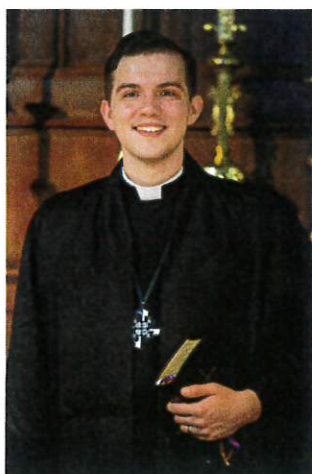


THE ALTON ANGELUS

October 2026

The Reverend Garron C. Daniels, Rector XXVII

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



From the Rector...

It's been a busy few months at the Episcopal Parish of Alton. After so much celebrating this summer, many of our parishioners, committees, and guilds took a much-needed break in August and September. Now that Fall is fast approaching, we are back in action! In this addition of the *Angelus*, you will find many opportunities for fellowship, study, worship, and service. My hope is that you will find an opportunity to engage with our Parish, not only on Sundays, but throughout the week as well.

Unfortunately, I have to use part of my Rector's letter to reiterate my deepest sorrow that we still haven't regained our beloved St. Francis copper statue. As many of you know, this statue was hammered copper made by the late Hillis Arnold, a renowned St. Louis artist. This statue has stood in St. Paul's Garden for nearly five decades. On the weekend of September 12-13 it was stolen. The cry for help and support has reached far and wide across our region with three different TV channels interviewing me for the story, a story published on Tiktok, the story picked up by a Spanish Channel, and at least three local journalists writing about the incident. Even a \$2,000 reward was raised by parishioners and community supporters for its safe return. Unfortunately, with no leads and follow up, we must face the reality that our beloved statue is gone. An insurance claim has been filed and follow up is occurring to see what artists may be able to create a new rendition of St. Francis that pays homage to what we once had.



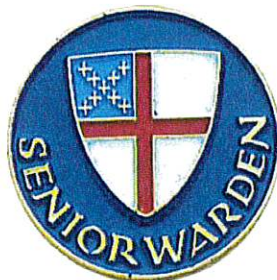
In all the chaos of the missing statue, I can't help but remember the Gospel for the Sunday in which it was found missing. The Gospel message was Matthew 18:21-35 that talked about the never-ending forgiveness of God and that we too are called to do the same. While we may feel anger and hurt, our calling is to love and forgive. So I say, with hurt in my heart still, that I love and forgive those who stole our statue. I love them and Christ loves them. I pray for them and I hope their hearts turn towards God and embrace reconciliation. It's a hard lesson

for us, but no one said the Gospel would be easy.

As Fall approaches and you read through the *Angelus*, take a moment to pause and thank God for the many blessings that do continue to happen here in the Parish. While the loss of our statue is unfortunate, the blessings of God are still amongst us. May we give thanks to the Almighty and praise his holy name for the life we get to live together and this place we get to call our sacred home.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Garron+
Rector XXVII

From the Senior Warden...



The Prayer at the Heart of the Eucharist

Scripture, the Ancient Church, and Rite 1

When we celebrate the Holy Eucharist according to Rite I of the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, we are praying words that belong to a remarkably long Christian inheritance. The language may sound distinctly Anglican—“thee,” “thou,” “vouchsafe,” and “oblation”—but beneath those familiar cadences lies something much older. The Eucharistic Prayer is woven from Holy Scripture, the worship of the earliest Christians, the theological reflections of the Church Fathers, the medieval Western liturgy, the English Reformation, the Scottish Episcopal tradition, and more than two centuries of American Episcopal worship.

Rite I provides two forms of the Great Thanksgiving. This article focuses principally on **Eucharistic Prayer I, beginning on page 333 of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer**, because it stands in the most direct continuity with the historic American Prayer Book Eucharistic tradition.

Before There Was a Prayer Book, There Was Scripture

The foundation of every Eucharistic Prayer is the action of Jesus at the Last Supper. Matthew, Mark, and Luke recount Jesus taking bread, giving thanks, breaking it, and giving it to his disciples as his Body. He likewise takes the cup and identifies it with his Blood and the covenant. St. Paul gives us an even earlier written witness in 1 Corinthians 11:23–26, concluding that whenever Christians eat the bread and drink the cup, they proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. From these passages comes the heart of the Eucharistic action: **take, bless, break, give, remember, proclaim, and await Christ’s coming.**

Yet the prayer reaches far beyond the Upper Room. Isaiah and Revelation give us the *Sanctus*, “Holy, holy, holy.” Psalm 118 and the Gospel accounts of Palm Sunday give us the *Benedictus* and Hosanna. Hebrews supplies the language of Christ’s once-for-all sacrifice. Romans gives the Church the language of offering ourselves as a “living sacrifice.” First Corinthians describes the bread and cup as participation in Christ’s Body and Blood and teaches that those who share the one bread become one body.

The result is not simply a prayer with occasional Bible verses inserted into it. The entire theological structure of the prayer is biblical.

What happens in the Rite I Great Thanksgiving

We lift our hearts and give thanks to God

Earthly worship joins the worship of heaven

We sing “Holy, holy, holy”

Principal biblical foundation

Lam. 3:41; Eph. 5:20; 1 Thess. 5:18

Isa. 6:1–3; Heb. 12:22–24; Rev. 4:8; 5:11–14

Isa. 6:3; Rev. 4:8

What happens in the Rite I Great Thanksgiving

We bless the One who comes in the Lord's name

We remember the Father's gift of his Son

Christ's sacrifice is understood as once offered for sin

The Last Supper is recounted

The cup is connected with the New Covenant

We remember Christ's Passion, Resurrection,
and Ascension

The Holy Spirit is invoked over the gifts and communicants

Bread and cup are participation in Christ

The Church offers a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving

We offer ourselves to God

Those receiving are prayed to become one body in Christ

Christ dwells in us and we in him

The prayer concludes in Trinitarian praise

The Great Thanksgiving leads into the Lord's Prayer

The familiar Rite I declaration that Christ's sacrifice was offered **once** is particularly important. The Eucharist does not repeat Calvary. Hebrews insists that Christ offered himself once for all. The Church therefore remembers—or, more precisely, makes *anamnesis* of—that saving act, receives its sacramental grace, offers praise and thanksgiving, and then offers **ourselves** to God as the “living sacrifice” described in Romans 12:1.

From the Apostles to the Fathers

The generation immediately after the apostles did not possess a *Book of Common Prayer*, but recognizable Eucharistic patterns appeared very early.

