

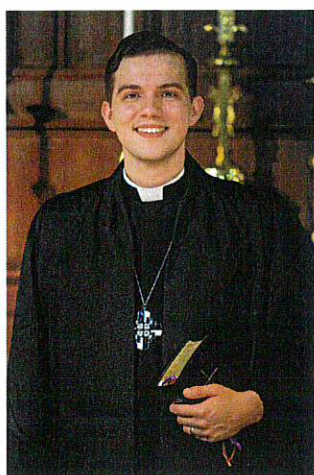


THE ALTON ANGELUS

August/September 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 am using the above scriptural passage from the *Gospel of John* again for the second month in a row because it fits so well what this summer has been so far and what I see ahead of us for the rest of 2026. We continue to receive grace upon grace from our Heavenly Father. I'm amazed and overwhelmed at the joy of our 190th Celebration earlier in July. We saw many guests who came from afar to visit their home Church and many who came to support the five new members of our congregation. I want to once again welcome Eric, Thomas, Steve, Laura, and Cheryl to the Episcopal Parish of Alton. We hope you will continue to call our Church "home"! Our final service of the weekend saw over 117 faithful congregants who came together to celebrate and give thanks to God for the many blessings that we have been given over these past 190 years. Looking out to the pews being full and the singing of the classic hymn, "The Church's One Foundation" moved me to such a great degree. I found myself beginning to choke up with joyful tears as this final verse was sung and our beautiful Organ sounded out:

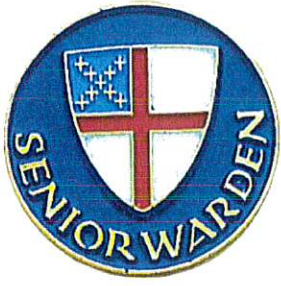
"Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, gives us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee"

Yes, the Church on earth continues in union with God and all those faithful who are here now and those who have departed from life. Over 190 years of faithful souls united together as one have made the Episcopal Parish of Alton the glorious light of mission and beauty that it still is today. Seeing you all over the course of the weekend and the final service made me feel so blessed to be your Rector and to get to serve amongst you. I am thankful for the witness of this Church and how we continue to move where the Spirit has called us. Thank you for a wonderful celebration and thank you for continuing to call this Parish your home.

The work is not over. We are not yet dwelling with the Lord on high. We are still here in this earthly realm and therefore continue our work and mission in the name of Christ. May we continue to serve him faithfully as the Episcopal Parish of Alton.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Garron+
Rector XXVII





From the Senior Warden...

Do Whatever He Tells You: Mary, Peace, and Episcopal Devotion

With the *Feast of St. Mary the Virgin* fast approaching on August 15th of this year, I would like to take a moment to focus on the importance of the Blessed Virgin Mother to our faith and to insightfully approach Marian devotion within the Episcopal faith. For some Episcopalians, Marian devotion is a treasured part of prayer, liturgy, beauty, and spiritual discipline. For others, it raises immediate concerns: Are we becoming too Roman Catholic? Are we praying to Mary instead of God? Are devotions such as the Hail Mary, the *Salve Regina*, or the rosary appropriate for Anglicans? These are fair questions, and they deserve a careful answer rooted not in sentiment alone, but in *Scripture*, the *Book of Common Prayer*, the creeds, the *Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion*, and the historic doctrine of the Church.

The first thing that must be said is that Mary matters because Jesus matters. Marian devotion, properly understood, is not primarily about Mary in isolation. It is about the mystery of the Incarnation. The Church honors Mary because she is the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, the one through whom the eternal Son of God truly took human nature. In the Nicene Creed, we confess that Jesus Christ “became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.” The Apostles’ Creed likewise teaches us to confess that Jesus was “born of the Virgin Mary.” These are not minor devotional details. They are central Christian claims about who Jesus is

The *Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion* make the same point with theological precision. Article II, “Of the Word or Son of God, which was made very Man,” says that the Son of God “took Man’s nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin, of her substance.” This is a profoundly important statement. It means that the humanity of Jesus was real, not symbolic; bodily, not imaginary; received from Mary, not merely appearing through her. Mary is therefore not an optional footnote in Christian theology. She is the human mother from whom Christ received the human nature by which he redeemed us. To diminish Mary too much can actually weaken our understanding of the Incarnation.

At the same time, Episcopal devotion to Mary must be ordered, disciplined, and Christ-centered. The Episcopal Church does not teach that Mary is divine. We do not worship Mary. We do not believe she redeems us. We do not place her beside Christ as a second mediator of salvation. Jesus Christ alone is Savior, Redeemer, and Lord. Any Marian devotion that suggests otherwise has gone beyond what Anglicans may rightly affirm. Mary’s greatness is not that she competes with her Son, but that she magnifies him. Her own words in the Magnificat are the key to understanding her place in the Church: “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” Mary does not say, “Look at me instead of God.” She says, in effect, “Look at what God has done.”

This is why the *Feast of St. Mary the Virgin* is so important in Episcopal life. The *Book of Common Prayer* includes Saint Mary the Virgin, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, on August 15. The collect appointed for that feast addresses God, not Mary, and asks that we who have been redeemed by Christ’s blood may share *with* Mary in the glory of God’s eternal kingdom. This is a deeply Anglican balance. The prayer honors Mary, but it does not worship her. It remembers her exaltation, but it grounds all hope in the redemption accomplished by Christ. It places Mary within the communion of saints, not above the Church or outside the saving work of her Son.

The appointed readings for the feast also help us understand her significance. Isaiah speaks of rejoicing in the Lord, being clothed with garments of salvation, and witnessing righteousness spring forth. Galatians teaches that “when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman,” so that we might receive adoption as children of God. Luke gives us the Magnificat, Mary’s great song of praise, humility, mercy, justice, and divine reversal. These readings

do not present Mary as a rival to Christ. They present her as the woman through whom the promise of God becomes visible, embodied, and near.

Still, the concerns many Episcopalians have about Marian devotion should not be dismissed. Article VI of the Thirty-Nine Articles teaches that Holy Scripture contains all things necessary to salvation and that nothing should be required as an article of faith unless it can be read in Scripture or proved by Scripture. This means that no Episcopalian should be forced to accept private Marian doctrines or devotional practices as necessary for salvation. Article XXII is even more direct, rejecting the “Romish Doctrine” concerning the invocation of saints, the adoration of images and relics, and related abuses. This historical language can sound severe to modern ears, but the warning behind it is still valuable: Christian devotion *must not* become superstition, idolatry, or confusion about the unique saving work of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, a careful Episcopal approach to Mary must hold two truths together. First, Mary is rightly honored as the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Lord, the first disciple, and the supreme example of faithful obedience. Second, Mary is not worshiped, and no Marian devotion is necessary for salvation. The Anglican way is not to erase Mary, nor to exaggerate Mary, but to honor her in the light of Christ.

This brings us to prayers such as the Hail Mary. Some Episcopalians pray the Hail Mary regularly, especially those shaped by Anglo-Catholic devotion. Others are uncomfortable with it. Both responses can exist within the breadth of Anglicanism. The first half of the Hail Mary is thoroughly biblical. “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee” echoes the angel Gabriel’s greeting at the Annunciation. “Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus” echoes Elizabeth’s greeting at the Visitation. In that sense, when we pray the Hail Mary, we are not inventing strange language; we are repeating the language of Scripture.

