



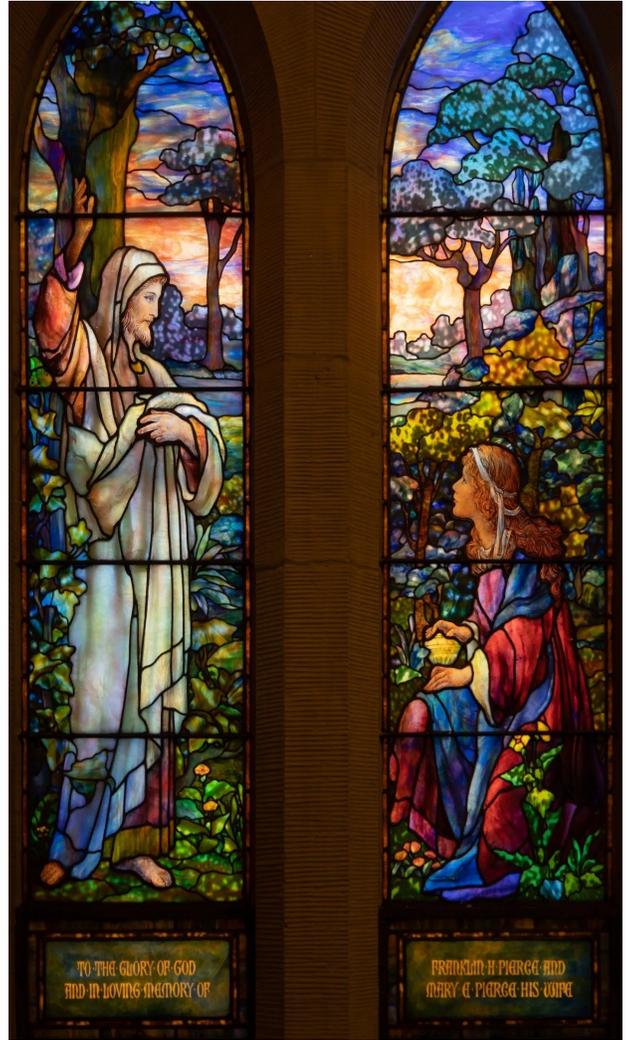
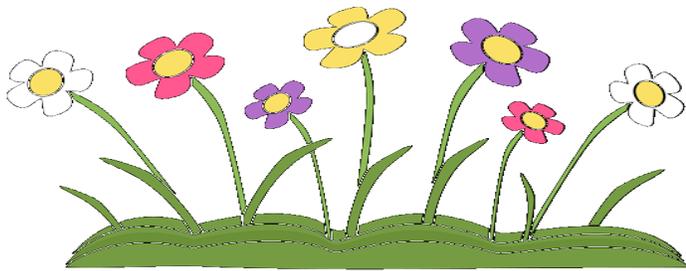
THE EPISTLE



April 2025



Spring into the Love of Our Savior!



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A NOTE FROM TOM



Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The promise of spring is new life, renewed hope, and (we pray) better weather! As we approach the resurrection of our Lord, it is with gladness in our hearts that we welcome the birth of life in our world. See the miracle of God in the blue skies, the emerging flowers, and the animals and people all scurrying about. And with it, God's pledge to us all: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." (Jn 3:16)

We also mark Easter 2025 with prayers for endings. We pray for an end to the pointless wars in Ukraine and Palestine. We pray for an end to the violence and suffering of the innocents there. And we pray for an end to the misguided notions of world leaders who turn to war to solve their differences.

And we recall the great commission given to us by Christ: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." This Easter, may we all commit to sharing the joy of spring with our neighbors. Let us reach out and proclaim with Mary Magdalene and the others in the tomb: "...he is not here, he has risen!"

Let me be the first to wish you a happy Easter and a springtime filled with happiness and fun. And let us rejoice in blessings of God as we make our Easter proclamation:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

With every blessing...

Tom+



HOLLY'S NOTES

The words to "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" have been set in several different settings. I found a more contemporary rendition, which is truly reflective and beautiful.

[O Sacred Head Now Wounded - Fernando Ortega](#)

<https://youtu.be/UgkVTtT-0xg>



The setting we are most familiar with is the Bach setting from St. Matthew's Passion, which I have included below:

[J S Bach - O Sacred Head Now Wounded \(St. Matthew Passion\)](#) <https://youtu.be/Sq32wvQELs>

Sometimes we don't need extra words to describe how we feel, or even to express the wonder, and the solemnness of Easter. People who have gone before us have expressed it better than I ever could.

So as you read or listen to the words of "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" I wish you peace, and joy as you reflect this Easter Season.

1. O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.



5. My Shepherd, now receive me;
My Guardian, own me Thine.
Great blessings Thou didst give me,
O Source of gifts divine!
Thy lips have often fed me
With words of truth and love,
Thy Spirit oft hath led me
To heavenly joys above.