The **Didache**, probably dating from the late first or early second century, contains prayers of thanksgiving over the cup and broken bread. Particularly striking is its prayer that, as scattered grain became one loaf, the Church might likewise be gathered into God's Kingdom. Its Eucharistic spirituality is both communal and eschatological: the Church gives thanks while awaiting the Lord's coming.

Around the middle of the second century, **St. Justin Martyr** gives us one of the earliest detailed descriptions of Sunday Christian worship. Christians gather; Scripture is read; instruction is given; prayers and the Peace follow; bread, wine, and water are brought forward; the presider offers thanksgiving to the Father through the Son and Holy Spirit; the people respond “Amen”; and the Eucharist is distributed. Justin also connects this worship explicitly with Christ's command at the Last Supper.

By the early third century, the document traditionally associated with **St. Hippolytus of Rome**, the *Apostolic Tradition*, preserves a model Eucharistic prayer. Modern scholars debate exactly how much of the work can be attributed directly to Hippolytus, so it would be too simple to call him the author of our Eucharistic Prayer. Nevertheless, the document

Principal biblical foundation

Ps. 118:26; Matt. 21:9

John 3:16; 1 John 4:9–10

Heb. 7:27; 9:24–28; 10:10–14; 1 John 2:2

Matt. 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–
20; 1 Cor. 11:23–26

Exod. 24:8; Jer. 31:31–34; Luke 22:20;
1 Cor. 11:25

1 Cor. 11:26; 15:3–4; Acts 1:9–11

John 6:63; Rom. 15:16; 1 Cor. 6:11; 12:13

John 6:56; 1 Cor. 10:16–17

Ps. 50:14; 116:17; Heb. 13:15

Rom. 12:1

1 Cor. 10:17; 12:12–27; Eph. 4:4

John 6:56; 15:4–5

Rom. 11:36; Eph. 3:20–21

Matt. 6:9–13; Luke 11:2–4

preserves an ancient pattern that remains readily recognizable: thanksgiving for God's saving work, the Institution Narrative, remembrance of Christ, offering, invocation of the Holy Spirit, and concluding praise.

St. Cyprian of Carthage, writing in the third century, gives us another striking connection. He refers explicitly to the priest's exhortation *Sursum Corda* – "Lift up your hearts" – and to the people's response that their hearts are lifted to the Lord. We continue that same dialogue at the beginning of every Great Thanksgiving.

Perhaps the most remarkable family resemblance comes from St. Cyril of Jerusalem in the fourth century. His Mystagogical Catacheses describe a Eucharistic liturgy containing the *Sursum Corda*, thanksgiving, the angelic *Sanctus*, invocation of the Holy Spirit, intercessions for the Church, the Lord's Prayer, and Holy Communion.

These Fathers should therefore be understood as witnesses and shapers of the Eucharistic tradition rather than the direct authors of our Prayer Book text. Their writings demonstrate that the fundamental architecture of the Eucharistic Prayer reaches back into the worship of the ancient Church.

Cranmer and the First Book of Common Prayer

As Western Christianity developed, the Eucharistic Prayer took shape within the Roman liturgical tradition and, in medieval England, through local uses such as that associated with Salisbury, commonly called the **Sarum Use**.

Then came Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury and principal architect of the first English *Book of Common Prayer* in 1549.

Cranmer did not invent an English Communion service. He inherited the Western Catholic tradition, drew deeply from Scripture, consulted older liturgical forms, and was influenced by the theological debates of the Reformation. His 1549 Eucharistic Canon retained the *Sursum Corda* and *Sanctus* and included an invocation asking God through his Holy Spirit and Word to bless and sanctify the bread and wine.

The 1552 revision significantly altered the Communion service. Among other changes, the invocation over the bread and wine disappeared and portions of the oblation were relocated. The English Prayer Book tradition that eventually reached the 1662 *BCP* therefore differed from the fuller Eucharistic structure found in 1549.

The story might have ended there – except for Scotland.

Scotland, Samuel Seabury, and the American Eucharistic Prayer

The Scottish Episcopal Church preserved and developed a somewhat different Anglican Eucharistic tradition. Its Communion Office restored features associated both with Cranmer's 1549 rite and with ancient Eastern Eucharistic prayers, particularly the oblation and epiclesis, the invocation of the Holy Spirit. This became decisive for American Episcopalians because of Samuel Seabury.

After the American Revolution, Seabury was elected Bishop of Connecticut. Because English bishops could not consecrate him without the political oaths then required by law, he traveled to Scotland and was consecrated by Scottish Episcopal bishops in Aberdeen in 1784. Seabury returned to America profoundly influenced by the Scottish Communion Office. The Scottish Eucharistic tradition influenced his own Communion Office and, eventually, the first American *Book of Common Prayer* of 1789.

The American Eucharistic Prayer restored both a strong **oblation**—the Church's offering of praise, thanksgiving, and itself—and an **epiclesis**, invoking God's sanctifying action through the Holy Spirit. These became distinctive features of American Episcopal Eucharistic worship.

That Scottish-American inheritance remains audible every time we pray Rite I Eucharistic Prayer I.

In simplified form, the historical line looks like this:



Holy Scripture → Apostolic and ancient Christian worship → the developing Western Eucharistic tradition → medieval English worship → Cranmer's 1549 BCP → the Scottish Episcopal Communion Office → Samuel Seabury → the American BCP of 1789 → the American Prayer Books of 1892 and 1928 → Rite I of the 1979 BCP.

Ancient Prayer in an American Prayer Book

Knowing this history changes the way we hear Rite I.

When the priest says, "**Lift up your hearts,**" we are not merely hearing Tudor English. We are participating in a dialogue attested in the Church of St. Cyprian nearly seventeen centuries ago. When we sing "**Holy, holy, holy,**" we are praying with Isaiah, Revelation, the angels, and generations of Christians before us.

When the Last Supper is recounted, we hear the apostolic tradition handed on by St. Paul and the evangelists. When Christ's Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension are remembered, we participate in the ancient Christian *anamnesis*. When the Holy Spirit is invoked, we stand within a Eucharistic tradition deeply rooted in the worship of the ancient Church.

When we offer "**ourselves, our souls and bodies,**" the liturgy takes us directly into Romans 12:1. Receiving Christ at the altar is meant to produce a life offered back to God. And when we receive Holy Communion, the Eucharistic Prayer reaches the purpose toward which it has been moving all along: **communion—Christ in us, and we in Christ.** That may be one of the greatest lessons hidden inside Rite I. Its language is old, but its faith is older still.