The second half of the prayer, “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death,” is where some Episcopalians become concerned. The key is how the prayer is understood. We are not asking Mary to save us. We are not asking her to replace Christ. We are asking for her prayers, just as we ask the prayers of fellow Christians on earth. The difference is that Mary is among the faithful departed, alive in Christ. If we believe in the communion of saints, then we believe that death does not destroy the Body of Christ. Those who have gone before us are not dead in the sense of being cut off from God. They live in him. Asking Mary’s intercession, therefore, is best understood as asking a holy member of Christ’s Body to pray with us and for us.

The Salve Regina, or “Hail, Holy Queen,” requires even more careful explanation because its language is more emotional and poetic. It speaks of Mary as mother of mercy, life, sweetness, and hope. For some Anglican ears, that language can sound excessive. The concern is understandable. If the Salve Regina is prayed as though Mary herself is the source of mercy, life, sweetness, and hope apart from Christ, then the prayer has been misunderstood. But in its proper devotional context, the Salve Regina is not worship of Mary. It is an appeal for maternal intercession from one who bears witness to Christ. Its final movement is crucial: “show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.” The prayer reaches its destination not in Mary herself, but in Christ.

This is the pattern of all healthy Marian devotion. Mary points to Jesus. At Cana, when the wine runs out, Mary does not draw attention to herself. She tells the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” That sentence may be the finest summary of Marian devotion ever spoken. If our prayers to or with Mary lead us into deeper obedience to Christ, then they are bearing good fruit. If they draw us away from Christ, they require correction.

The rosary can also be understood in this Christ-centered way. While many associate the rosary almost entirely with Roman Catholic devotion, many Anglicans and Episcopalians have also found it to be a meaningful discipline of prayer. The rosary is not merely a repetition of Marian prayers. Properly prayed, it is a meditation on the life, death, resurrection, and glory of Jesus Christ. The mysteries of the rosary invite the soul to contemplate the Annunciation, the Nativity, the ministry of Christ, the Passion, the Resurrection, and the hope of glory. Mary is present in this devotion as the one who accompanies us in contemplation, but Christ remains the subject and center.

Should every Episcopalian pray the rosary? No. It should not be required. Anglicanism has always contained a range of devotional expressions: evangelical, broad church, Anglo-Catholic, charismatic, contemplative, and many others. The rosary may be a gift to



some and a stumbling block to others. It may deepen one person's prayer life while leaving another person cold or uneasy. The Church does not force it. However, neither should we mock or condemn those who pray it reverently. Private devotion, when faithful to Scripture and ordered toward Christ, can enrich the soul without becoming a test of orthodoxy.

The same principle applies to asking Mary's prayers. Every Episcopalian must pray to God. Every Episcopalian must worship the Holy Trinity. Every Episcopalian must confess Christ as Lord. But not every Episcopalian must ask Mary for intercession. Such devotion belongs to the realm of spiritual practice, not required dogma. It may be taught, offered, explained, and encouraged, but it is never imposed. Here the Episcopal Church is at its best when it is both catholic and generous: catholic enough to honor Mary, generous enough not to bind consciences where the Church has not required belief.

Our chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Peace serves a beautiful and deeply pastoral purpose within the parish. This chapel is not a replacement for the Eucharistic altar, nor is it an alternative center of worship. Rather, it can be a place of quiet prayer, intercession, and contemplation. Under the title "Our Lady of Peace," Mary is honored in relation to her Son, the Prince of Peace. She is Our Lady of Peace because she bears Christ to the world. She is not peace apart from him; she is the mother of the one who is our peace.

People come to our church carrying grief, anxiety, division, exhaustion, family wounds, illness, anger, and fear. They may find it difficult even to know how to pray. Our chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Peace can become a place where the faithful bring those burdens before God in the company of Mary, who knew fear, danger, displacement, loss, and sorrow. She knew what it was to flee with Joseph and the Christ Child into Egypt. She knew what it was to lose her Son in Jerusalem. She knew what it was to stand at the foot of the Cross. She is not a sentimental figure untouched by pain. She is a mother who has suffered and remained faithful.

For our parish, this chapel has also become a visible reminder that Christian peace is not mere politeness or the absence of conflict. Christian peace is rooted in reconciliation with God through Christ. Mary's peace is not passive. Her Magnificat announces the casting down of the mighty, the lifting up of the lowly, the filling of the hungry, and the remembrance of God's mercy. The chapel of Our Lady of Peace should therefore inspire not only private consolation, but also public mission. It should lead us to pray for the poor, the grieving, the sick, the addicted, the imprisoned, the lonely, the victims of violence, the divided Church, and the broken world.

As for the origin of the image of Our Lady of Peace, the title and iconographic tradition have several historical streams, so it is important to be precise. The most commonly cited Western devotion to Our Lady of Peace, or Notre Dame de Paix, is associated with France. According to tradition, in the early sixteenth century, Jean de Joyeuse gave a statue of the Virgin Mary to his bride, Françoise de Voisins. This image became known as the Virgin of Joyeuse and was preserved as a family treasure. Later, Henri Joyeuse, a descendant of Jean, entered the Capuchin Franciscans in Paris and brought the statue with him. Because the image showed Mary holding the Christ Child, the Prince of Peace, and an olive branch, it came to be known as Our Lady of Peace.

This does not mean that every modern icon or image of Our Lady of Peace is a direct copy of that French statue. A parish icon may be locally commissioned or adapted from several Marian traditions. The statue of Our Lady of Peace in the chapel at St. Paul's Church, presents Mary as young, humble, and prayerful, with her hands folded in devotion rather than extended in power. Her posture reminds us that Mary's greatness is rooted in obedience, surrender, and prayerful trust in God. The globe beneath her feet represents the created world, while the serpent recalls the ancient enemy of sin and death from Genesis. Mary standing upon the serpent points to her place in salvation history as the New Eve, the woman through whom Christ, the true Prince of Peace, entered the world to defeat evil. In this image, Mary is not honored as a source of peace apart from Christ, but as the faithful Mother of the Savior who bears witness to the peace, victory, and redemption that come from her Son alone.

Does this kind of devotion make us "more Catholic" and less Episcopalian? The answer depends on what we mean by "Catholic." If by Catholic we mean Roman Catholic in the sense of accepting all Roman dogmas and devotional requirements, then no, Episcopal Marian devotion should not be confused with that. We are not bound to Roman definitions of the Immaculate Conception or the Assumption as required dogma. We may respect them, some may personally believe them, and others may not. They are not required articles of faith for Episcopalians.

But if by Catholic we mean the faith of the whole Church, the ancient and creedal faith, then honoring Mary does not make us less Episcopalian. It reminds us that Episcopalians confess belief in “one holy catholic and apostolic Church.” The Episcopal Church is not merely Protestant in a narrow sense, nor Roman Catholic in obedience. It is Anglican: reformed and catholic, scriptural and sacramental, liturgical and pastoral. Within that Anglican identity, there is a rightful place for Mary when devotion is restrained by doctrine, purified by Scripture, and directed toward Christ.

