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May  
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Not hearers only, but doers of the Word!



ST. PAUL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## A Note from Tom

I recently saw a new lapel pin being developed ahead of this month's General Convention in Louisville, KY. The pin reads, "The Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes, charting new waters October 2024". The words are inscribed over rolling waves:



This month's convention is shaping up to be an historic occasion for the Episcopal Church. First, the juncture of our two dioceses will (likely) be approved and our seven-year journey will finally be completed (technically, we will not become a new diocese until our diocesan convention in Mt. Pleasant in October). Second, we will be electing a new presiding bishop. Bishop Michael Curry's nine-year term will conclude, and one of five candidates will be elected. Although it saddens me to see Bishop Curry retire, it is very much in keeping with our church's governance, founded by the same principles as our own American Government. Third, there will be a contested election for the president of the House of Deputies. This is unusual as incumbent presidents are normally re-elected without opposition.

And St. Paul's will be well-represented at this year's convention. Elizabeth Jordan and I will both serve as deputies to the convention. TaMara Oertel will be in attendance as a winner of the National Altar Guild Association scholarship (see p 7), and Erynn Ford will be attending a youth mission trip to Louisville during convention week.

But it will be a bittersweet convention for sure, for as we say hello to a new Episcopal diocese, we will also say goodbye to Bishop Curry, who will surely go down in history among the finest of American preachers. I close therefore, with what is perhaps his most memorable line:

We must discover the power of love, the redemptive power of love, and when we do that we will make of this old world...a new world.

With every blessing...

Tom+

## HOLLY'S NOTES

As most of you are aware, my mother passed away April 1. Which made me think about, "What is a life well lived?"

Is it riches, travel, education, family? Or is it an attitude of life? Is my glass ½ full or ½ empty?

I can answer that for myself my glass is almost always ½ full. My father has the same attitude as did my paternal grandmother. My mother firmly believed in the following:

*Matthew 6:19-20* **19** "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. **20** But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Her glass on earth was always ½ empty.

Her favorite song was, "In the Garden" written by Ed Bruce

*I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses  
And He walks with me  
And He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known  
He speaks and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing  
And He walks with me  
And He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known  
I stayed in the garden with Him  
Though the night all around me is falling  
But He bids me go, through the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling  
And He walks with me  
And He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known  
None other has ever known*



I found that for many of you, this was your mom's favorite song too. Nothing brings your faith and your beliefs more into your mind than when we lose someone.

My wish is for all that we live a life well lived, whether it be long or short, and that you find joy in this life, and that you live a life well lived.

[Mahalia Jackson - I Come To The Garden Alone](#)



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Holly Richardson, Director of Music



# ART WALK



Students from Mrs. Perrault and Mrs. Lathangue's art classes are happy to be included in the May Flint Art Walk this year. We are showcasing the work from several students in our 2D and 3D classes. Work on display are examples of students exploring charcoal, pencil, acrylic, and clay. They've had a great school year engaging with different mediums, challenging themselves with new techniques, and learning new applications and approaches working with these new tools.

## MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

*Rubato* was formed in 2019 and is dedicated to entertaining and educating audiences on a wide variety of music from all genres. In addition to performing existing works and commissioning new repertoire for their unique ensemble, the trio also transcribes and arranges works written for other instruments to perform. *Rubato*'s repertoire ranges from jazz to classical to music of other cultures and modern works, and their performances are infused with musicality, expressive playing and energy. The joy the musicians get from making music together is reflected through their conversational music style and interactive playing, which engages audiences of all ages.

*Rubato* founding member, flutist and Artistic Director **Mary Procopio** has been an active performer, educator, clinician and adjudicator throughout Michigan and New York. She was flutist, founder, and Artistic Director of the *London Trio*, a group that performed throughout Michigan as part of the Michigan Arts and Humanities Touring Program,

Saxophonist **Dirk Nieuwenhuis** has been an active performer throughout Michigan as a soloist and ensemble member in both jazz and classical ensembles. His jazz trio, *Moments Notice*, played throughout the Greater Flint area for various jazz and community events.

Pianist **Pat Cronley** joined *Rubato* in 2022 and has been a professional musician since age sixteen. While in high school Pat studied piano with Larry MacDonald, and credits that experience as the most influential of his musical career. While his main focus is jazz, Pat's unique pianistic approach lends itself to many styles.