The Eucharistic Prayer belongs neither to Cranmer nor Seabury alone, neither to Canterbury nor Scotland, neither to 1789 nor 1979. Each generation has received, translated, ordered, and handed on what the Church first received from Christ himself: bread taken, thanksgiving offered, bread broken, cup shared, Christ remembered, his death proclaimed, his risen presence received, and his coming Kingdom awaited. Every Sunday at the altar, the Church does not merely remember her history.

She steps into it.

For Further Reading

The *Didache* One of the earliest Christian writings outside the New Testament. Chapters 9–10 preserve early prayers of thanksgiving over the cup and broken bread and reveal how closely Eucharist, unity, thanksgiving, and expectation of Christ's coming were connected.

St. Justin Martyr, *First Apology*, Chapters 65–67 Written in the second century, Justin provides one of the earliest detailed descriptions of Christian Sunday worship, including Scripture, prayer, Eucharistic thanksgiving, the people's "Amen," Communion, and ministry to the absent.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, *Mystagogical Catecheses* These fourth-century teachings to the newly baptized contain a remarkably recognizable description of the Eucharistic liturgy, including the *Sursum Corda*, *Sanctus*, invocation of the Holy Spirit, intercessions, Lord's Prayer, and Communion.

The 1549 *Book of Common Prayer* Thomas Cranmer's first English Prayer Book preserves a fuller Eucharistic Canon than later English revisions and is an essential source for understanding the development of Anglican Eucharistic theology.

Samuel Seabury and the Scottish Communion Office Seabury, the first bishop of the American Episcopal Church, was consecrated in Scotland in 1784. His encounter with the Scottish Eucharistic tradition helped bring the oblation and invocation of the Holy Spirit into the American Prayer Book tradition that ultimately shaped Rite I Eucharistic Prayer I.

Robbie Cupp

From the Organ Loft



It's that time of the year again. Summer is past and music rehearsals are about to resume at St. Paul's. I want to welcome anyone that might be interested in participating with us to 'make music' for our worship services.

As of now, we don't have enough participants to hold bell choir practice, so unless we get a few more willing 'hands' I will be postponing bells until a later date. Choir practice will begin on Thursday, October 1st. In the past, we held choir at 5:00 p.m. This may not be a feasible time if we have new people wanting to participate that have conflicting schedules. On the flip side, we have members that would rather begin rehearsal at 4:00 p.m. due to the days getting shorter and possible deteriorating weather.

So folks, if you would like to join our music team, send me a text (618-530-3697) or an email: brierbankfarm@juno.com and let me know what works for your schedule! I always want to be as accommodating as possible for everyone's time frame, but also realize that there will undoubtedly be issues that arise. We are a small group and need your talent!

The music office is now 'stocked' with files of anthems and organ music. There is still filing and organizing to be done. Much of the music in the organ loft will also be relocated upstairs to the office.

A bit of exciting news! St. Paul's is receiving a beautiful studio grand piano through a donation from Bill and Dottie Bowen of St. Charles, MO. It is in excellent condition with a lovely cherry wood case. Plans are for the electronic keyboard (that was originally in the organ loft) to move into Heneghan Hall. This will give us an extra practice space when the sanctuary is either too hot or too cold so as not to run the AC or heat during extreme temperatures.

Plans are underway for: Synod in October, November Evensongs, Lessons and Carols in December, and of course Christmas Eve. Please come join us!

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. Luke - Monday, October 19th



St. Luke the Evangelist was a physician and companion of Paul in the early missionary journeys of the church. Tradition credits him as the author of both the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, written in Greek so that Gentiles might come to know the story of Jesus. He includes parables and miracles not found elsewhere, highlighting Christ's compassion and healing power. Luke is said to have remained with Paul until his death in Rome. Honored as the patron saint of physicians and artists, Luke is also remembered in Orthodox tradition as the first iconographer, bearing witness in word and image to the love of Christ.

SYNOD Mass - The Feast of St. James of Jerusalem - Friday, October 23rd - 5:30 p.m. at St. Paul's

St. James of Jerusalem is known in scripture as the Lord's brother – though tradition variously describes him as brother, half-brother, or cousin of Jesus. "James the Just" lived a life of prayer, simplicity, and holiness, and was deeply revered for his intercession on behalf of his people. His bold witness to Jesus as Messiah, however, provoked opposition. Honored as both apostle and martyr, James is remembered for his wisdom, his reconciling spirit, and his steadfast faith unto death.



All Hallows' Eve - Saturday, October 31st - 4:30 p.m. at St. Paul's



This was the eve of Samhain, a pagan Celtic celebration of the beginning of winter and the first day of the new year. A time of ingathering of the harvest and the approach of winter apparently provided a reminder of human mortality. Souls of the dead were said to return to their homes and bonfires were set on hilltops to frighten away evil spirits. Samhain was a popular festival at the time when the British Isles were converted to Christianity. The Church "adopted" this time of celebration for Christian use by observing *All Saints' Day* on November 1st, and *All Hallows' Eve* on the evening of October 31st.

Synod Volunteers Needed

We are blessed to host the 149th Synod of the Episcopal Diocese of Springfield. **We still need several more volunteers to help on Friday, October 23rd, and Saturday, October 24th, to be tellers and greeters.** If you are interested, please email Fr. Garron and the office. We appreciate your help and support!

Synod Planning Committee

Rector's Presentation: 2027 Sewanee Retreat and Icon Workshop

Join us during coffee hour at St. Paul's on Sunday, October 18th, for a presentation about our Fall 2027 Retreat to Sewanee, TN, and our upcoming Iconography workshop course in Spring 2027 where we will learn to write icons!

Both of these events in 2027 are HUGE for our Parish and serve as great opportunities to engage in some prayer-filled practices. We hope you will join us!

United Thank Offering (UTO) Being Collected

The Fall UTO is now being collected and a gift will be taken to Synod on October 23-24th, however, collections will be ongoing through November 22nd, and a final check will be sent to the Diocesan UTO Coordinator at that time. A letter will be forthcoming that provides additional details on giving to this important ministry. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and generosity in giving what you can to make a difference in the lives of others.

Mary Molloy, EPA UTO Coordinator

Picture Directory Underway

The Public Relations/Publicity committee is starting work on a future picture directory. This is going to hopefully be a fun project with all parishioners sending in their favorite picture of themselves, family, or with their animals – however you want to be remembered in the directory! The committee will have final say on all pictures and if one doesn't work, we will ask for another.