The strongest objection to Marian devotion is usually the fear of idolatry. This fear should be taken seriously. Idolatry is not a small matter. Christians must never give to the created the worship due only to the Creator. The traditional theological distinction can be helpful here: adoration belongs to God alone; honor may be given to the saints; and Mary receives a special honor because of her unique role in salvation history. The principle remains important: Worship belongs to God alone. Mary is honored, not adored.

At its best, Marian devotion deepens humility. Mary teaches the Church how to receive God’s Word. She teaches us how to say yes when God’s call disrupts our plans. She teaches us how to ponder mysteries in the heart. She teaches us how to stand near the Cross when love becomes costly. She teaches us how to wait and pray with the Church for the coming of the Holy Spirit. She teaches us that grace does not erase human vulnerability, but fills it with divine purpose.

So why should Episcopalians care about Mary? Because the Gospel cared enough to name her. The creeds cared enough to confess her. The Prayer Book cared enough to place her in the calendar of the Church. The Articles cared enough to affirm that Christ took his human nature from her substance. And the Church, across centuries, has cared enough to call her blessed.

Marian devotion does not make us less Episcopalian when it is practiced faithfully. It can make us more attentive to the Incarnation, more grateful for grace, more aware of the communion of saints, and more obedient to Christ. It can give the weary a language of tenderness, the grieving a companion in sorrow, and the faithful a model of courageous surrender. The test is always Christ. If our devotion to Mary leads us away from Jesus, then it must be corrected. If it leads us more deeply into his life, his mercy, his Cross, his Resurrection, and his peace, then it has found its proper place.

As we approach the *Feast of St. Mary the Virgin*, we do not need to be afraid of honoring the Mother of our Lord. We need only honor her rightly. We honor her best when we hear her song, follow her example, and obey her command at Cana: **“Do whatever he tells you.”** That is the heart of true Marian devotion in the Episcopal Church. Mary magnifies the Lord, and when we honor her faithfully, we learn to magnify him too.

I invite you to join me on Saturday, August 15th, 2026, in the Chapel of Our Lady of Peace. Following our Feast Day celebration, beginning at 2 p.m., I will enter the chapel and pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary before offering up intercessions for peace in our community, in our nation, and around the world.

Robbie Cupp

From the Organ Loft

One of my passions is arranging music! I thoroughly enjoy taking a ‘tune’ and re-creating a new setting for it—whether for Handbells, Choir, Solo or Organ. Composers have been doing this ever since pen went to paper to write music down. So many of our hymns and other forms of service music have their roots in history as something other than church related!



Early composers took tunes that they were familiar with and adapted them for use in many secular settings. ('What Child is This' had its origins as the merry drinking song 'Greensleeves'!) So many of our famous composers took earlier compositions by others and used them freely. It was considered an 'honor' if another took your work and 'expounded' on it.

In today's era of copyright laws, one certainly has a different standard to follow. I try to stick to public domain works in my composing. Anything submitted to publishers otherwise goes through the 'permissions' from the proper sources. Luckily, anything older than the 1930's is fair game to play with freely!

One of the pieces I recently arranged for organ is a Scottish Folk Song called 'Cuachag nan Craobh' (Cuckoo of the Tree). I played it during the Offertory on July 26th. I didn't necessarily expect anyone to recognize it, but lo and behold Nathalia Baum asked me after the service at St. Paul's if it was the theme from the TV series 'Outlander.' Alas, I was exposed!

So, how did this particular folk song wind its way through history? Its origins probably go back hundreds of years as a Gaelic 'rowing song.' Like our American Spiritual, this genre of Folk Song was considered a 'working' song. The lilting rhythm lent itself to the repetitive motions of the task at hand...in this case boat rowing. These songs were also recirculated by women during cloth working (or other repetitive chores). Both activities needed rhythms to help keep the tasks steady and sure.

The first known written and published text for this tune was attributed to Anne Campbell MacLeod in the 1870's. The lyrics describe a young lad's lament to a Cuckoo bird that his unrequited 'Love' is rejecting him.

The tune continued to find favor with poets. In the late 1800's Sir Harold Boulton (English) wrote the lyrics that are now generally associated with the tune. Boulton's words became 'The Skye Boat Song'-evoking the journey of 'Bonnie Prince Charlie' to the Isle of Skye as he avoided capture after his defeat at the Battle of Culloden.

More recently, the tune has been used in several films. It is now most famous as the main theme from the TV series 'Outlander' airing first in 2014. The song was played by bagpipes as the coffin of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II traveled up Long Lane to Windsor Castle on September 19, 2022.

The tune acquired a hymn text 'Spirit of God, Unseen as the Wind' written by Margaret Old around 2021. So now, as many good tunes have done over the hundreds of years, this Scottish Folk Song has found its place with proper church lyrics and welcomed into the body of church music proper! I am planning for the choir to sing this 'new' hymn arrangement for you sometime this fall!

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 St. Mary the Virgin - Saturday, August 15th

When the fullness of time had come, God sent the angel Gabriel to a young girl named Mary (*Luke 1:26*) and she listened in awe as she was told that she would conceive a son by the Holy Spirit and that he would be called the Son of the Most High and reign over the house of Jacob forever. Mary humbly accepted her role, responding, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be unto me according to your word" (*Luke 1:38*).



This incredible response from Mary is known as *Mary's Fiat*. The term *fiat* comes from the Latin word for "let it be" or "so be it." Mary's *fiat* is a profound act of faith, obedience, and surrender to God's will. Her acceptance of God's plan without hesitation has made her a model of faith for many Christians and is a central theme in Christian theology and devotion. Her "yes" to God's plan contrasts with Eve's disobedience, making Mary's "fiat" a critical moment in salvation history.

Sodality of Our Lady of Peace



A new group is forming in the Parish. It's not a group to host events, raise funds, or organize large committee meetings. This group is simple. It calls each and every person to pray for peace and to pray a set of prayers daily and weekly. It all starts at our very own Chapel of Peace.

Want to learn more about the Sodality of Our Lady of Peace? Come to coffee hour at **Trinity Chapel on Saturday, August 15th, after the Feast Day Mass at Noon** to learn more about an opportunity to include a new prayer practice to your daily walk with Christ.

Fr. Garron+

Volunteers Needed for 149th Synod

The Episcopal Parish of Alton is hosting the 149th Synod of the Episcopal Diocese of Springfield on October 23-24th. We need volunteers to serve as tellers, registration table helpers, and those who can generally greet and welcome people to Alton. If you are interested in volunteering, please let Fr. Garron know as soon as possible!

Synod Planning Committee

Making Memories with Snapshots

In September, the Public Relations/Publicity committee will start working on a new Picture Directory for our Parish. We want this to be memories of this past year featuring our 190th year of celebration! Please keep any pictures that you may have taken that you can share for publication.

The committee will keep you posted as plans are finalized. Looking forward to seeing your best shots!

Public Relations/Publicity committee

The Ecumenical Youth Group Returns in September!