6. Here I will stand beside Thee,
From Thee I will not part;
O Savior, do not chide me!
When breaks Thy loving heart,
When soul and body languish
In death's cold, cruel grasp,
Then, in Thy deepest anguish,
Thee in mine arms I'll clasp.



9. My Savior, be Thou near me
When death is at my door;
Then let Thy presence cheer me,
Forsake me nevermore!
When soul and body languish,
Oh, leave me not alone,
But take away mine anguish
By virtue of Thine own!

10. Be Thou my Consolation,
My Shield when I must die;
Remind me of Thy Passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
Who dieth thus dies well!



As you can tell, I didn't included all of the verses, I encourage you on your Lenten journey that you look up all of the verses, they are stunning and paint a wonderful picture.

Holly Richardson, Director of Music

Communities of Faith



Hello everyone!

First of all, I wanted to thank everyone for their participation in the Ministry Fair last month. I know the ministries that participated felt as though it was very worthwhile. And much like the Peace Vigils that we have done here, now that we've done one, we can look at ways to improve and make the next one even better. If you have thoughts about ways it could be improved, please send them my way!

One thing that I have already changed is there is a Ministry Sign Up sheet across from the Library, between mine and George's offices. If you're interested in a ministry, please leave your information and what ministry, and that'll get passed along to the ministry and Fr. Tom.

As for things that we have coming up this month, it's another month full of new things! With only some of those things coming from me. I am working with Eric Richey the Province V Director of Campus Ministry about setting up an informational Zoom meeting for people who are interested in getting involved or helping out. So if that sounds like something you're interested in, please let me know.

The other thing that we're starting this month is a Parents and Partners of LGBTQ+ folk group. It's sometimes hard for queer folk to come out and be themselves, this can be a shock to our family or those we're dating at the time. And even the most well intentioned person can make mistakes or not know where to turn to learn and get help in understanding. That's what this group is for. To create a space that is safe for the questions that are asked out of a place of love but that may be hard for our loved ones to answer, and to see how other folks who have been in a similar place have navigated it.

I am continuing to look at ways that we can help our neighbors and also at the same time stretch a small budget further. If you have ideas for a niche that you've noticed isn't filled by other community partners, that you think we could fill here at St. Paul's, I'm open to those conversations and ideas.

As always, if you have questions, comments, concerns, or want to just sit down and talk, my email is rayna@stpaulschurchflint.com and you can also find me in the middle office from 10-3 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Rayna



Need	Request	Given	Date
Housing	\$350	\$350	3/18/2025



Holy Weeks

At St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Alleluia!



Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025 10:00 A.M.

Blessing and Processions begins in Barth Hall, Holy Eucharist continues in Nave

Holy Wednesday

Holy Eucharist Rite 2 in the Chapel of the Virgin Mary 12:10 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

Holy Eucharist Rite 2 at 6:30 p.m.

With Foot washing and the stripping of the altar

Good Friday

Ecumenical Service, 12:00 Noon at Court Street Methodist

The Easter Vigil

Lighting of the Pascal Candle

6:30 p.m.

Easter Day

Holy Eucharist Rite 2 at 8:00 a.m.

Festival Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.



St. Paul's Artwalk



Featured Artists:

Come on down to St. Paul's Artwalk on Friday, April 11, 2025 and enjoy wonderful fellowship along with great art. Our April artists are Marcus Green (Digital Art) and Isiah Lattimore (Oils).

Isiah Lattimore is an Oil Painter and religious Work advocate working out of Flint, Michigan. My work concerns itself with the benefits and beauties within all Work, maintaining influences of not only culture but surrounding and people. Using both what should be seen through, and what should be appreciated from what is.

Marcus Green is a digital artist and creative innovator whose journey began in Flint, Michigan, during his time volunteering with the Creative Alliance. What started as a passion for Photoshop and computer graphics has evolved into a bold exploration of artificial intelligence as a creative tool – not a crutch, not a replacement, but an extension of the artist's mind. Marcus now uses AI to design clothing and produce cutting-edge visuals that fuse technology with raw imagination. His work pushes boundaries while staying grounded in authenticity, blending street-level grit with forward-thinking design. In a world where AI art is often met with resistance, Marcus stands firm. He knows the tech is here to stay – and so is he. Critics may question his methods, but Marcus isn't here to follow rules. He's here to reshape the landscape. For him, AI is just another brush. The vision still comes from the artist. Always has. Always will.

Featured Musicians:



Cliff Monear (Piano) and Stephanie (Vocalist) are our musical artists.

