuts and Bolts of Everyday Benedictine Living. Watch for an update about the third month of discernment in the August *Angelus*.** 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 [theepiscopalcommuntty.org](http://theepiscopalcommuntty.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.

## Twilight Tome Society takes summer break

**The Twilight Tome Society (fantasy book club) will not be meeting in July.** Scheduled meetings and reading selections will be updated in the August *Angelus*. Until then, enjoy your summer!

*Nathalia Baum and Tiffany Thrush*



## Second Saturdays: Healthy Living for a Holy Life



For the next Second Saturday class on Saturday, July 11th, at 10:00 a.m., we will be having an Aqua Workout class at Julie and Dereck Cook's pool. Their address is 1210 Cherry Tree Lane, Godfrey. Please come with your swimsuit and a pool noodle.

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

The next date for the **Pet Food Pantry** is **July 5th**. 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. Initial plans are already being discussed to build on the previous years' success of the Dawgs 4 Paws event to be held in October.



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*

## Episcopal Church Men Activities

The ECM met Saturday morning, June 27th, at Trinity Chapel to discuss and finalize plans for the July 4th celebration during the Parish's 190th Anniversary celebration. The ECM will not meet for the months of July and August.



We will resume meeting in September with a date and place to be determined. At that time, we will discuss the plans for providing support to the "Dogs for PAWS" event tentatively held in October. If any ECM concerns arise before September, please contact Chuck Drennan at 618.550.0951 or [chuckin8or@aol.com](mailto:chuckin8or@aol.com). Any men in the parish who would like to be added to the ECM text and/or email list, please contact Chuck to be added.

*Chuck Drennan*



## July meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The next meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is Friday, July 10th, at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Chapel. We will be joined by Fr. John Ng'oma who will continue our discussion on Discipleship. All men of the Parish are welcome and encouraged to attend. Bring food and drinks to share!

*Tim Thrush, Director*

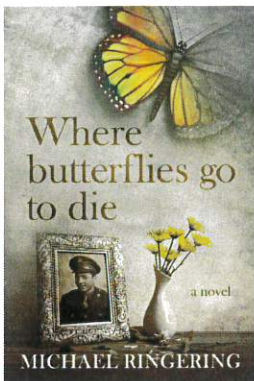
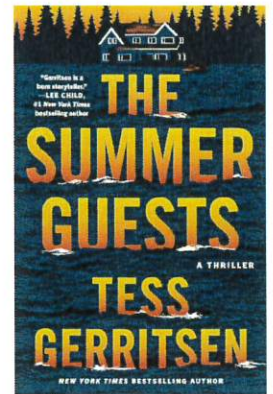
## 'A Novel Bunch' Book Club News

**A Novel Bunch book club will meet on Wednesday, July 22nd, at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Chapel.** We will be discussing *The Summer Guests* by Tess Gerritsen with fellowship and refreshments!

*When former spy Maggie Bird retired to the seaside hamlet of Purity, Maine, she settled in for a quiet life with breathtaking views. But enemies from her past soon threatened to destroy everything.*

*Maggie survived, thanks to her wits and the collective intelligence of the Martini Club, the circle of ex-CIA friends in her cocktail-sipping book club. Their handiwork, however, caught the attention of young police chief Jo Thibodeau. Now Jo and her neighborhood ex-spies have an uneasy alliance.*

*After a teenager vanishes—and Maggie's neighbor becomes the prime suspect—she joins the investigation, determined to prove her friend's innocence. But the girl's wealthy family pushes for an arrest. And when authorities discover a long-dead corpse in a nearby pond, the case becomes doubly complicated, with unthinkable ties to long-buried secrets. As Jo grapples with two unexplained mysteries, the Martini Club races to uncover the truth behind shadowy secrets...before more lives are lost.*



The August book selection is *Where Butterflies go to die* by Michael Ringer. We're looking forward to **meeting for our discussion on Wednesday, August 26th, at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Chapel.**