We are excited to say that our Ecumenical Youth Group (EYG) is back again! We had a nice summer break, but we've missed all our great hangouts and prayer time together. **On Sunday, September 20th, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's, we will have a welcome back party with a bonfire, prayer, and food.** We'll take the time to talk about what we hope to do for the year and begin planning our many activities.

All Middle School and High School age students are welcome to attend! This group is a partnership between the youth of Main Street Methodist Church and the Episcopal Parish of Alton. We hope you will join us on September 20th!

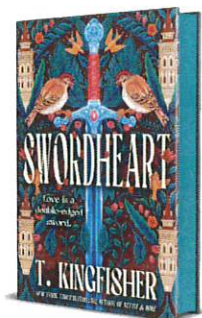
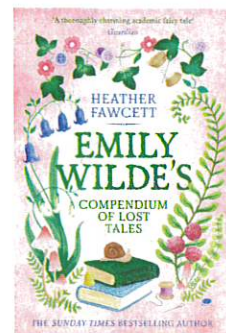
Twilight Tome Society lines up great reads for Fall

The Twilight Tome Society (fantasy book club) returns on Monday, August 31st, at 6:30 p.m. We hope you will enjoy reading *Emily Wilde's Compendium of Lost Tales* by Heather Fawcett. Join us in St. Paul's conference room for our lively discussion, fellowship and refreshments!

Emily Wilde has spent her life studying faeries. A renowned dryadologist, she has documented hundreds of species of Folk in her Encyclopaedia of Faeries. Now she is about to embark on her most dangerous academic project studying the inner workings of a faerie realm-as its queen.

Along with her former academic rival-now fiancé-the dashing and mercurial Wendell Bambleby, Emily is immediately thrust into the deadly intrigues of Faerie as the two of them seize the throne of Wendell's long-lost kingdom, which Emily finds a beautiful nightmare, filled with scholarly treasures.

Coming in September: **Let's get together on Monday, September 28th, at 6:30 p.m.,** to enjoy fellowship and refreshments as we discuss *Swordheart* by T. Kingfisher.



Halla has unexpectedly inherited the estate of a wealthy uncle. Unfortunately, she is also saddled with money-hungry relatives full of devious plans for how to wrest the inheritance away from her. While locked in her bedroom, Halla inspects the ancient sword that's been collecting dust on the wall since before she moved in. Out of desperation, she unsheathes it—and suddenly a man appears. His name is Sarkis, he tells her, and he is an immortal warrior trapped in a prison of enchanted steel.

Sarkis is sworn to protect whoever wields the sword, and for Halla—a most unusual wielder—he finds himself fending off not grand armies and deadly assassins but instead everything from kindly-seeming bandits to roving inquisitors to her own in-laws. But as Halla and Sarkis grow closer, they overlook the biggest threat of all—the sword itself.

Nathalia Baum and Tiffany Thrush

Columbarium Committee's First Meeting

All Parishioners are welcome to join the Columbarium Committee as we have our first meeting on **Monday, September 14th, at 5:30 p.m. in the St. Paul's Conference Room.** We will discuss timeline, potential locations, columbarium providers, and address any and all questions, suggestions, and concerns. Please join us as we embark on this important work.

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Second Saturdays: Healthy Living for a Holy Life



The next Second Saturday classes will be held on Saturday, August 8th, and September 12th, at 10:00 a.m. We will have Aqua Workouts at Julie and Dereck Cook's pool. Their address is 1210 Cherry Tree Lane, Godfrey. Please bring a pool noodle. If it is raining, please come anyway and if it clears up we will attempt our class. If it is thundering, class will be cancelled.

For more information, please contact Nathalia at baumnathalia1@gmail.com.

The next two dates for the **Pet Food Pantry** are **August 2nd and September 6th**. 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. We are hard at work on the Dawgs 4 Paws event to be held in October! Continue reading this issue to learn the details...



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



Upcoming meetings of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The next meetings of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be Friday, August 7th and Friday, September 4th, at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Chapel. We 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

Episcopal Community News

We have begun our discernment process for the Episcopal Community, "a community of Episcopal women committed to living out our Baptismal Covenant as we nurture and support each others' spiritual journeys. Using the Rule of Benedict as our guide, we develop and follow a personal Rule of Life." (<https://theepiscopalcommunity.org>) Our discernment process involves reading *St. Benedict's Toolbox* by Jane Tomaine and meeting individually each month via Zoom with mentors assigned by The Episcopal Community to discuss our assigned readings and shared insights from our mentors. If you would like to drop in to observe a meeting or if you would like to see if you are interested in The Episcopal Community, please reach out to Nathalia Baum, Tiffany Thrush, or Julie Cook.

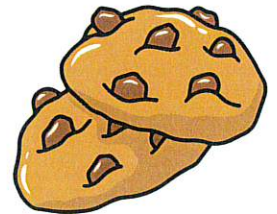
Notes from Episcopal Church Women

Though the ECW does not meet during the summer, it does not mean that we are not doing anything! There are many upcoming items for September and October that need to be discussed and voted upon. **We hope to see all women of the parish at the upcoming meeting on Sunday, August 9th, at 12:15 p.m. at St. Paul's, Education wing.** The following are recent and upcoming items we are focused on:

ECW was happy to host the reception after the Jazz concert for our 190th celebration – it was wonderful that so many people attended!

On Wednesday, September 9th, the ECW will be going to the PINK SISTERS. We will meet at St. Paul's at 4:00 p.m. to carpool and attend their 5:00 p.m. service. Place your prayer requests in an envelope with a donation to benefit the Pink Sisters, even if you cannot attend, we are happy to take your prayer requests. We plan to go to DeCaro's for dinner once we get back to Alton. Please RSVP to Irene McLaughlin at ibmpat17@gmail.com or 618.530.8589.

Bake Sale for Dawgs 4 Paws – The ECW is requesting a donation of homemade brownies, cookies and rice krispy treats to sell at the event! We would like the treats wrapped two per package, cut into 2" squares, or cookies at least 2" in diameter. Please package in plastic containers/bags so items can be seen. Bring your items to St. Paul's on October 3rd or 4th as the sale will be Sunday, October 4th, from 2-4 p.m. Many thanks for your support! Any questions should be directed to Irene, 618.530.8589, or Donna, 618.791.3860.



Our planning also includes serving lunch to the North Alton Business Alliance on Tuesday, September 15th, in Heneghan Hall, as well as having a "Sunday Dinner" in the future that would consist of recipes from our old cookbook. A core group will be creating guidelines for hosting a reception clarifying all that is involved.

Irene McLaughlin

Pray like an Anglican

Join us beginning Sunday, August 16th, for a six-week class on all the different ways to pray as an Anglican! Our tradition provides so many wonderful ways to connect with God. During this course there will be time for education and a lecture, but primarily it will be spent with you trying out these different practices! My hope is that it will give you something new to learn and try out for yourself. You never know what new practice might become a regular part of your prayer life or cause you to form a prayer group in the parish!

Classes will last roughly an hour and will primarily occur in the St. Paul's Nave during coffee hour. The last class will occur at Bellefontaine Cemetery to try out their new Labyrinth. Details for that class will come at a later time.