If you do not have a special shot, the committee will be happy to take one for you. Also, please send your pictures from any of our activities this year if you think they would be a good remembrance. **All pictures must be submitted by October 31st.** Send pictures to: EPAPhoto2016@gmail.com

Thank you for helping to make this a directory to remember!

Public Relations/Publicity committee

Sister Parish: Fieles A Jesus, Matanzas Cuba



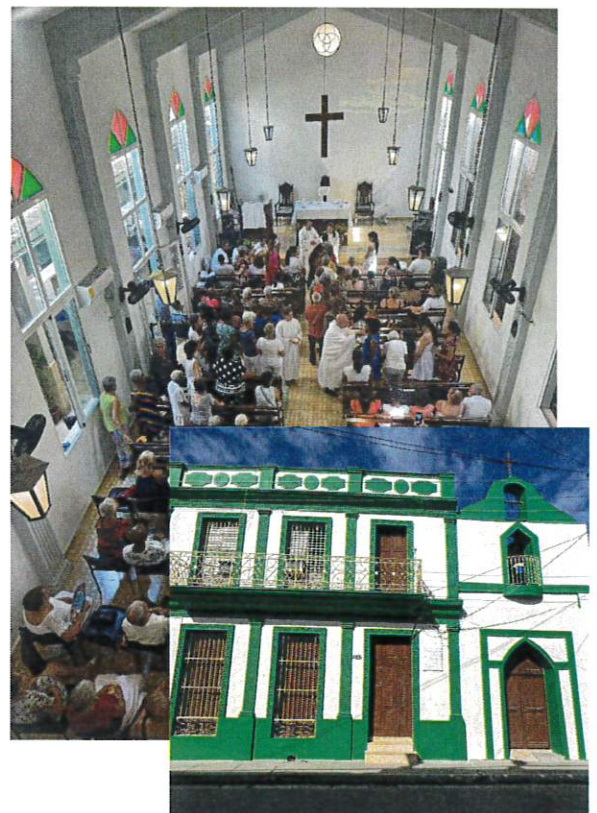
With the support of the Friends of the Episcopal Church of Cuba, the blessing of Cuba Bishop Angel Rivera, the blessing of our very own Bishop Brian Burgess, and the consent of the Vestry, the Episcopal Parish of Alton has formed a partnership with Fieles a Jesus in Matanzas, Cuba. Established in 1883, the parish is the first non-Roman Catholic Church in Cuba and the first Episcopal Church in Cuba. Fieles a Jesus is led by The Rev. Gilberto Caballero Elizalde.

With the generosity of our Parish, donations totaling over \$650 were used to provide over two hundred pounds of food and supplies to Parish Fieles a Jesus that included: coffee, eggs, toilet paper, rice, beans, powdered milk, meat, butter, toothpaste, tooth brushes, cooking oil, and so much more.

Fr. Gilberto has distributed many of the items to twelve different elderly parishioners who he identified as desperately needing the extra support. The remaining food and supplies were kept at the Church for the wider community to use. Father Gilberto had said that this help is, “an immense blessing” to his people and that he warmly welcomes the partnership.

Throughout the year, the Office along with the help of the Evangelism & Outreach Commission will put out pleas for support for our sister parish. I encourage you to give what you can so that we may provide food and supplies to the people of Cuba. Checks can be made out to the “Episcopal Parish of Alton” with the memo stating, “Cuba”. We are additionally working on an online option for Realm and will let people know when that is up and running.

In the future, we hope to travel to Cuba to give more direct support. With the current tensions between the United States and Cuba, it is wise to wait for a while before taking any form of mission trip there.



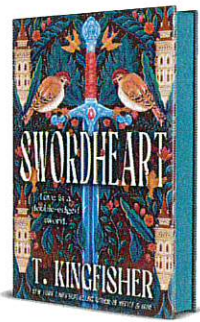
Should you want to follow the Cuban Parish outside of our newsletter updates, you can add them as a friend on Facebook. Just search, “Fieles A Jesus Matanzas” and they should pop up as the first choice with the Church being the profile picture. Just send a “friend request” and it will be accepted shortly after.

I’m excited for this partnership and hopeful that both of our Churches can benefit from one another in prayer and support!

Fr. Garron+

Twilight Tome Society sets October Review

The Twilight Tome Society (fantasy book club) gets together on Monday, October 26th, at 6:30 p.m. We hope you will join us in St. Paul’s conference room for our lively discussion, fellowship and refreshments! And, in the meantime, enjoy reading *Swordheart* by T. Kingfisher for review in October.



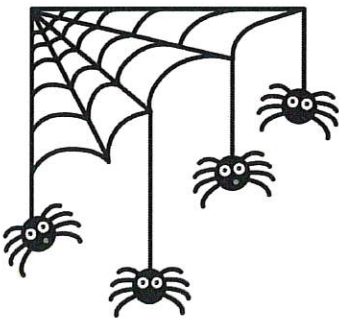
Halla has unexpectedly inherited the estate of a wealthy uncle. Unfortunately, she is also saddled with money-hungry relatives full of devious plans for how to wrest the inheritance away from her.

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

Costumes Encouraged, but Not Required



Our Annual Chili Supper will again take place before the Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 31st, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The cost this year will be \$12/adult and \$6/child under 10. Corn bread has been added to the menu this year.

If you have not already been contacted, please expect a call from someone contacting parishioners for donations of two gallons of chili and/or two pies. They will also be asking about your availability to help with set-up, serving, or clean-up after the event. Any questions should be directed to Sandy Gottlob, chairman, 618.960.8109, or Verla Moyer, volunteer coordinator, 618.920.2300.

Sandy Gottlob



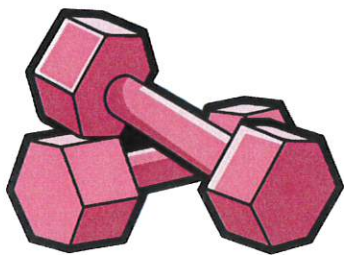
Bellefontaine Trolley Tour

Join us for a special trolley tour through Bellefontaine Cemetery and Arboretum on Sunday, October 11th, at 1:00 p.m. This tour will focus on the arboretum parts of Bellefontaine which include the gardens, natural areas, and tree collections. Bellefontaine is currently a level III arboretum, the first in Missouri to achieve this prestigious accreditation and a distinction now shared by over 50 arboreta of this caliber worldwide. With nearly 10,000 trees and more than 600 species and varieties, the grounds of the cemetery are a testament to their dedication to plant conservation and display. Considered a St. Louis botanical garden in its own right, Bellefontaine is committed to being a peaceful urban green space.

