

Easter Blessings



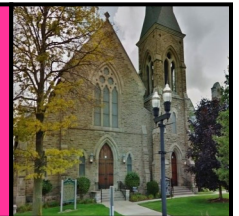
**His Love
Endures Forever!**



**APRIL
2026**



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A Note from Tom

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

In the Christian church, the liturgical new year begins with the season of Advent. But I've often thought that it is the season of Easter that somehow seems more appropriate. At Easter, everything *feels new*. We see the trees and flowers budding, we hear the birds chirping, and we see the ducks and geese in flight. In fact, it even smells new. New life, new hope, and a new promise of eternal life in Christ.

This particular spring also feels special because of all the new 'stuff' happening at St. Paul's. We have a new tenant in the building, the Genesee County Historical Society – they will be moving in upstairs this month. We are getting new carpeting installed in the parlor and offices and we have plans to seal-coat the parking lots. And we are getting our new boilers installed thanks to the generosity of many people and organizations who have supported – and continue to support – our capital campaign.

And with the spring comes new opportunities for us to carry out the work Christ calls us to do. There are lots of opportunities for mission work at St. Paul's: committees, ministry groups, and many leadership opportunities. If you have time to get involved in the larger life of the church, please do so. Remember the words Jesus spoke to Peter, "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required."

And as usual we have a robust schedule of Holy Week services. Holy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and of course, Easter Sunday.

Spring has sprung! Have a blessed Easter season.

With every blessing...

Tom+



Holly's Notes

Into the woods my Master went,
Clean forspent, forspent,
Into the woods my Master came,
Forspent with love and shame.
But the olives they were not blind to Him.
The little grey leaves were kind to Him,
The thorn tree had a mind to Him,
When into the woods He came.

Out of the woods my Master came
And he was well content;
Out of the woods my Master came,
Content with death and shame.
When death and shame would woo Him last,
From under the trees they drew Him last,
'Twas on a tree they slew Him – last
When out of the woods He came.





Holly's Notes (continued)



The Chancel Choir is singing this for Maundy Thursday. The words are beautiful and of course remind us of Christ laying down His life for us. The words bring pictures to my mind of summer days, under the canopy of trees in my grandparents' woods and walking the trail with my brother and cousin. Those glorious, for us, carefree days with our grandparents wandering about looking at trillium flowers, protected by giant trees with the sun dappling through the leaves. While our Savior was burdened with the weight of our sins, when He went into the Garden and made it possible for us to have carefree days as children. How much Christ bore for us! The solace of nature is real, and as summer approaches, I hope we all get a chance to go into the woods and take a walk with our Savior, and enjoy the earth and woods. Sometimes life really feels like a dark and lonely place, and we feel perhaps that we are walking alone, but Christ is with us and has already walked the paths we tread. It is comforting to know that we are never alone. I Peter 2:24 "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." So, my friends in Christ, live, and live in the beauty of the earth.

From the Capital Campaign Committee

Together We Build the Future of St. Paul's

We are delighted to share an exciting update on St. Paul's Capital Campaign.

IT'S HAPPENING! Parts are ordered and the installation of the new heating system will begin this June! Stay tuned for photos of our progress.

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS? A reliable, efficient HVAC system is essential for everything we do at St. Paul's – **worship, fellowship, outreach, education, and hospitality**. This project is about caring for our church home, strengthening our ministries, and ensuring that our sacred space remains welcoming and comfortable for all who enter – now and for generations to come.

Over the past several months, during the quiet phase of the campaign, we have already raised **\$705,500** toward our **Phase 1 goal of \$1.2 million** to replace our aging HVAC system. This remarkable progress reflects the generosity and commitment of parish leaders and early supporters who have helped launch this important effort.

Now, we invite the entire St. Paul's community to join the next phase.

WE NEED YOU!! Currently, we are launching the parish-wide phase of the campaign, with **\$600,000 remaining to be raised over the next three years**. Our hope is that every member of St. Paul's will participate. Every gift matters, and pledges may be fulfilled over a **three-year period** to make it easier for all to fully support our campaign.

A campaign description and pledge forms are available in the parish office.

We look forward to sharing updates on our progress and celebrating milestones together. Thank you for your love of St. Paul's, your faithfulness, and your support as we take this important step forward – **together**.



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APRIL 3, 2026
12PM

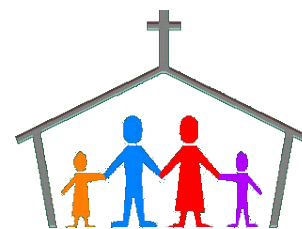


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Communities of Faith

April 2026



Hello everyone!

Writing a post Holy Week article before Holy Week has even begun is an odd thing to have to do. My entire brain is focused, still, on Holy Week and the contemplation of Lent, but when you read this, we will be in the midst of Holy Week or after it and living in the time after the resurrection. All of that to say that I think this month's article will be relatively short, I think one of the important parts of me writing these articles every month is the stewardship of the budget entrusted to me for the assistance ministry.