Fr. Garron+

Tuesday Bible Study meetings

Our weekly Bible Study group continues to meet 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

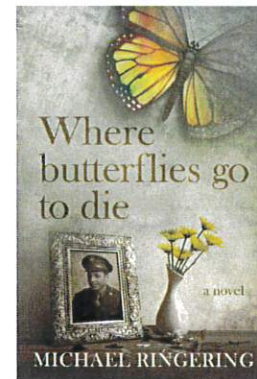
Education Commission

'A Novel Bunch' Book Club News

A Novel Bunch book club will meet on Wednesday, August 26th, at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Chapel. We will be discussing *Where butterflies go to die* by Michael Ringering with fellowship and refreshments!

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 September book selection is *The Librarian Spy* by Madeline Martin. We're looking forward to meeting for our discussion on Wednesday, September 23rd, at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Chapel.

Ava thought her job as a librarian at the Library of Congress would mean a quiet, routine existence. But an unexpected offer from the US military has brought her to Lisbon with a new mission: posing as a librarian while working undercover as a spy gathering intelligence.

Meanwhile, in occupied France, Elaine has begun an apprenticeship at a printing press run by members of the Resistance. It's a job usually reserved for men, but in the war, those rules have been forgotten. Yet she knows that the Nazis are searching for the press and its printer in order to silence them.

As the battle in Europe rages, Ava and Elaine find themselves connecting through coded messages and discovering hope in the face of war.

The next scheduled book for 2026 is:

October – *Mrs. Endicott's Splendid Adventure* by Rhys Bowen

Mimi Almonroeder

Shining a Spotlight on Trinity Chapel

This summer, Trinity Chapel and Hall have received a much-needed facelift. Many thanks to all who helped make it possible. The steeple looks new after being power washed, a new roof adorns Trinity Hall and the outside trim has been painted, too! Overgrowth of bushes and trees has been removed. Properties and Maintenance, with the help of a team of hard workers, deserve a round of applause for all that they have accomplished! The flowers and surrounding plants are thriving under the care of the St. Francis Garden guild - it is an amazing group of EPA ladies who have green thumbs.

Combination locks have been installed on the side doors to the Chapel and Hall. Finally, after decluttering and deep cleaning of the Chapel and Hall by several members of EPA, Trinity Hall received a fresh coat of paint.

Over the past two years, under the leadership of Fr. Garron+, Trinity has received recognition that has been lacking for many years. In addition to the regular Sunday service, it has become a place of worship for Feast Days, fellowship, and different Parish groups to meet. Without a doubt, all the aforementioned improvements will help increase the use of the property for special events by groups looking for a place to gather.

Mary Molloy

Evangelism and Outreach Commission

EPA Quiet Day: Monastic Wisdom for Daily Living

Due to some unexpected changes, we are making our Fall Retreat a Quiet Day at St. Paul's on Saturday, November 7th. Together we will gather from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. for the rhythm of the Daily Office, three lectures on Monasticism, and plenty of space for quiet time, prayer, and relaxation. Light Breakfast items, snacks, and lunch will be provided for those who attend.

We are blessed to have a special guest speaker for the quiet day, The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon. Fr. Haydon is the Associate Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Ladue, MO. He's an active member of the Society of Catholic Priests, the Scholar-Priest Society, and a priest associate of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. He has also been a teacher since 2014, with experience in both university and secondary education settings, specializing in Old English literature, as well as other medieval literature and languages. Fr. Haydon has a published article entitled, *Strangers to God: Exile and Monasticism in Anglo-Saxon England*. *American Benedictine Review*, 71.3 (2020): 243-67. He is also actively working on a book about medieval exile and theology, to be published by Arc Humanities Press.

Fr. Haydon will focus our time on monasticism and how we can implement much of monastic spirituality into our daily lives.

If you would like to attend the quiet day, please reach out to the office with your reservation. Cost is \$45 per person. We hope you can attend!

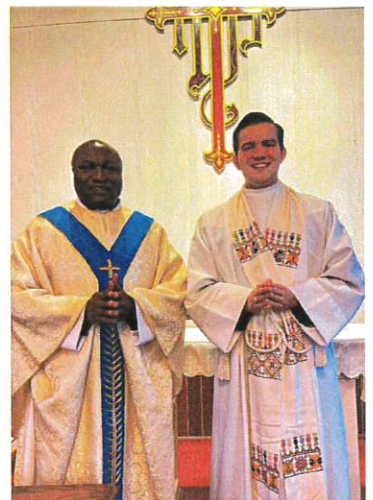
Are You Interested in Going to Malawi?

After a wonderful visit with Fr. John Ng'oma, several parishioners have approached me about taking a trip to see Fr. John in Malawi. Nathalia and I are actively planning a trip to Malawi for an estimated five days in August 2027. If you are interested in going, please email me as soon as possible. The more interest we can gain, the better idea I have about planning a pilgrimage trip there!

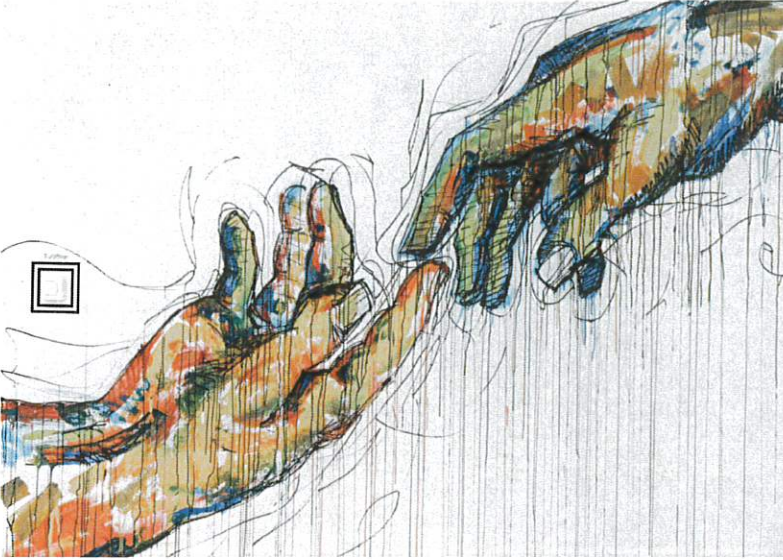
Fr. Garron+

Parish Support for 'Goats for Widows'

We were blessed to have Fr. John Ng'oma with us for a few days in late July. It's always a joy to have him in our Parish and we are happy to say that we have once again supported his important ministry, Goats for Widows. The Parish gave a total of \$935 to go towards his vital ministry for the widows of Malawi. THANK YOU for your generosity and support!



Formation of the Guild of St. Luke



Hello everyone, my name is Thomas Fox and I'd like to introduce myself as your new head of the Guild of St. Luke. My goal with forming this new branch of the Education committee is to invite all at St. Paul's, as well as our community, to the beautiful creations of artists in the past, within our congregation and community, and to inspire the artists of the future to carry on the traditions laid before us. I hope to invoke the same inspiration and passion I find in the art that I create into the hearts and spirits of each and every one of you by sharing informative articles, thought-provoking pieces and their histories, and even helping to create beautiful art pieces that we as a congregation can admire for many years to come.