Cliff Monear, a consummate professional jazz pianist. His performance resumé includes venues worldwide, with artists worldwide including jazz and popular music luminaries such as Eddie Daniels, Joshua Redman, Roy Hargrove, Stanley Clark, Sheila Jordan, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Hal Linden, The Temptations, and more.

Cliff is a faculty member at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan (USA), and is the leading sales consultant for the Steinway & Sons, for the US midwest region. His YouTube channel featuring the Cliff Monear Trio can be found at www.youtube.com/c/CliffMonear.

Stephenie Monear, a native of Flint, MI, began classical voice training with Vivian Tripp Wheeland as a young teenager and continued her studies for eight years competing in various classical venues including the prestigious national competition, The National Association of Teacher's Singers (NATS). At age twenty her interests expanded beyond classical and she eventually teamed up with Joseph Freyere (founder of the Flint Jazz Festival). Together they would work for the next decade in one of the area's most popular and eclectic bands, Method, where Stephenie developed a reputation as one of the finest jazz singers in the Midwest.

At the end of the decade, she and pianist Cliff Monear married, left Method, and began a quartet of their own which continued very successfully for over twenty years. Her ability to convincingly render every genre between James Brown and Ella Fitzgerald still makes her one of the most sought-after performers for any event. Stephenie has been a voice instructor for the past 12 years in Michigan charter schools and is currently a private instructor, teaching students of all ages to sing.





Blood Drive
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
711 Saginaw Street, Flint

Blood Drive

April 4th

10:00am - 4:00pm

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?order=DATE&range=10&zipSponsor=48502>

Crossover Outreach is hosting the first ever 'Hop and Hunt' Easter Extravaganza. Similar to Trunk or Treat at Halloween time, the Hop or Hunt will give area kids a chance to go from car to car and get Easter treats. St. Paul's will participate in this event on April 12th, and you can help!

We have candy to hand out – we need toys!

A collection basket is in the parlor where you can donate low cost Easter toys.

Please help make Easter fun for 500 kids.



St. Paul's Movie Night



Come out and enjoy a movie with us!

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Meet at 5:30 pm, Movie at 6:00 pm.