We have two major events happening after Holy Week, beyond the usual blood drives and movie nights, that I do want to make sure I make note of:

The Work of Our Times: A Moral Revival is a revival service that we are hosting alongside People's Church and several other community pastors. It's a service to rejuvenate us in the work given to us to do, to love and serve our communities and each other. This will be on April 17th at 6PM, there will be a flyer somewhere in this edition of the Epistle.

Acolyte Training will be happening the next day from 10-12, if you're a new acolyte, want to hone your skills, or want to become an acolyte, this is a great opportunity to join and learn.

I'm sure there are a host of things that I am forgetting, but, those will have to come in next month's article and not this one. I pray that our times of contemplation and reflection allowed us to grow into a deeper participation and appreciation of the Easter Season. If you ever have anything you'd like to discuss please feel free to stop me and talk to me - I may just do other things while I listen, but I promise I'm always listening.

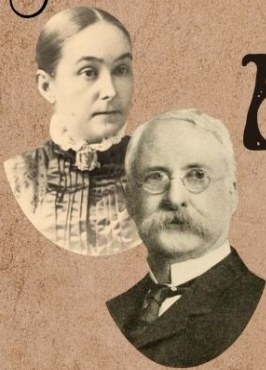
As always, if you have questions, comments, concerns, or want to just sit down and talk, my email is rayna@stpaulschurchflint.com and you can also find me in the middle office from 10-3 on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you have a picture or event for the website or the bulletin screens, please feel free to email them to me as well.

Rayna

Need	Request	Given	Total Requested	Total Given
Rent	\$1,126.00	\$1,126.00	\$8,614.03	\$3,955.35
Rent	\$2,059.00	Resources*	\$10,673.03	\$3,955.36
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Rent	\$3,307.19	Resources*	\$13,980.22	\$3,955.36

Psalm 136:1

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever".



A SHARED HISTORY

SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Whaley

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026, 2:00 PM

Whaley Historic House Museum

624 E. Kearsley Street, Flint MI

Officiated by the Reverend Thomas Manney

Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church



***You are invited to celebrate Easter Sunday with two
Flint landmarks that share a common bond.***

St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Whaley Historic House Museum have been instrumental in the history of our city, and to those who were important in Flint's founding and growth, including Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Whaley.

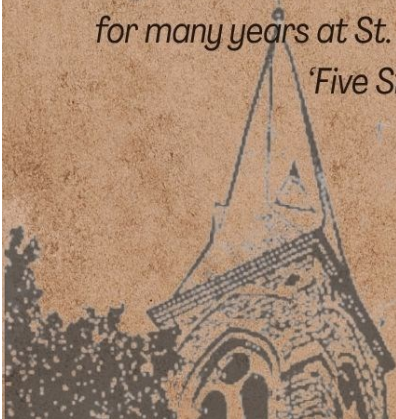
After a short service of Holy Eucharist, learn about Robert and Mary McFarlan Whaley. They were the owners of the historic home on Kearsley Street, members and vestry leaders for many years at St. Paul's, and donors of several distinctive stained glass windows in the 'Five Sisters Chapel', an important legacy left to the church.

This event is free.

Tours and history discussions.

Light refreshments served.

EASTER HATS ENCOURAGED!



Easter

The events of Holy Week were celebrated by the church on one day each year well into the second century. Eventually the events of the week were divided up to match more closely the timeline described in the gospels. The 4th century pilgrim Egeria kept a diary of her experience of the Holy Week in Jerusalem, which featured distinctive liturgical practices that later spread throughout Europe. These rituals were formed as ways of commemorating the central events of Jesus' life that still shape our way of believing today.

Over time, many of the older practices fell into disuse. Among other changes, the 20th century liturgical renewal movement restored the Easter Vigil which opens with the service of light. As the Vigil begins the Pascal Candle is carried in procession while the celebrant intones, "The Light of Christ." The people, waiting in the darkness with candles of their own, respond, "Thanks be to God," as they receive and pass the light from one to the other. After the candle is placed in its stand, the cantor chants the great Easter hymn which consecrates the candle and proclaims the victory of the risen Lord. The continual surrender of the wax to its flame signifies the surrender of Christ to the Father's will in an eternal act of self-sacrificing love. The candles we hold in our hands as we stand together on this night serve as a sign that the light we have received is fed by the wax of our own self-giving, our just doings, our hunger and thirst after righteousness. The conclusion of the Easter hymn applies not only to the Pascal candle, but also to us who carry its light:

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning--he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

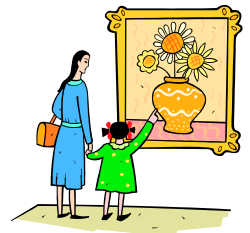
-Tim Grant

Liturgy Committee

St. Paul's Artwalk

Friday, April 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Featured Artist: Mixed Media Art Group



Linda Delikta

I have taken different art classes throughout my years and became curious about watercolor painting. I am amazed how the paint flowed, having no control nor judgement. This is how I try to live my life today.