*Bobby Lee Darrow has always been consumed with self and finding the easy way out in life. Now, fresh off a court hearing in which he's sentenced to community service, he reluctantly reports to an assisted living facility in his hometown of Talladega, Alabama.*

*He spends the next several months serving as an orderly, and uncharacteristically befriends a resident, a lonely World War II vet battling dementia, who's concealing a wartime secret and claims of a long-lost love.*

*Captivated by the vet, and with a growing desire to uncover the truth about the man's mysteries, Bobby embarks on a journey across the country. Along the way, he makes lifelong friends while discovering a newfound purpose for his life.*

The next scheduled book for 2026 is:

September – *The Librarian Spy* by Madeline Martin

*Mimi Almonroeder*



## Gravestone Workshop



THANK YOU to the over 80+ people who came out for the Gravestone Workshop at Alton Cemetery. We were shocked by the outpouring of support we received. If you missed out on the workshop and still want to help, please email me at [frgarron@gmail.com](mailto:frgarron@gmail.com) and I will add you to our volunteer list. There is plenty of work to be done in the cemetery and we can use all the help we can get!

**Fr. Garron+**

## 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**

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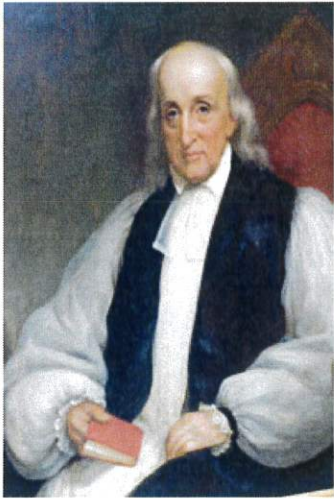
*Since school is out for the summer, Crisis Food Center is in need of kid-friendly food items. Please help us furnish healthy snacks (fruit snacks, chips, etc.), drinks, and easy-to-prepare meals.* Take a look at the Crisis Food Center Amazon wish-list to see what is being requested. There is an easy link to their wish list on The Members of EPA Facebook page – check it out! Order from Amazon or shop local for the same items.

Collection baskets remain in the Narthex at St. Paul's and in the entry at Trinity. These items will be delivered to Crisis at least once a week. Monetary donations are very much appreciated as well. Let's try to help!

## Evangelism and Outreach Commission



# Learning about Bishop William White



With the Episcopal Parish of Alton's 190th anniversary and our Capital Campaign celebration just around the corner, I think an article on the first Episcopal Church's Bishop of the United States is fitting. Bishop William White was an Episcopalian Bishop and Church leader, and Theologian. He was one of the main architects of the Episcopal Church of the United States, and as such, was also one of the main revisionists of the Book of Common Prayer that we use today.

Bishop William White was appointed and served as the first presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the United States for 67 days. His 67-day appointed tenure ran from July, 1789, to October, 1789. At the time of his appointment, he was already the Bishop of Pennsylvania and devoted his time to that role as well as the temporary presiding Bishop role of the Episcopal Church of the United States. In October, 1789, Bishop William Seabury was elected as the first Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the United States. William White later became the fourth Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the United States in July, 1795, and held the position for almost 41 years until his death in July, 1836.

In addition to serving as the Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the United States, he served in many other roles as Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, Chaplain to the United States Senate, and two-time President of the House of Deputies for the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. White was also the rector of St. Peter's Church and Christ Church, both in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for 57 years.

William White was born April 4, 1748, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. White attended the College of Philadelphia (now the University of Pennsylvania) earning Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees. In 1781 after years of Theological studies, he received a Doctor of Divinity degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He sailed to England in 1770 to be ordained as a Deacon and later made two more trips back to England in 1772 to be ordained as a priest and in 1787 to receive ordination as the Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the United States.