I truly believe that God has blessed each of us with an artistic trait or talent that we can tap into, and an additional yet equally important goal of this committee is to hone in on the God-given talents each and every one of us possesses through prayer and group study of religious artistry and literature. I'd like to start this article with one important question for everyone. What exactly is "Art"?

According to Merriam-Webster, 'Art' is defined as, "*the conscious use of skill and creative imagination especially in the production of aesthetic objects.*" When reading a definition like that, it all sounds so simple. I bet if I were to ask you what you'd call art, you could come up with so many different kinds that exist in our world. Music, painting, sketching, writing, quilting, cooking, etc. There are too many mediums to name quite frankly. But art itself is more than just a visual appearance, or an auditory sensation, or even taste! It all comes from an even deeper sense that every single one of us possesses - emotion.

When you create art with your emotions at the forefront, it instantly becomes a bonded part of you and your story. If you create art without it, then you're no better than some of the things you see plagiarists, or even Artificial Intelligence bots, make. Art is one of the most beautiful things any human being can make, regardless of skill. That's because we are all so capable of feeling something deep inside of us on a spiritual and emotional level. Art is also like each and every one of you reading this. Can you guess why?

Art is special. Art is individually unique and dependent on the person creating it. Art is expressive. Art, if I had to define it, is a pathway straight into the heart and soul of its creator. On a spiritual level, we are all works of art ourselves. God made each and every human capable of creating works of art on Earth unique and intrinsically special out of his most prominent emotion He shares toward us: Love. Dare I say, some of the most beautiful works of art, and some of the most tragic, can be made out of love.

Consider the work '*the Pieta*', sculpted by Michaelangelo during the Renaissance era of Italy. It depicts the Virgin Mother Mary holding the body of her Son, Jesus Christ, right after he was taken down from the cross. Imagine you were in her position that day. What emotions stir up inside of you? Where do you feel the emotion that's brought to you? These sensations and feelings are only possible because of the artist taking the exact same time and passion within himself to create such a masterpiece. As a devout Christian himself, Michaelangelo was able to create masterworks of art for the Catholic Church, St. Peter's Basilica, and the world, that are still highly sought out by tourists, religious pilgrimages, and art history buffs alike.

While we do not boast an incredulous piece like this at St. Paul's, I would like to think that we can utilize this new committee to create plenty of other beautiful artworks for our parish and community that can be viewed and studied for years to come. I hope to have each and every one of you come visit, learn and create with us one day, for a new healthy

outlet, as well as a chance to honor and worship in the beauty in God's Creation and Glory. If you would like more information, please feel free to reach out to me and I will be more than happy to have you come by for a session sometime! I'll leave you with this verse from the Book of Isaiah to pray on. I hope it brings you comfort in that you are a beautiful work of art yourself in the eyes of God the Father.

*"Yet you, LORD, are our Father.
We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand."*

Isaiah 64:8

Your friend in Christ,

Thomas Fox

Contact: 618.803.0503 (c); twfox96@gmail.com



For the past two years, Great Rivers Animal Hospital has partnered with The Episcopal Parish of Alton and has participated in DAWGS 4 Paws, our 4 PAWS Pet Food Pantry's annual fundraiser. Again this year, they will send a veterinarian and veterinary technicians to give free Rabies and Distemper/Parvo vaccines. Throughout the year, Great Rivers Animal Hospital also helps us raise funds for our pet food pantry by keeping a collection jar on their counter. We are so grateful to them for all they do for our pet food pantry.

Recently, on Facebook, Great Rivers Animal Hospital shared their need for towels and blankets. As their partner, it sure seems like helping them care for the animal patients they treat is the right thing to do. Will you help us help them?

Bring your new or gently used regular/large towels and blankets to the parish hall at Trinity Chapel or St. Paul's and we will deliver them to

Great Rivers Animal Hospital. Containers for the donations will be provided at each church.

Thank you for helping us return the kindness and generosity we have been shown.

Evangelism and Outreach commission

Saturday Café

Thank you to all who volunteered and supported our efforts to co-host this outreach on July 18th! We look forward to our next scheduled date to co-host on **August 15th at 1st Presbyterian Church**. Items needed and sign-up sheets for volunteers will be posted at St. Paul's and Trinity as planning begins for our August date.



Evangelism and Outreach commission

ECM News and Notes

All men of the Parish are welcome to join our next meeting scheduled for Saturday, September 19th, at 9:00 a.m. at Trinity Chapel. If you would like to be added to the group's email and text list, please contact Chuck Drennan at 618.550.0951 or chuckin8or@aol.com

Recent and ongoing items we have been working on include preparations for the 4th of July, 190th Anniversary celebration. Thank you to all ECM men that worked the set-up and clean-up that contributed to the success of the event.

A determination for use of the money raised from the Superbowl party, Fat Tuesday pancake supper, and the fish fry was agreed upon. Three organizations (OWL, Crisis Food Center, and Sleep in Heavenly Peace) will each receive a donation of \$400.

A tentative date of Wednesday, November 18th, is on the calendar for the parish to serve at Sleep in Heavenly Peace to construct beds.

Chuck Drennan



The Assumption of the Virgin Mary

This month's article has indeed produced quite a bit of reading and has been a research challenge. I remember my days in elementary school religion class listening to both religion teachers and our parish priest talk about the Assumption of The Virgin Mary. Now in this article, we ask, "Did Mary die an actual physical death in which both her body and soul immediately ascended into heaven or, did she ascend into heaven like Enoch, Elijah and Melchizedek without dying?" After much reading and research, I have found many articles and beliefs among many denominations and among Christians themselves to be almost like snowflakes, NO TWO ARE ALIKE! Most beliefs within nearly all denominations and the Christian community are split between:

1. whether the Virgin Mary died a physical death;
2. she did die a physical death and immediately her body and soul are assumed into heaven;
3. she never died a physical bodily death but was assumed into heaven when her earthly life was complete; or
4. there are even beliefs that she did die and was resurrected before being assumed into heaven.

Many Eastern, Catholic and a few orthodox denominations have a belief and a feast day that is referred to as "The Dormition of the Mother of God," which is a belief that the Virgin Mary fell asleep in absolute peace and was assumed body and soul into heaven.

First, what exactly is the Assumption of Mary? The Assumption of Mary is the teaching/belief that after her time on earth was complete, her body and soul was taken to heaven in glory. The question is still begged, did Mary die a death that all earthly humans do or did her body and soul just ascend when it was finally deemed her time on earth was done? Why all the differing views? Probably the main reason is after Jesus' crucifixion and death, Mary is only mentioned one time in the Bible, the *Book of Acts*. There are varying accounts of how she lived out the remaining days of her life and even the year and age when she died, or was assumed into heaven.

After Jesus' death, most traditional teachings are that Mary lived out her remaining days under the care of the Apostle John. However, there are accounts that suggested she lived out the rest of her life in Jerusalem. In other accounts, she lived in a small stone house in the town of Ephesus which is now modern-day Turkey. Regarding the life she lived, some described her life among a peaceful and fertile Christian community of families and women. Yet, many other scholars believe she spent her remaining days in total loneliness and seclusion, devoting herself to a life filled with praying. Unfortunately, historical details are uncertain.