Thomas Smith

I have been involved in art since I was 6 years old. At age 12 I was enrolled in the Famous Artist School based in Massachusetts. It was a 3 year correspondence course that was started by Norman Rockwell for young artists. I went to college and majored in Landscape Architecture. I only recently started painting with acrylic, and have been working with acrylics for two years or so.

Carroll Mills

I had an opportunity to take two art classes at eighty-two. We met twice a week for three years and even had our own art shows. We had two shows and everyone in the group sold some of their work.



Dorothy Burley

I started painting when my husband and I traveled. When I was in my eighties, I attended an art class for two to three years. I enjoyed the class and new friends who had a common interest. I now realize that this has been on my bucket list.

Lisa Howard

My experience with art began with art therapy in 2018. I found great healing and freedom in expressing my inner self in tangible and visible ways. I've been blessed with a few years of instruction where I'm learning to develop my skill and techniques.

Lorraine Gilbert-Jain

Growing up, I spent a lot of time in art galleries and museums, which I enjoyed. I learned a great deal and to appreciate the talent and creativity of people. I joined a painting class at my church for three years and grew in my skill and techniques.



Featured Musician: Rubato



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, including two appearances at the East Lansing Arts Festival.

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. Dirk is a founding member of *Rubato* and performs on alto, tenor and soprano saxophone.

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. Pat also composes – primarily for Public Television – including a work that won him an Emmy Award in 2011.

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.



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Give blood.



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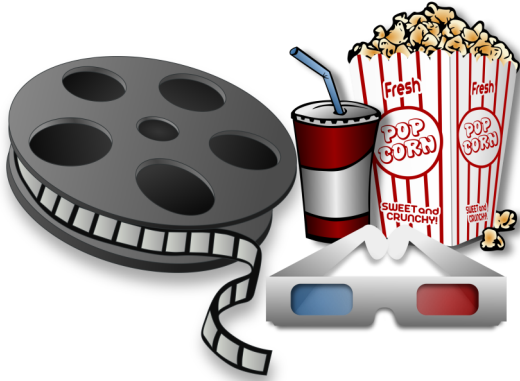


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Movie: 6:00 pm

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WEDNESDAY
4/15/2026
5:30 PM

Anniversaries

04/05	JORDAN, Kenneth & D. Elizabeth
04/11	CHERRY JR., John & Pamela M. Faris



Birthdays

04/03	JORDAN, Kenneth
04/03	KATZENBERGER, John
04/04	KENNEDY, Joseph
04/05	JORDAN, D. Elizabeth
04/06	IUNG, Maria
04/06	LEES, Douglas
04/09	MANYGOATS, Vera
04/16	KARPOV, Max
04/17	RYDER, Sandra K.
04/18	HENNEKE, Donna
04/20	GRANT, Tim
04/21	STEPHENS, Audrey
04/23	PEAKE, Edythe



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Acolyte Training

18 April, 2026
Barth Hall
711 S. Saginaw St

April's Liturgy Schedule

Dates		Lector 1	Lector 2	Intercessor (Prayers of the People)
02-Apr Maundy Th		Pat Emenyonu	Shay Natchez	Brandon Adams
April 3, 2026 Gd. Fri		—	Rayna Hauter	—
04-Apr Easter Vig *		Shay Natchez	Mary Hammond	Max Karpov
Easter Vig. Readers:		Pam Bailey	Tim Grant	Elizabeth Jordan
4/5/2026 Easter		Susumu Inoue	Rajaad Cuthbertson-Twine	Tiffani Wharry
12-Apr-26	G	Velesia Ford	Justin Wetenhall	Shane Geraghty
19-Apr-26	B	Mary Hammond	Brandon Adams	Cindy Hall
26-Apr-2026		Rajaad Cuthbertson-Twine	Max Karpov	Sean DeGeorge

Dates		Eucharistic Minister	Crucifer	Verger
02-Apr Maundy Th		Rayna Hauter	Rayna Hauter	Ed Walthers
April 3, 2026 Gd. Fri		—	Max Karpov	—
04-Apr Easter Vig *		Max Karpov	Ed Walthers	Brandon Adams
Easter Vig. Readers:				
4/5/2026 Easter		Tim Grant	Max Karpov	Robert Cuthbertson-Twine
12-Apr-26	G	TaMara Oertel	Ed Walthers	Robert Cuthbertson-Twine
19-Apr-26	B	Ed Walthers	Rayna Hauter	Brandon Adams
26-Apr-2026		Rayna Hauter	Dylan Baade	Ed Walthers



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(Robert@)

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When sending in articles please make sure they are in a simple format to copy and paste. Submission reminders go out on the 15th of every month.

Submission deadlines are the 25th of every month. If it falls on a Sunday or a Holiday then the deadline will be due that Friday before.

Thanks!

Worship at St. Paul's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday: 12:10 p.m.

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

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

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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:

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