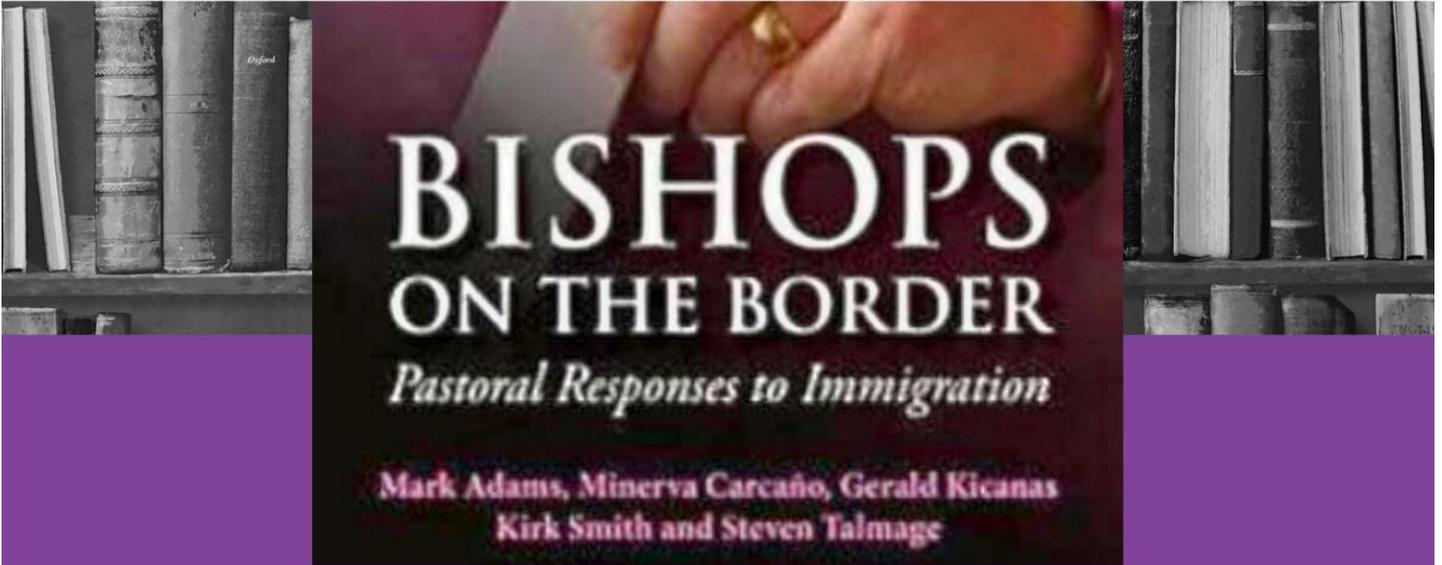




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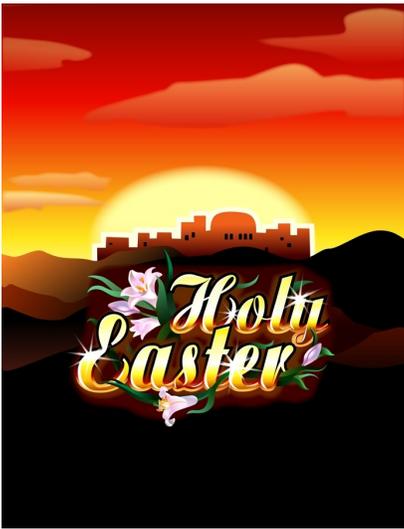
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ST. PAUL'S BOOK STUDY

*Join us Wednesdays at 12:45 in the
Parish Library following Noonday Mass
or scan the QR code to join us via zoom*





Psalm 118:24
"This is the day
that the LORD
has made;
let us rejoice
and be glad in
it!"



Camp Chickagami

It is Camp Time! Here is a schedule of camp weeks at Camp Chickagami for 2025. Chickagami is the Episcopal camp located in Presque Isle Michigan. Tiered pricing and scholarships are available. Transportation is provided. Cost is \$375 per camper for each session. Family camp is \$300 plus \$90 for each additional person.

Three sessions for children in Grades 3-8.
July 6 - July 11; July 13 - July 18; July 20- July 25.

Pioneer Camp for high schoolers. Grades 9 - 12.
July 6 - 11.

Senior Camp for high schoolers. Grades 9 - 12.
July 13 - July 18.

Counselors in training for high schoolers grades
10 - 12 July 6 - July 11.

Family Camp July 2 - July 5.

For more camp opportunities check
www.campchickagami.org

Camp registration is coordinated with Denise Dillard at Crossover. Members of St Paul can donate to defray the cost of the camp. Contributions can be given to St Paul's. Indicate the money is for the camp fees. Any questions contact Barbara Mannor 810-743-9498 or mannortb@aol.com.

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Ministry is in need of birthday and anniversary cards. If you have cards available that are no longer being used, please consider donating them to our ministry. Donations can be placed in the Pastoral Care cubby in the machine room.

Rebecca Bennett, Chair



Pastoral Care

PARENTS AND PARTNERS OF LGBTQ+ FOLKS



A support group for our support systems to learn and come together

SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH 5:30-7PM



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April's Liturgy Schedule

Dates		Lector 1	Lector 2	Intercessor (Prayers of the People)
6-April-2025		Kim Ramirez	Joel Arnold	Rayna Hauter
13-April-2025 Palm	G	Joel Arnold	Pat Emenyonu	Rajaad Twine
17-April-2025 Maundy Th		Mary Hammond	Lysa Fischer	Dylan Baade
19-April-2025 Easter Vigil		Pam Bailey	Tom Shriver	Edythe Peake (3rd reading)
20-April-2025 Easter	B	Pat Emenyonu	Velesia Ford	Lysa Fischer
27-April-2025		Tom Shriver	Susumu Inoue	TaMara Oertel

Dates		Eucharistic Minister	Crucifer	Verger	8:00 AM
6-April-2025		Tim Grant	Erynn Ford	Ed Walthers	Ed Walthers
13-April-2025 Palm	G	TaMara Oertel	B. Cuthbertson	Mike Verger	TaMara Oertel
17-April-2025 Maundy Th		Rayna Hauter	Mike Farver	B. Cuthbertson	X
19-April-2025 Easter Vigil		Tim Grant	Rayna Hauter	Ed Walthers	X
20-April-2025 Easter	B	Ed Walthers	Mike Farver	B. Cuthbertson	Becky Bennett
27-April-2025		Rayna Hauter	Shane Geraghty	Ed Walthers	Rayna Hauter

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Anniversaries

4/5	JORDAN, Drs. Kenneth & Elizabeth
4/11	CHERRY JR., John & Pamela Faris
4/28	GERAGHTY, Jelecia & Shane



Birthdays

4/3	JORDAN, Kenneth
4/3	KATZENBERGER, John
4/5	JORDAN, D. Elizabeth
4/6	IUNG, Maria
4/6	LEES, Douglas
4/17	RYDER, Sandra
4/18	HENNEKE, Donna
4/20	GRANT, Tim
4/21	STEPHENS, Audrey
4/23	PEAKE, Edythe



For our Homebound Parishioners:
 Joy Fusi, Judy Stoerman,
 Doris Carroll, Greg Vanucci,
 Russ Matar



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Thanks!



Worship at St. Paul's

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Wednesday: 12:10 p.m.

The link below will take you to the St. Paul's Parish Calendar.

<https://stpaulschurchflint.com/elementor-638/>

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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