Among the Catholic church it is deliberately not defined whether Mary died a physical death or not, which is also the same belief among many Anglican and Episcopal doctrines and teachings. The exact manner of her death or assumption is not a required article of faith. Many Orthodox and some Eastern Orthodox (the ones that don't hold a firm belief in the "Dormition of the Mother of God") beliefs ascertain that Mary died a physical death. Protestant and many other

denominations, too numerous to name, simply do not hold a defined position of whether she died or not due to no explicit teaching from the Bible or any other verifiable proof.

So, why is there so much uncertainty whether Mary died a physical death or not? First, many scholars and theologians believe Mary's body did not remain in the grave and experience any decay because there are no artifacts, relics, bones, hair or any other kind of remnant that supports Mary's physical body experienced a human death. Like most other saints, theologians believe that remnants of the Virgin Mary's remains would've been honored and preserved.

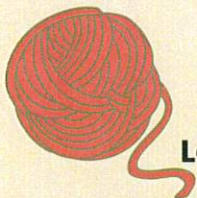


Another account supporting Mary's assumption was that the Apostle Thomas wished to pay his respects and see Mary's body. The tomb was opened, and Mary's body was gone and all that remained were her clothes, burial flowers and a sweet fragrance, however, scriptures do not support this claim. Another subject to which there is also much dissent among Christians and other denominations, is the belief among Christians that Mary was both born or free of original sin and was sinless during her life on earth. This is known as the Immaculate Conception and is central to Catholic Doctrine. Yet, for many individuals in the Anglican, Episcopalian and numerous other denominations, the belief of the Immaculate Conception varies. Also, Evangelicals and Protestants reject the Immaculate Conception and that the Virgin Mary led a sinless life because it has no solid scriptural basis.

In 1950, Pope Pius XII firmly declared the Assumption of the Virgin Mary to be Dogma. Yet, Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Evangelical and many reformed and modern day non-denominational churches, as well as even "low church" Anglican parishes, do not accept the Assumption of Mary due to no credible biblical/scriptural basis.

SOURCES: WIKIPEDIA, EWTN, CATHOLIC ANSWERS, THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BIBLE HUB, GLOBALSISTERSREPORT, BIBLE ANALYSIS, PATHEOS, CHRISTIANITY INFO

Chuck Drennan



Crochet Crafting Class

Learn to crochet, an art of yarn crafting.

Join this crafting group for our first organizational & beginning crochet class on Sunday, October 25th, after coffee hour at St. Paul's.

Darlene Garland will help us to learn the basics ~ slip knot, chain, single crochet, double crochet, half double crochet, treble crochet, and slip stitch.

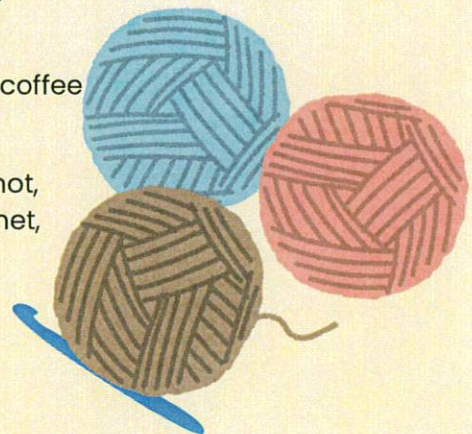
We will begin with a sampler.

What you will need:

- 4 ply Worsted Weight Yarn - in a light color
- Crochet Hook - size H or I
- Scissors
- Darning Needle - plastic or steel

Questions?

Contact Darlene: leo501948@yahoo.com
(618)372-4274



SAVE THE DATE!

Join us Oct. 4th from 2 - 4pm for
DAWGS 4 PAWS
4 Paws Pet Food Pantry
Annual Fund Raiser
@ St. Paul's Episcopal Church

EVERYONE IS INVITED! You don't have to own a cat or a dog to have a fun afternoon at DAWGS 4 Paws! On the first Sunday afternoon in October, you can come to relax and listen to music in the garden, shop at the vendors who will be selling their wares, have your photo taken, snack on hot DAWGS and more, socialize with friends, bid on silent auction items, and get creative in our craft area. We know you will have an enjoyable time! Plus, you will be supporting our community outreach, 4PAWS Pet Food Pantry!

Father Garron will be giving pet blessings, so if you do have a pet, be sure to bring it along, safely leashed or crated. Your furry friend will be the star in our free photo booth and be rewarded with lots of treats. Bring your family and friends. Spread the word. ...and remember

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. Psalm 145:9

190th Commemorative Merch is Still Available!

Did you miss out on buying one of the handcrafted mugs? Are you kicking yourself that you didn't get a magnet or a print of St. Paul's? You're in luck! We have plenty of merchandise in stock from the 190th Anniversary. Please visit our Parish Book Store or talk to Millie Hancock or Fr. Garron about buying any of our items. Once these items are sold, there is no promise we will get more, so buy them quickly!

Bearing Fruit
FINANCIAL REPORT

As of June 30, 2026:

Y-T-D Total Revenue to Budget

Y-T-D Total Expenses to Budget

*All givers matter and
every gift
makes a difference*

Y-T-D Revenue: \$148,591
Budgeted Revenue: \$98,233

Y-T-D Expenses: \$144,052
Budgeted Expenses: \$146,050



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 in many of the unnamed projects we didn't include and our continued outreach efforts we hope to do.

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Highlighting Faith and Fellowship at the EPA





August-September Calendar

Saturday, August 1st

10:00 a.m. ECW Women of Faith time of prayer and fellowship at
Trinity Chapel

Sunday, August 2nd *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Open Offering supports Rector's Discretionary Fund

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

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

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

Tuesday, August 4th

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

Saturday, August 8th

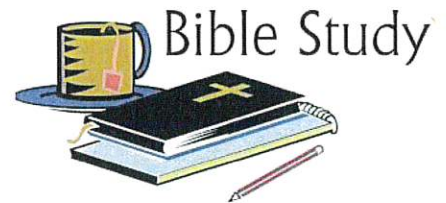
10:00 a.m. Second Saturdays – Aqua workout at Julie and Derek Cook's pool

Sunday, August 9th *Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's
12:15 p.m. ECW meeting at St. Paul's

Tuesday, August 11th

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



Saturday, August 15th

10:00 a.m. Saturday Café at First Presbyterian Church
Noon *Feast of St. Mary the Virgin* at Trinity Chapel
12:30 p.m. Soladity of Our Lady of Peace prayer group at Trinity Chapel

Sunday, August 16th *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's
12:15 p.m. Pray Like an Anglican class – St. Paul's Nave

Tuesday, August 18th

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, August 19th

11:00 a.m. Evangelism and Outreach meeting at St. Paul's conference room

Sunday, August 23rd *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's
12:15 p.m. Pray Like an Anglican class – St. Paul's Nave

Tuesday, August 25th

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, August 26th 9:30 a.m. A Novel Bunch book club at Trinity Chapel

Sunday, August 30th *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's
12:15 p.m. Pray Like an Anglican class – St. Paul's Nave