The tour is free, but spots are limited to 24. To sign up, please email Ann in the office at episcopalalton@gmail.com or call the church office at 618-465-9149. Let us know how many are planning to attend. More details will be given to those who sign up.

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Second Saturdays: Healthy Living for a Holy Life



The next Second Saturday class will be held on Saturday, October 10th, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Heneghan Hall. The focus of the exercise will be a seated dumbbell workout. Please wear supportive athletic shoes and loose, comfortable clothing. Join Nathalia Baum, Occupational Therapist and Certified Exercise Physiologist, for this fun workout!

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

The next date for the **Pet Food Pantry** is October 4th. 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 hope to see you from 2:00-4:00 p.m. today for DAWGS 4 PAWS!!

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

We are grateful for the 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, Alton;
St. Peter's Hardware, Alton;
Mississippi Mud Pottery, Alton



Evangelism and Outreach Commission

Plenty Good Room 2027 Pledge Campaign

On Sunday, October 11th, we begin our 2027 Pledge Campaign. Our goal for our 2027 campaign is \$160,000 and we are hopeful that we will not only reach this goal, but surpass it. Our church has seen an incredible amount of growth. Each time someone joins, they say nearly the same thing, "I feel at home here". There is plenty of good room for more growth in the Congregation and the outreach the Parish does in the wider community. There is plenty of good room to grow in love, mercy, and forgiveness that the Gospel calls all people to live by.

In the coming weeks, you will not only receive pledge cards and letters from your Rector and Treasurer, but you will hear stories from parishioners who have joined this Parish over the years and you will hear from them about why they continue to support this place they have called home.

If you do not receive a pledge card by October 14th or if you are new to the parish and we don't have your mailing address, please pick up a pledge envelope in the Office or in the Narthex of St. Paul's or Trinity Chapel. Help us continue to grow our faith and our Church family!



Upcoming meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The next meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be Friday, October 16th, 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

Names needed for Requiem Mass

Each year, the Parish celebrates the All Hallows' Triduum which entails All Hallows' Eve (Oct. 31), All Saints' Day (Nov. 1), and All Souls' Day (Nov. 2). These days celebrate the many people who have lived amongst us and are now saints of heaven. It's also a time where we take a moment to reflect and mourn lives that have been lost and the people we dearly miss.

As part of the All Souls' Day Mass, names of the departed are read aloud. If you would like to add a family member or friend to the list, please email the parish office no later than Monday, October 26th. Any parishioners who have died in the last year will automatically be added to the list.

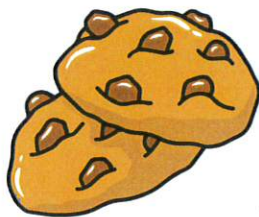
As always, we encourage everyone to attend these services and pray with us as we both mourn and celebrate the many lives that have gone before us.

Fr. Garron+



Notes from Episcopal Church Women

We hope to see all women of the parish at the upcoming meeting on Sunday, October 18th, at 12:15 p.m. at St. Paul's, Education wing. The following are recent and upcoming items we are focused on:



Bake Sale for Dawgs 4 Paws – The ECW is requesting a donation of homemade brownies, and rice krispy treats to sell at the event! We would like the treats wrapped two per package, cut into 3" squares. Please package in plastic baggies so items can be seen. Chocolate chip cookies will also be sold and they are already taken care of. The goodies will be sold for \$2 each or 2 for \$3. Bring your items to St. Paul's on October 3rd or 4th (by Noon) 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.

On Wednesday, September 9th, the ECW organized a group that went to the PINK SISTERS in St. Louis to attend their 5:00 p.m. vesper service. Prayer requests were taken to the Sisters prior to the service in the beautiful chapel. We enjoyed dinner together at DeCaro's when we returned to Alton.

The ECW prepared and served lunch to the North Alton Business Alliance on Tuesday, September 15th, in Heneghan Hall.



Irene McLaughlin

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



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

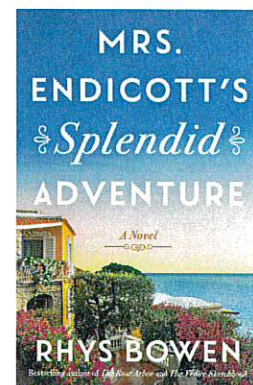
Evangelism and Outreach Commission

'A Novel Bunch' Book Club News

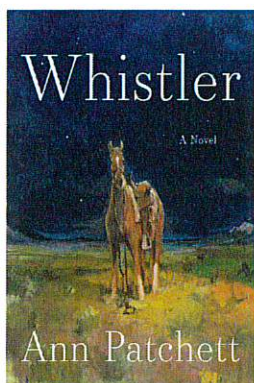
A Novel Bunch book club will meet on Wednesday, October 28th, at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Chapel. We will be discussing *Mrs. Endicott's Splendid Adventure* by Rhys Bowen with fellowship and refreshments!

Blindsided by betrayal in pre-WWII England, a woman charts a daring new course in this captivating tale of resilience, friendship, and new love.

Surrey, England, 1938. After thirty devoted years of marriage, Ellie Endicott is blindsided by her husband's appeal for divorce. It's Ellie's opportunity for change too. The unfaithful cad can have the house. She's taking the Bentley. Ellie, her housekeeper Mavis, and her elderly friend Dora—each needing escape—impulsively head for parts unknown in the South of France.



With the Rhône surging beside them, they have nowhere to be and everywhere to go. Until the Bentley breaks down in the inviting fishing hamlet of Saint Benet. Here, Ellie rents an abandoned villa in the hills, makes wonderful friends among the villagers, and finds herself drawn to Nico, a handsome and enigmatic fisherman. As for unexpected destinations, the simple paradis of Saint Benet is perfect. But fates soon change when the threat of war encroaches. Ellie's second act in life is just beginning—and becoming an adventure she never expected.



The November book selection is *Whistler* by Ann Patchett. We're looking forward to **meeting for our discussion on Wednesday, November 18th, at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Chapel.**

When Daphne Fuller and her husband Jonathan visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art, they notice an older, white-haired gentleman following them. The man turns out to be Eddie Triplett, her former stepfather, who had been married to her mother for a little more than year when Daphne was nine. Now fifty-three, Daphne hasn't seen Eddie for many years, not since the fateful event that changed the direction of both their lives. Meeting again, time falls away; while their relationship was brief, it had a profound impact on them both, and now that they are reunited, they have no intention of ever being separated again.