Although White was sworn in as an ordained cleric and took a vow to the King of England in his ordinations as a deacon and a priest, he strongly sided with the causes of the American Revolutionaries. Upon gaining independence from England, White had many writings laying out many foundations of the newly formed Episcopal Church of the United States. Most notably, allowing clergy and lay persons to have a strong voice in the church bodies' decision processes. He also was in favor of America establishing its own Episcopate of ordaining Bishops which would mean not sending them to England for ordination and severing jurisdictional connections with the crown. He did favor continuing the spiritual legacy of the Church of England. White participated in the consecration of most of the American Episcopal Bishops and also ordained two African American priests during his tenure. He greatly supported missionary priests.

Bishop William White married Mary Harrison in 1750 and they were married for 47 years, until her death. His wife's father was mayor of Philadelphia. The White's had eight children but sadly only three of them survived into adulthood. Bishop White had a younger sister, Mary, who was married to Robert Morris, one of the American founding fathers and a very heavy financier of the Revolutionary war. The Morris's donated and secured funding to the colonials. The White's employed African American coachmen and housekeepers, none of whom were slaves.

Bishop William White died July 17, 1836, at the age of 98 after suffering many lengthy illnesses. Although elderly and very sickly, White's mind was still greatly intact, and he still made major decisions concerning of the Episcopal Church of the United States until his death. Bishop White is buried in the family vault of the Christ Church burial ground. On December 23, 1870, his remains were interred in the chancel of Christ Church. Bishop William White is honored with feast days in the Episcopal Church of the United States and the Anglican Church in North America that are both celebrated on July 17th. In addition, the Bishop White Prayer Book Society was named for him in 1834. The Bishop White Parish Library Association was named for him in 1865.

SOURCES: WIKIPEDIA, BRITANNICA, EPISCOPALCHURCH.ORG

*Chuck Drennan*



## Saturday Café Needs You!

**Evangelism and Outreach needs your help! July 18th is our next scheduled date to co-host the Saturday Café at 1st Presbyterian Church.** We would appreciate donations of the following items:



- Chips in individual sized packs for 50 people
- Ritz crackers – large box
- Soda – 12-packs of each: Cola, 7-Up or Sprite, Orange, plus a 12-pack of other
- Packs of fruit cups, 50 servings
- Cookies – homemade or store-bought
- Bottled water – 1 case

Please sign up to bring needed items to avoid duplication of purchases. The lists will be posted on the bulletin boards at both Trinity and St. Paul's. Donations should be at St. Paul's by Friday, July 17th. Please put the soda and water in the refrigerator. Monetary donations will be gladly accepted if you would rather not shop.

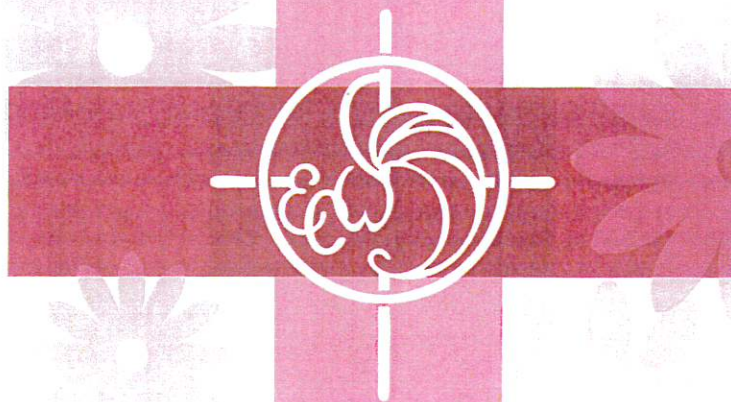
Thank you for volunteering and supporting this outreach!

*Evangelism and Outreach Commission*

## ECW Women of Faith plans August Gathering

**ECW Women of Faith will gather at Trinity Chapel on Saturday morning, August 1st, at 10:00 a.m.** Please join us for a time of prayer and fellowship so we can build stronger spiritual connections that will help support the women of the Episcopal Parish of Alton. This is open to all women of the Parish and guests.