Monday, August 31st 6:30 p.m. Twilight Tome Society book club at St. Paul's conference room



Tuesday, September 1st

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

Friday, September 4th 7:00 p.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew meeting at Trinity Chapel

Sunday, September 6th *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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. Pray Like an Anglican class – St. Paul's Nave

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

Monday, September 7th *Labor Day* – Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8th

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, September 9th 4:00 p.m. Service at Pink Sisters with ECW-carpool from St. Paul's

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

Saturday, September 12th 10:00 a.m. Second Saturday-Aqua workout at Julie and Dereck Cook's pool

Sunday, September 13th *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

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

12:15 p.m. Pray Like an Anglican class – St. Paul's Nave

Monday, September 14th 5:30 p.m. Columbarium committee meeting in St. Paul's conference room

Tuesday, September 15th

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

11:00 a.m. NAGBC meeting – St. Paul's Heneghan Hall

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

Saturday, September 19th 9:00 a.m. ECM meeting at Trinity Chapel

Sunday, September 20th *Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

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

12:15 p.m. Pray Like an Anglican class – St. Paul's Nave

12:15 p.m. ECW meeting – St. Paul's Recovery room, lower level Education wing

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

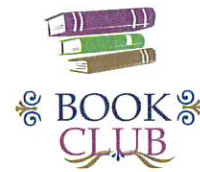
Tuesday, September 22nd

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, September 23rd

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



Sunday, September 27th *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

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

Monday, September 28th

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

Tuesday, September 29th

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

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, August 19 - August 22.

HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR 4PAWS PET FOOD PANTRY!

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Sunday, October 4 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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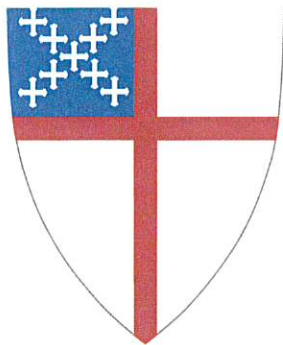
02 Ari Thrush
08 Mimi Almonroeder
10 Rebecca Butler
12 Hudson Donohoo
12 Jean Downey
12 Fr. Garron Daniels
17 Irene McLaughlin
18 Phil Baker
20 Darlene Garland
20 Jensen Stone
21 Christopher Butler
21 King Hoagland
25 Joette Moyer
27 Julie Pearson
30 Connie Terry
30 Victor Sever



September Birthdays

03 Nancy Weiss-Hayes
04 Bill Terry
11 Liam Downey
29 Margaret Engelmann
29 Linda Dunnagan
30 Ruth Spencer





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

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Dave Elson, Linda Dunnagan, Connie Terry, Thomas Fox, John Pearson

* Indicates lead person



The deadline for the October *Angelus* is September 20th. Please email your articles and photos to episcopalalton@gmail.com.

The Episcopal Parish of Alton



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Parish Class

St Paul's
Episcopal

Sundays at 12:15pm during Coffee Hour in
the Nave.

01

AUG 16
SUN

Introduction & Daily Office

02

AUG 23
SUN

Lectio Divina (Praying w/
Scripture)

03

AUG 30
SUN

Contemplative Prayer w/ Icons

04

SEP 6
SUN

Holy Rosary & other Prayer
Beads

05

SEP 13
SUN

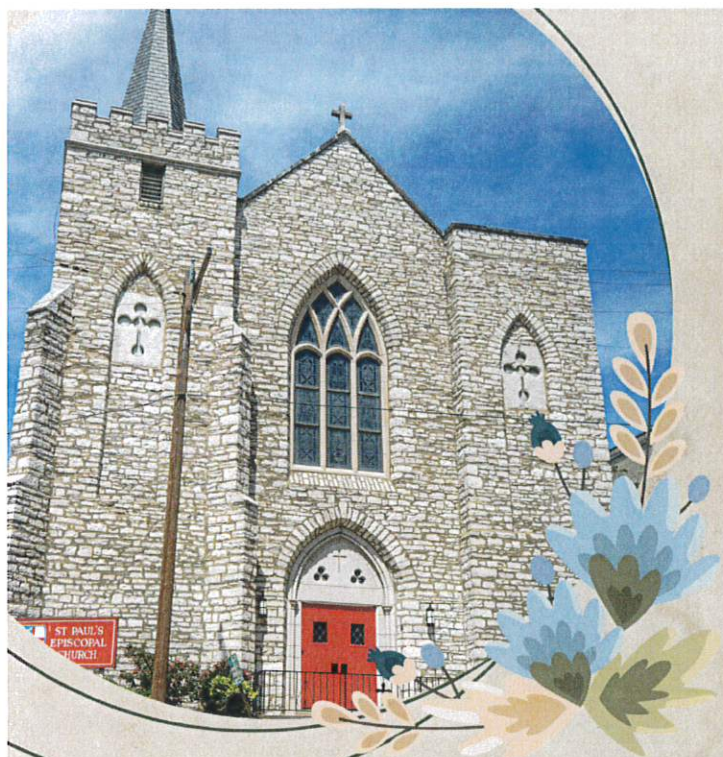
Written & Extemporaneous
Prayer

06

SEP 20
SUN

Labyrinth at Bellefontaine
Time: TBD

Looking to pick up a new prayer practice? Trying to find what works for you? Anglicanism provides many prayer practice in our tradition. Join us for a very hands on discussion and class!



EPA Quiet Day

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

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

The Quiet Day will include:

- The rhythm of Daily Office Prayer
- Three Lectures on Monasticism
- Time for silence, prayer, and rest
- Time for the Rite of Reconciliation
- Coffee, breakfast items, snacks, and Lunch will be provided during the day.

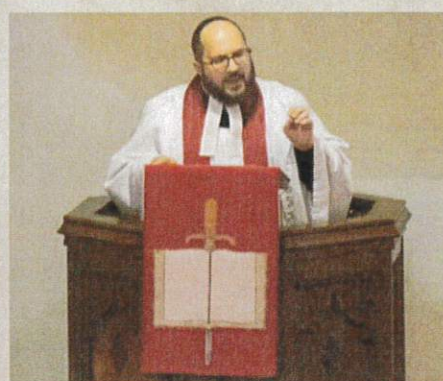
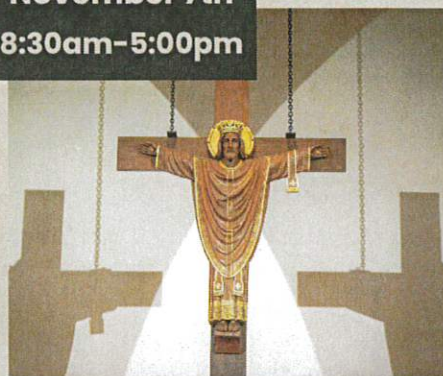
Cost

\$45 per person. Checks can be made out to "Episcopal Parish of Alton" with the memo stating "Quiet Day". Please email or contact the office about your reservation

For more information contact Fr Garron at: frgarron@gmail.com

November 7th

8:30am-5:00pm



The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon
Guest Quiet Day Presenter

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ICONOGRAPHY *workshop*

St Paul's Episcopal Church, 10 E
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April 26th to 30th, 2027



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