Whistler is a story about two adults looking back over the choices they made, and the choices that were made for them. It's a story about bravery, memory, the often small yet consequential moments that define our lives, and the endless stream of loss that in time comes for us all. Beautiful in its simplicity, it is ultimately about how love endures, and how the feeling of being known by one other person, even for a short period of time, can change everything.

Mimi Almonroeder

ECM News and Notes



The men of the Parish met on Saturday, September 19th, to primarily discuss the DAWGS 4 PAWS event on Sunday, October 4th. We will need many ECM members to help with this event – especially the set-up and clean-up afterwards.

We will be meeting on a Saturday in October with the time and place to be determined. All men of the Episcopal Parish of Alton are welcome to join our group. 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

Chuck Drennan

EPA Quiet Day: Monastic Wisdom for Daily Living

Our EPA Quiet Day will be at St. Paul's on Saturday, November 7th. Together we will gather from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's 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!



Save the Date: Godly Play Training

Do you have a passion for education? Do you love working with kids and teaching them about the faith? Do you want to see more kids' programs at the EPA?

I am happy to say that I have just the ministry for you! While we are taking a pause on our older youth program until we have adequate volunteers, we are going full steam ahead on programming for kids aged 3-12 years old.

With the support of the Vestry and the Education Commission, we will be starting a new program known as Godly Play. This is a Montessori approach to Christian education and very unique to our immediate area. We believe providing this program will help prepare us for the many new families we continue to welcome into the Church and those who may inquire into the Church.

We will have our very own instructor coming from Wisconsin to teach people about how to do the Godly Play program. The training is in person at St. Paul's and will be held on **November 19-21st**. It will be Thursday night, Friday night, and all day Saturday training. This helps with those who are working during the day who want to still participate. Dinner will be provided for the first two nights and then breakfast and lunch for the last day. Those participating **MUST** go for the entire time of the training.

If you are interested in becoming a teacher for the Godly Play program, please contact me ASAP and be sure to pencil in the dates!

This program is no cost to you, but those desiring to teach or be helpers need to attend the full training and additionally go through background checks and safe church training.

We hope you will join us on this new exciting adventure of our Church!

Fr. Garron+

Saturday Café

Our last scheduled date this year to co-host will be on **November 21st at 1st Presbyterian Church**. Watch for items needed and sign-up sheets for volunteers that will be posted at St. Paul's and Trinity as planning begins for our November date.



Evangelism and Outreach commission

The History and Practice of Reciting the Rosary



Over the course of the last couple of months, praying the Rosary has been introduced into the Episcopal Parish of Alton. There was a service class that was recently held at Trinity Chapel that was dedicated to teaching the Rosary. Also, on August 15th, the Episcopal Parish of Alton established a daily prayer group called The Sodality of Our Lady of Peace. This is a daily prayer group in which a member of the newly formed group prays daily in the church's Our Lady of Peace Chapel in the Narthex of St. Paul's. In short, members of the Sodality Prayer Group gather for the purpose of praying for the peace of the community, the peace of the nation, the peace of the Church, and the peace of the world. We also pray for the peace and needs of any members that are ill, struggling and/or facing any kind of hardship. A portion of the prayers in the Sodality is the reciting of the Rosary. Growing up, I was baptized and educated in the Roman Catholic Church and schools. One common practice was a prayer ritual of reciting the rosary.

The Rosary will be prayed regularly in The Sodality of Our Lady of Peace prayer group and until the recent training session held at Trinity Chapel, I hadn't recited the Rosary since my early high school days some 40+ years ago. Although I remembered most of the gist of it, the refresher was certainly needed and am glad this is being introduced into our parish. Eager to begin reciting the Rosary again on a regular basis, I am hopeful many parishioners will do the same. So, what is the Rosary? The Rosary is a form of Christian prayer that is mostly associated with the Roman Catholic Church, although many other denominational parishes also practice it. Reciting the Rosary combines the repetition of prayers with meditation on important events in the lives of Jesus Christ and Mary, his mother. The Rosary itself is a string of 59 total meticulously placed beads on a string that is entwined into a circle and a drop string or thus something

that looks more like a necklace. There are a total of 54 beads around the circular loop portion which is comprised of five sets of ten beads separated by a slightly larger bead and are referred to as "DECADES". There are five total beads on the "DROP PORTION" of the Rosary. Three are small beads and on the front and back there are two slightly larger beads.

At the end of the drop portion of the Rosary is a small crucifix. Some Rosaries will have a small emblem/pendant of the Virgin Mary that connects at the circular loop necklace part. Most Rosaries are made of a string with wooden, plastic, or a type of metal bead. Other more expensive Rosaries are made from finer materials. The Rosary beads all represent a prayer that needs to be recited on each. The specific prayers that are recited vary among denominations and parishes.

There are four "MYSTERIES" that are prayed for when you are praying the Rosary. These four mysteries are prayed on specific day(s) of the week the Rosary is to be prayed. Each mystery contains five individual items that are to be prayed for on each decade of the Rosary's loop. These mysteries and the individual items within each mystery that are prayed for are as follows:

- The Joyful Mystery (typically prayed on Monday & Saturday): The five items of prayer contained in this mystery to be prayed in the five decades are: The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Nativity, The Presentation and the Finding of Jesus in the Temple.

- The Sorrowful Mystery (typically prayed on Tuesday & Friday): The five items of prayer contained in this mystery to be prayed in the five decades are: The Agony in the Garden, The Scourging at the Pillar, The Crowning with Thorns, The Carrying of the Cross and The Crucifixion and Death.
- The Glorious Mystery (typically prayed on Wednesday & Sunday): The five items of prayer contained in this mystery are: The Resurrection, The Ascension, the Descent of the Holy Spirit, The Assumption of Mary and the Coronation of Mary.
- The Luminous Mystery (typically prayed on Thursday): The five items of prayer contained in this mystery are: The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, The Wedding at Cana, The Proclamation of the Kingdom, The Transfiguration and The Institution of the Eucharist.