E.C.W. Women of Faith



All women of the Episcopal Parish of Alton and their guests, are invited to attend the Women of Faith time of prayer and fellowship. We will meet at Trinity Chapel on Saturday morning, August 1st at 10:00 a.m. for Morning Prayer.

Following, join us in the parish hall where light refreshments will be served. Topic for the morning: notable women of the Bible.

RSVP Mimi Almonroeder

diamondzoe@charter.net 618-581-5756  
or sign up at St. Paul's or Trinity Chapel

## *Celebrating 250 Years as a Nation*

As we celebrate our long life as a Parish, let us not forget to take a moment and give thanks for the life of this nation as it celebrates 250 years. Please take a moment and join me in praying the “Thanksgivings for National Life” Prayer found in the Book of Common Prayer, page 838:

Almighty God, giver of all good things:  
We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land.  
They restore us, though we often destroy them.  
*Heal us.*

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They  
make us rich, though we often exploit them.  
*Forgive us.*

We thank you for the men and women who have made this  
country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall  
short of them.  
*Inspire us.*

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in  
this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we  
have often hidden from its light.  
*Enlighten us.*

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich  
variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless  
again and again.  
*Renew us.*

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun.  
Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice,  
and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when  
all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will  
glorify your holy Name. *Amen.*





## Pray for our Confirmands

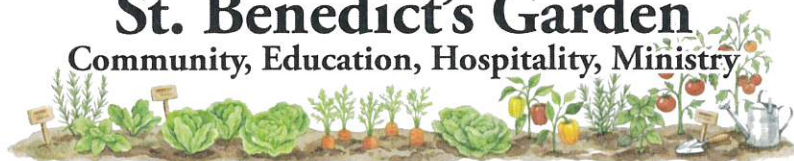
On Sunday, July 5th, amongst the 190th Anniversary Celebration, we will be confirming/receiving five new members into the Episcopal Church. These folks have been attending our confirmation classes for the past few months, have worshipped with us, and have already become involved in the many ministries of our Church. Ahead of this big day, please pray for each of these folks by name: Cheryl Wooden, Steve Davis, Eric Corbin, Laura Pavia-Zankl, and Thomas Fox. Pray that the Holy Spirit may guide them in the Church!

*Lord Jesus Christ, loving Redeemer of all, we pray to you for these catechumens who seek to serve you, the one true God. Send your light into their hearts, protect them from the power of the Evil One, heal in them the wounds of sin, and strengthen them against temptation. Give them a love of your commandments, and courage to live always by your Gospel, and so prepare them to receive your Spirit; you who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.*

St. Benedict's Garden summer planting is complete and our next season of growth is already beginning! Tomatoes and bell peppers are setting fruit, squashes are flourishing, eggplants are flowering and all the winter squash plants look beautiful. Of course, the cucumber plants have started reaching for the sky.

## St. Benedict's Garden

Community, Education, Hospitality, Ministry



Requests from the Tea Garden: We humbly ask for donations of herb plants. Some of our herb sprouts were snacks for wildlife and insects, so we have grow bags ready for new residents. Please contact Tiffany Thrush if you would like to help.

Keep an eye out for announcements for gardening days, work days and pickling days!

We pray, Lord, that everything we do may be prompted by your inspiration, so that every prayer and work of ours may begin from you and be brought by you to completion.

*Prayer of St. Benedict*

**Tiffany Thrush**

## Bearing Fruit FINANCIAL REPORT As of May 31, 2026:

*All givers matter and  
every gift  
makes a difference*

Y-T-D Total Revenue to Budget  
Y-T-D Revenue: \$103,515  
Budgeted Revenue: \$81,661

Y-T-D Total Expenses to Budget  
Y-T-D Expenses: \$114,885  
Budgeted Expenses: \$124,738



# Capital Campaign Update

A Huge THANK YOU to all our Capital Campaign Donors who helped us reach the full \$250,000 Goal for the Legacy of Faith Capital Campaign. Because of your amazing support, we are able to continue this legacy and immediately work on the vital projects of our Parish. If you haven't given a pledge or one time donation, it's not too late! Each extra dollar will help with many of the unnamed projects we didn't include and our continued outreach efforts we hope to do.