# Capital Campaign

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2*

As many of you may know, the vestry has begun work on a Capital Campaign. We have been struggling with an old heating and cooling system that no longer can be maintained with repairs. Goyette Mechanical Co. has been trying to keep the old system functioning but it is becoming more difficult and they have advised us to think about a replacement.

When considering a capital campaign, you first need to establish a committee. Members of the congregation have applied to be part of this work. The vestry has approved the following members; George Gibson and Barbara Mannor as co-chairs, Joel Arnold, Becky Bennett, Jan Bugbee, John Cherry, Maggie Hart, TaMara Oertel.

Next we need to have someone to guide us in undertaking a feasibility study and connecting with the Flint community for funding. The committee is looking at a possible candidate for this role. We also will be contacting architectural firms for a building assessment.

This evaluation will address structural needs as well as energy efficient systems to heat and cool the building. We then will be able to establish the monetary goal for the campaign.

What can I do as a parishioner? First thing is your prayers. We are undertaking a journey that is unfolding as we move forward. We need the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Please ask questions so you can be supportive of this project. Besides the amount that the congregation raises, we will be looking for grants and outside organizations to help with the funding. As we continue to look for ways to serve the Flint community, we want to have a safe and functional building for our guests.

In the next few weeks, St Paul's members will be asked for suggestions of things you think should be included in the campaign. The committee envisions a plan for St Paul's vitality by looking at projects that we need to address now and in the future.

As we say in the post communion prayer, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord with gladness and singleness of heart. Amen

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Mannor



## Vestry Announcement

At a special meeting on March 27, 2024 the Vestry voted unanimously to elect The Rev. Tom Manney as our Rector beginning on the anniversary of his contract with us, which is next month.

Currently his contractual title is 'Priest in Charge'. With that title a contract is renewed each year. Being elected Rector means there is no end date on his contract. In either case, a yearly Mutual Ministry Review will help the Vestry and Rector reflect on the previous years goals and aspirations, and to work toward the future.

We congratulate Tom and look forward to working together in the future for St. Paul's.

With faithfulness,

Your Vestry,

Joel Arnold - Junior Warden

Heather Meyer-Gagnon

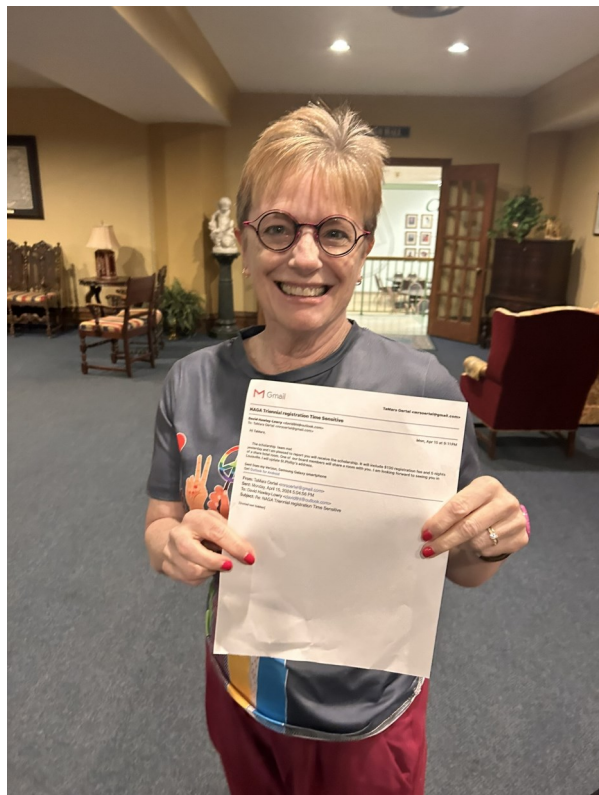
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Tina Morrison

TaMara Oertel - Senior Warden

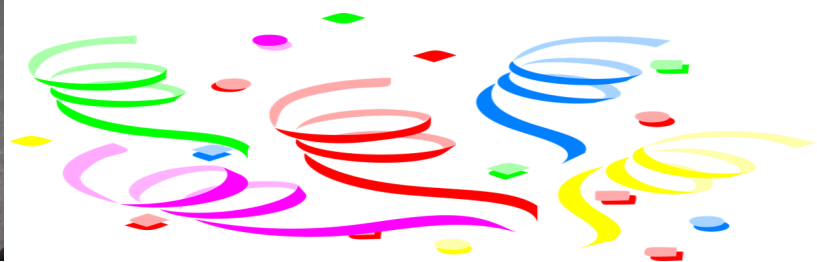
Karen Schafer

Celeste Timlin-Lord



## Congratulations!

"Congratulations to TaMara Oertel who won the prestigious National Altar Guild Association scholarship for 2024. TaMara will be travelling to Louisville, KY this summer to study Altar Guild Theory and Practice. Congratulations, TaMara!"



# Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mike Farver, Lanie Nix, and Rayna Hauter, who were all formally received into the Episcopal Church by Bishop Skip Adams last month at St. Dunstan's in Davison!



Terence Whitehead



**American  
Red Cross**

## BLOOD DRIVE

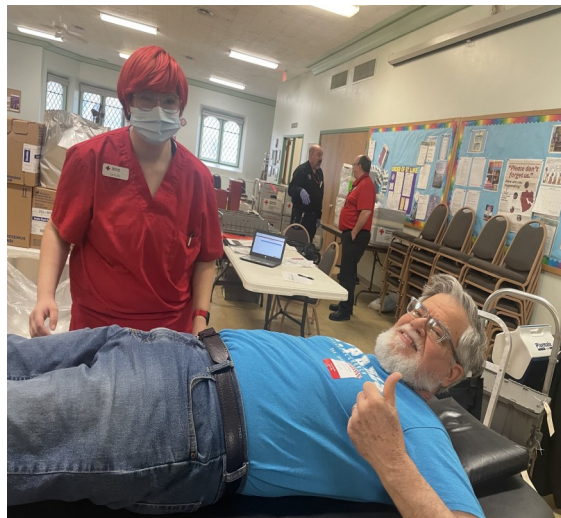
Thanks to all who came  
and participated on April  
12, 2024.



Holly Richardson



Mary Mitchell-Beren



David Taylor



Karen Schaefer



# Friendly Reminders!



**Grand Blanc Lanes**

Proceeds benefit 

**Friday, May 3, 2024**  
(6:00 pm Check In)  
**6:30 pm Start**

2nd Annual  
**Family Promise of Mid Michigan**  
*Bowl-O-Rama*

**50/50 Silent Auction**

**2 Games & Shoes**

plus  
**1 Pizza & 1 Pitcher Pop Per Lane**

*(based on 4 bowlers per lane)*

**Sponsor Details:**  
**Event Sponsor—\$500** Includes Recognition on Website/Social Media, Recognition on Event poster and all print material at the event.  
 \*\*2 Five-person teams for event 2.5x4' sponsor banner  
**Team Sponsor—\$350** Includes Recognition on the Website and Social Media, Recognition on the Event poster and all print material at the event.  
 \*\*One five-person team for event 2.5 x4' sponsor banner  
**Lane Sponsor—\$100** Includes Recognition on the Website and Social Media, print materials at the event, and 11x17 Lane Signage on the day of the event.

Family Promise of Mid Michigan is a program serving families facing a housing crisis. Our promise is more than just shelter. Care includes prevention, diversion, shelter, stabilization, and community services to help families transition from a temporary housing crisis into a sustainable living situation.

 Scan to Register

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  Cell  Home  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Team Members Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Turn In to FPMM by April 26, 2024  
 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact information** Family Promise of Mid Michigan | PO Box 4519, Flint, MI 48504 | 810.234.9444

**\$30**  
per person!

Friday, May 3, 2024  
6:00 pm Registration  
6:30 pm Bowling Begins

**Grand Blanc Lanes**  
5301 S. Saginaw St. Flint, MI 48507

**Lane Sponsorship \$350!**

Includes:  
2.5'x4' Sponsor Banner  
1 lane for 1 team  
(up to five bowlers)

GET YOUR GLOVES ON, AND  
GLADDEN YOUR SPIRITS!