Some versions of the Rosary recital are different and vary between denominations and parishes. The actual prayers to be prayed while reciting the Rosary within our parish are as follows:

- Beginning with the Crucifix, the sign of the cross is made and the Apostle's Creed is prayed.
- The next large first bead up from the Crucifix, pray the Our Father (Lord's Prayer).
- The next set of beads are the three smaller beads on which is recited the Hail Mary three times, once for each bead.
- The next larger bead up from the three smaller beads is recited the Glory Be (GLORIA PATRI), or some denominations recite The Fatima Prayer.
- Proceeding to the circular loop of the Rosary, which is the Decades portion of the Rosary: announce the Mystery on the first larger bead and recite the Our Father.
- On the next ten smaller beads is recited the Hail Mary ten times, once for each bead.
- Proceeding to the next larger bead is recite The Glory Be (GLORIA PATRI) and The Fatima Prayer. Repeat the same sequence on each decade of the rosary, completing the five prayerful items contained within each mystery of that day.
- Upon completing the five decades of the Rosary, prayers are ended on the Drop End of the Rosary by reciting the "HAIL HOLY QUEEN PRAYER" and "PRAYER AFTER ROSARY."

Regarding the history of the Rosary, origins date back to as early as 300 A.D. The early origins of Rosary recital began with Hermits and Monks that would recite the Hail Mary as well as other of Jesus' prayers and Psalms up to 150 times daily, while genuflecting during prayers. The first set of Rosaries were made from large strings and even ropes that contained rocks/stones. Some Rosaries were made with large cords and chains. Over the next several centuries the Rosary underwent several changes.

Around the 13th century St. Dominic, who was a founder of the Dominican order, made it his mission to spread the praying of the Rosary around the world and it became a way of praying in the Catholic Church. St. Dominic referred to recital of the Rosary as "A VERY POWERFUL WEAPON AGAINST EVIL."

In the early 1400's, Dominic of Prussia added the Joyful, Glorious and Sorrowful mysteries to the recital of the Rosary. He centered the "DECADES" on the life and times of Jesus and Mary.

In 1917, the Fatima prayer was introduced to the recital portion of the Rosary, which came about as three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal saw a vision of Mary that appeared to them. She invited them to add a short prayer to every decade: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and bring all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of your mercy." This new update to the Rosary is called "The Fatima Prayer."

In 2002, Pope John Paul II instituted the addition of The Luminous Mystery into the recital of the Rosary which focused on epic moments in the life of Jesus when his divinity exploded into ordinary human activities.

Catholics were not the first to pray with beads. While the exact origin of prayer beads is unknown, men and women of many faiths and cultures use beads to pray. In fact, the word bead in English is derived from an Old English word "BEDE" which means prayer. The use of prayer beads almost universally is to allow the person to keep track of the number of prayers that have been said, while at the same time focusing on the deeper meaning of the prayers themselves.

While praying with beads certainly wasn't an original idea, it's a powerful reminder that everything before the coming of Jesus was preparing for that moment and that God yearns to transform everything into something holy, even something as ordinary as a small rope with some beads on it.

SOURCES: WIKIPEDIA, VATICAN VA, DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

Chuck Drennan

A poster for a Crochet Crafting Class. It features a yellow background with illustrations of yarn balls in red, blue, and brown, and a blue crochet hook. The text is centered and includes the class title, a description of the class, the instructor's name, a list of materials needed, and contact information.

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

A poster for a Kid's Night In! event. It features a blue background with a stylized illustration of a child and a bird. The text is bold and colorful, including the event title, theme, activities, and location.

Join us Friday, Oct 9th from 6 - 8pm for

Kid's Night In!

Kindness in Action: Respect and Forgiveness

There will be a scavenger hunt, crafts, and activities focused on our night's theme! Snacks will be provided.

Free for children 5-14
episcopalalton@gmail.com

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
10 E 3rd St., Alton, IL 62002

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 August 31, 2026:

Y-T-D Total Revenue to Budget
Y-T-D Revenue: \$235,434
Budgeted Revenue: \$131,077

Y-T-D Total Expenses to Budget
Y-T-D Expenses: \$195,185
Budgeted Expenses: \$197,513

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Highlighting Faith and Fellowship at the EPA



October Calendar



Thursday, October 1st

11:00 a.m. Publicity committee meeting at St. Paul's

5:00 p.m. Choir practice at St. Paul's

Sunday, October 4th *Nineteenth 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

2:00-4:00 p.m. DAWGS 4 PAWS Third Annual Fundraiser at St. Paul's

Monday, October 5th 5:30 p.m. Safety and Security committee meeting at St. Paul's

Tuesday, October 6th

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, October 7th 6:30 p.m. Education meeting at St. Paul's

Friday, October 9th 6:00-8:00 p.m. Kid's Night In at St. Paul's

Saturday, October 10th 10:00 a.m. Second Saturday's workout at St. Paul's Heneghan Hall

Sunday, October 11th *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

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

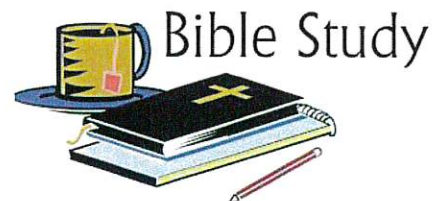
1:00 p.m. Bellefontaine Trolley Tour

Monday, October 12th – *Office Closed, Columbus Day*

Tuesday, October 13th

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, October 15th 10:00 a.m. Finance committee meeting at St. Paul's conference room

Friday, October 16th 7:00 p.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew meeting at Trinity Chapel

Sunday, October 18th *Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*

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

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's – Rector's presentation following the service during coffee hour

12:15 p.m. ECW meeting at St. Paul's

Monday, October 19th 6:00 p.m. *The Feast of St. Luke* at Trinity Chapel

Tuesday, October 20th

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

Friday, October 23rd and Saturday, October 24th

Diocese of Springfield 149th Annual Synod hosted by

Synod meetings held at Bluff City Grill

The Episcopal Parish of Alton

5:30 p.m. (Friday) Synod Mass-*The Feast of St. James of Jerusalem* at St. Paul's

Sunday, October 25th *Twenty-second 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. Crochet Crafting Class at St. Paul's conference room

Monday, October 26th 6:30 p.m. Twilight Tome Society book club at St. Paul's conference room

Tuesday, October 27th

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, October 28th 9:30 a.m. A Novel Bunch book club at Trinity Chapel

Saturday, October 31st

4:30 p.m. *All Hallows' Eve* service

5:00-7:00 p.m. Chili Supper at St. Paul's



Sunday, November 1st *All Saints' Sunday*

**** Daylight Saving Time Ends ****

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

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

Monday, November 2nd 6:00 p.m. *All Souls' Requiem Mass* 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.**



FALL BACK

SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR

Time....to Set Your Clocks Back!

Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 1st, so be sure to set your clocks back ONE HOUR Saturday night, October 31st, before going to bed!



October Birthdays

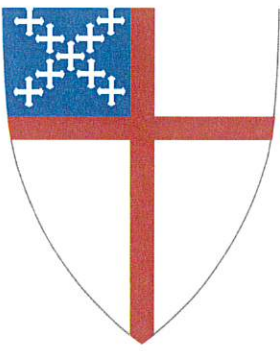
01 Jeff Dunnagan
04 Marynell Eastman
04 D-Ann Kimbro
09 Tom Wrausmann
12 Alyssa Eagleton
13 Marti LoRusso
14 Sue Goers
15 Dorothy Wrausmann
24 Julie Cook
25 Elias Silkwood
26 Vivian Monckton



November Birthdays

02 Tom Guccione
03 Angela Donohoo
04 Tom Harris
04 Eric Walton
05 Dereck
06 Ryan Sever
13 Alberto Caballero
14 Harold Green
30 Ron Downey





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

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Mimi Almonroeder

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Tiffany McAlister

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

* Indicates lead person



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

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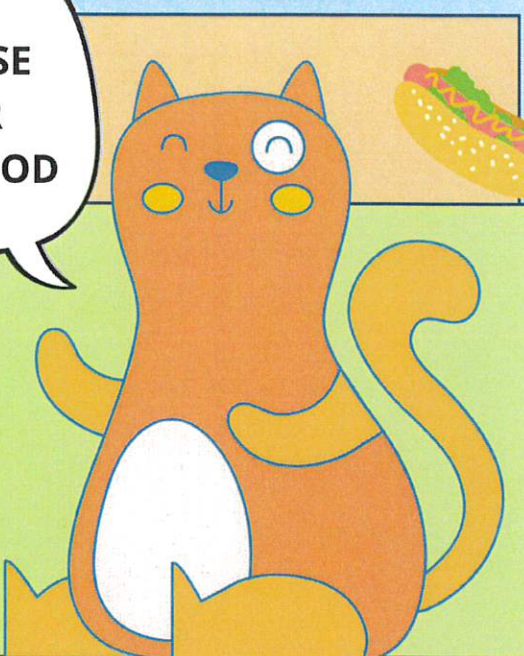
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

5PM ~ 7PM



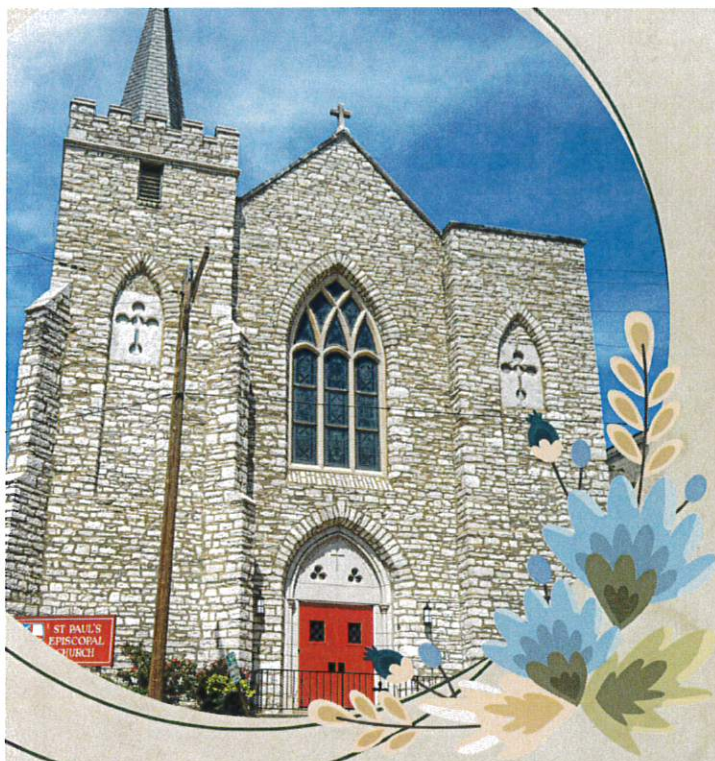
Chili, Dessert, & Drink

\$12 per adult ~ \$6 per child under 10

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10 E. 3rd St., Alton, IL**





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:

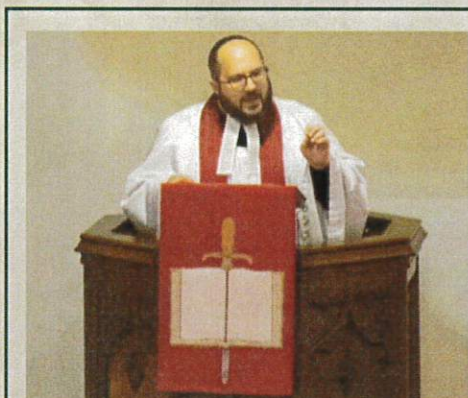
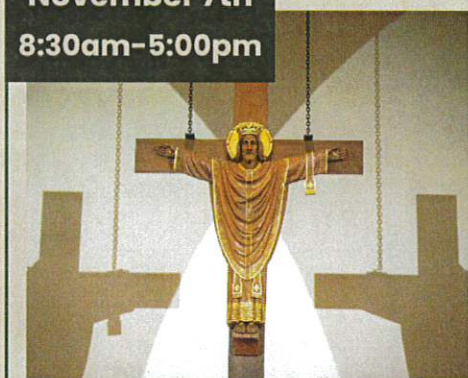
- The rhythm of Daily Office Prayer
- Three Lectures on Monasticism
- Time for silence, prayer, and rest
- Time for the Rite of Reconciliation
- Coffee, breakfast items, snacks, and Lunch will be provided during the day.

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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3rd St, Alton, IL

April 26th to 30th, 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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Episcopal Parish of Alton



ALLHALLOWTIDE

WORSHIP & EVENT SCHEDULE

All Hallows' Eve Service

Sat Oct 31st @4:30pm at St Paul's

Halloween Chili Supper

Sat Oct 31st @5pm-7pm at St Paul's

All Saints' Sunday

Sun Nov 1st

8:15am at Trinity Chapel

10:30am at St Paul's w/ Holy Baptism

All Souls' Requiem Mass

Mon Nov 2nd @6:00pm at St Paul's