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**Capital Campaign Committee Members**

Meg Dorris (Chair)  
Fr. Garron Daniels  
Bill Moyer  
Linda Dunnagan  
Robbie Cupp  
Chuck Drennan  
Judy Jones

A HUGE THANK YOU to our Office Administrator, Ann Bowen, and our Capital Campaign Materials Designer, Tiffany Thrush. Both Ann and Tiffany helped make this campaign a success through their planning, advice & guidance, designing, editing, organizing materials, and keeping track of incoming pledges. Without them we wouldn't have been able to do this Campaign





# Highlighting Faith and Fellowship at the EPA





# July Calendar



Friday, July 3rd

6:00 p.m. Sacred Grounds Jazz and Gospel Soul concert at St. Paul's

Saturday, July 4th

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (1789 Prayerbook) at Trinity Chapel

5:00 p.m. Evensong for *The Feast of Independence Day* and special cookout - St. Paul's

Sunday, July 5th *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Open Offering supports Bishop's Discretionary Fund*

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's – The Bishop's Homecoming  
followed by a special brunch hosted by Parish Life

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

Monday, July 6th *Office Closed*

Tuesday, July 7th

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

No Bible Study

Friday, July 10th 7:00 p.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew meeting at Trinity Chapel

Saturday, July 11th

10:00 a.m. Second Saturdays for Healthy Living at Julie and Derek Cook's pool

Noon *Feast of St. Benedict* at Trinity Chapel

Sunday, July 12th *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

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

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

Tuesday, July 14th

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

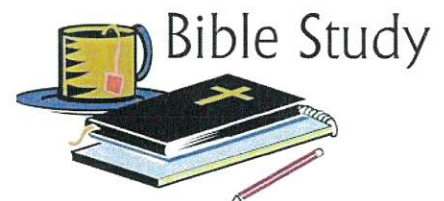
Thursday, July 16th 10:00 a.m. Finance commission meeting at St. Paul's

Saturday, July 18th 10:00 a.m. Saturday Café at 1st Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 19th *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

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



Tuesday, July 21st

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, July 22nd

9:30 a.m. A Novel Bunch book club at Trinity Chapel

6:00 p.m. *Feast of St. Mary Magdalene* at Trinity Chapel



Saturday, July 25th

2:30 p.m. The Bread Monk, Fr. Dominic Garramone, presentation on stained glass symbolism at St. Paul's (Doors open at 2:00 p.m.)

Sunday, July 26th *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

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

**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 Wednesday, July 29th - Sunday, August 2nd attending the Provincial Gathering for Province V.**

**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**





## July Birthdays

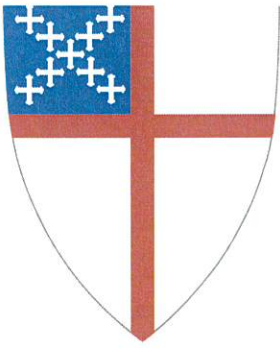
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20 Chuck Drennan  
20 Jodie Eagleton  
23 Elizabeth Bumbacher  
23 Dane Spencer  
23 John Pearson  
24 Brad Black  
24 Lisa Springman  
26 Donald Moyer  
29 Peter Hayes  
30 Gigi Darr  
30 Sandy Gottlob



## August Birthdays

02 Ari Thrush  
08 Mimi Almonroeder  
10 Rebecca Butler  
12 Hudson Donohoo  
12 Jean Downey  
12 Fr. Garron Daniels  
17 Irene McLaughlin  
18 Phil Baker  
20 Darlene Garland  
20 Jensen Stone  
21 Christopher Butler  
21 King Hoagland  
25 Joette Moyer  
27 Julie Pearson  
30 Connie Terry  
30 Victor Sever