Glad Spirits of St. Paul's



Cloister Photo by Father Tom Manney

**Saturday, May 4, 2023**



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*A Church with Heart in the Heart of the City*

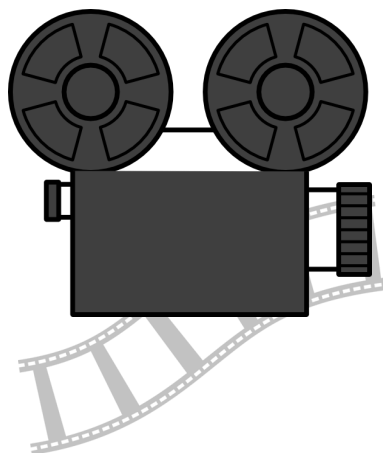
**9:00 am - Noon**

GLAD SPIRITS  
GARDEN & GROUNDS DAY

Symbolizing St. Paul, "Spiritus Gladius," means "Sword of the Spirit". This emblem adorns our cloister as a reverent demonstration of our deference to St. Paul.

With Glad Spirits, let's lovingly spruce up our grounds!

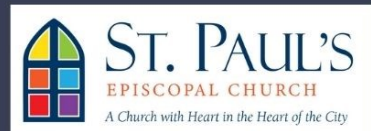
# St. Paul's Movie Night



## "The Mission"

Jesuit priest Father Gabriel (Jeremy Irons) enters the Guarani lands in South America with the purpose of converting the natives to Christianity. He soon builds a mission, where he is joined by Rodrigo Mendoza (Robert De Niro), a reformed slave trader seeking redemption. When a treaty transfers the land from Spain to Portugal, the Portuguese government wants to capture the natives for slave labor. Mendoza and Gabriel resolve to defend the mission, but disagree on how to accomplish the task.

**Meet at 5:30 pm**  
**Movie at 6:00**



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024**



# MOVIE NIGHT

Movies are on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month. St. Paul's Episcopal Church



## Upcoming Scripture Lessons



for Worship

### The Revised Common Lectionary: Year B

#### May 5

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

#### May 12

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

#### May 19

*Day of Pentecost*

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

#### May 26

*First Sunday after Pentecost*

*Trinity Sunday*

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

# MOVIE NIGHTS

DATE	MOVIE TITLE
21-Jun-23	For the Bible Tells Me
19-Jul-23	The Way
16-Aug-23	Of Gods & Men
20-Sep-23	In The Heights
18-Oct-23	The Wonder
15-Nov-23	Babette's Feast
20-Dec-23	The Bishop's Wife
17-Jan-24	Doubt
21-Feb-24	One Night in Miami
20-Mar-24	Belfast
17-Apr-24	White Like Me

## Graduation Sunday



### June 9, 2024



# May's Liturgy Schedule

Dates		Lector 1	Lector 2	Intercessor (Prayers of People)
5-May-2024	B	Eloise Jordan	Lanie Nix	Velevia Ford
12-May-2024		David Taylor	Kim Ramirez	Mike Farver
19-May-2024		Kim Ramirez	Joel Arnold	Barb Mannor
26-May-2024		Joel Arnold	Pat Emenyonu	Eloise Jordan

Dates		Eucharistic Minister	Crucifer	Verger	8:00 AM
5-May-2024	B	Ed Walthers	Bill Johnson	Mike Farver	Tim Grant
12-May-2024		Tamara Oertel	Erynn Ford	Ed Walthers	Ed Walthers
19-May-2024		Jelevia Geraghty	Tim Grant	Ed Walthers	
26-May-2024		Tim Grant	Jelevia Geraghty	Mike Farver	Rayna Hauter

## Anniversaries

RICHARDSON, Bruce & Holly	5/1
PENDRAGON, Davina & Jennifer	5/1
BAILEY, Zack & Pamela	5/4
OERTEL, Michael & Ta'Mara	5/15
WALTHERS, Ed & Laura	5/23
KAYE, Donald & Elaine Wolfe	5/31

# May 2024

## Birthdays

BARNHART, Phillip	5/5
CHERRY, John Jr.	5/5
KENNEDY, Karissa	5/6
OERTEL, Michael	5/11
LEROUE, Joyce	5/17
BUGBEE, Jan	5/27

## Your Vestry:

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Marion Leman, Richard Wooten, Greg  
Vanucci, Russ Matar



Worship at St. Paul's

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

## Remember St. Paul's in your will:

Please consider helping the mission and ministry of St. Paul's by remembering the church in your will. You can do so by using the following wording:

"I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, a non-profit church, with the current address of 711 S. Saginaw, Flint, MI 48502, and its successor, the greater of \$\_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_percentage of my gross estate, to be used in such manner as determined by its vestry."



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