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

## **The Episcopal Parish of Alton**



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Alton, IL 62002

**Trinity Chapel**  
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Alton, IL 62002



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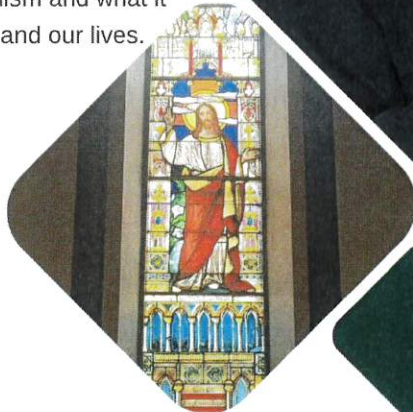
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*EPA Presents*

# THE BREAD MONK

Join us for light refreshments and a presentation with Father Dominic Garramone, the renowned PBS TV Host of Breaking Bread w/ Fr Dominic. Fr Dominic will present on stained glass symbolism and what it means to our faith and our lives.



Tickets are Limited.  
Reserve yours Today!  
Scan the QR Code and  
click "Bread Monk" or  
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St Paul's Episcopal 10 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Alton, IL

## JULY | 25<sup>TH</sup> | 2026

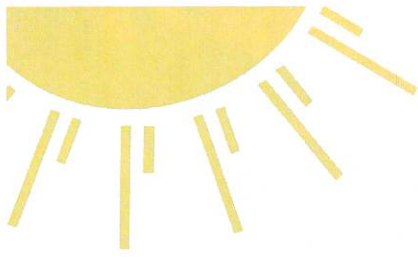
Door open at: 2:00pm

Presentation at: 2:30pm

\$20 per person

\$40 for a family of three or more





# COOKOUTS AT THE COMMONS



Russell Commons Park  
Discovery Parkway off Rt 143

**EVERY TUESDAY IN JULY**  
**11:30AM – 12:15PM**

**\*WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**

Sacred Spaces of CARE,  
with the support of  
community partners,  
will provide one free meal  
per person, while supplies last.  
We invite anyone who is  
experiencing food insecurity,  
especially those with children,  
along with our unsheltered  
friends and neighbors.



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In the event of inclement weather (thunder/lightning),  
the meal will be served at the Episcopal Church of Alton, 10 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street





EPA Annual Retreat

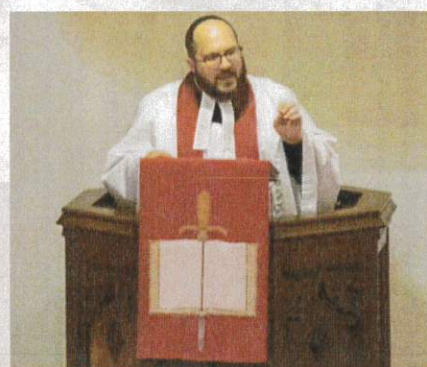
# Listening with the Ear of the Heart: Monastic Wisdom for Daily Living

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

**November  
5th-7th**



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

### 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)





ROYAL ICON STUDIO

# ICONOGRAPHY

## *workshop*

St Paul's Episcopal Church, 10 E  
3rd St, Alton, IL

April 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2027

Experience the ancient tradition of Catholic iconography as we prayerfully write the holy icons of Our Lady of Walsingham and The Nativity of our Lord. Guided by traditional techniques rooted in the sacred art of the Church, participants will learn the spiritual and artistic foundations of icon writing while deepening their devotion to the Blessed Mother.

This retreat offers a unique opportunity for prayer and reflection. Through lectures, demonstrations, and hands on instruction, students will create a sacred icon while contemplating Mary's role as Mother of God.

Come discover the rich spiritual heritage of the Church and create an icon that will inspire prayer for years to come.

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