



St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

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THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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Rector's Rambling

The last two weeks in this column I wrote about welcoming newcomers, and how people find St. John's through things like social media and google. YouTube has become a wonderful way that people find us as well, or watch some videos to get a preview of what it may be like at St. John's before they worship with us. Just last Sunday a couple from San Antonio, Texas joined us for 5:30 Evening Prayer, and they said they googled us, and then watched a few videos to get a sense of the place!

Our Open Door Ministry is another way in which people discover St. John's. On weekdays when someone is in the office we have the front doors wide open, inviting people to come in. In addition to Sunday morning while we are worshipping, on Sunday afternoon the doors are open for those coming and going for sporting events and theatre shows.

A majority of people who walk in the open doors get no further than in the interior doors between the narthex (lobby) and Church. At this point they lift up their cell phone, take a picture, and leave.

But others walk into the church, walk up the aisle, look at the windows or the altar area from the chancel steps (we have a rope there). Some sit or kneel in a pew for a period of time.

Many people take advantage of our tract rack located in the narthex. These are materials available to take and read about Jesus and St. John's.

In addition to our weekly Chronicle, the most popular item picked up and tak-

en is the booklet "Why Jesus" by Fr. Nicky Gumbel of the Alpha Course. In the last year or so we have had about 150 of these picked up and taken. I pray as I put them in the rack that those reading it find, or renew, a relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Daily Bread, a bible study booklet provided by Suzie Decker quarterly, is also very popular. Regular visitors and those in groups who use the building will come asking if the new Daily Bread has arrived because they have been faithfully reading the current one and they notice that it is nearing the end of that edition.

Other items are a series of teaching tracts, including "Why St. John's?" (formerly "Ancient Faith and Worship") which introduces us to inquirers. The other three about lighting votive candle, using incense, and "why does the priest have his back to us" helps to explain the faith and worship at St. John's. They are professionally printed in color on glossy paper (see the wish list on page 3 if you would like to help us re-supply the stock). Other brochures on prayer, Lent, and making a confession also make an appearance.





ABOUT ST. JOHN'S

To Our Visitors

Welcome! The parishioners and clergy of St. John's are delighted that you have come to worship with us. We hope this house of prayer provides you with a place in which you can find solace, comfort, and strength. We invite your inquiries about the ministries available here at St. John's.

We offer a barrier-free environment for the infirm and handicapped. An access ramp for wheel chairs is located at the **SOUTHWEST** entrance of the church, near Woodward Avenue in the garden. There is also an elevator in the building which provides access to the undercroft, so everyone may fully participate in activities and fellowship.

We would be very pleased if you plan to return to St. John's on a regular basis, to **WORSHIP** as part of our parish family. Please complete a Visitor's Form located in the Order of Service and place it in the collection plate or give it to an usher.

Thank you for coming! We look forward to greeting you following the service today and hope to chat with you during our time of fellowship in the undercroft.

Communion Procedure

The Episcopal House of Bishops, in a 1979 teaching, lays out the following guideline for non-Episcopalians to receive communion in an Episcopal Church: The persons should 1) have been Baptized with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, 2) believe Christ is present in the sacrament, 3) have been admitted to Holy Communion in their own denomination, and 4) are attempting, by God's grace, to live in love and charity with their neighbor. If you have any questions, please speak to the priest.

To receive the Host, raise your crossed hands, right palm over left. You may also receive directly on the tongue. If you do not wish to receive the Cup, cross your arms over your chest and wait for the chalice bearer to pass by.

If you are not receiving communion, you still may come forward to the rail, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.

If you are physically unable to approach the rail, please inform an usher and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

Pastoral Care

Please inform the clergy if you or a family member are ill, hospitalized, or unable to attend the regular worship of the Church so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. Please contact the clergy to discuss arrangements for baptisms, weddings, or burials **before** any announcement or other plans are made.

Outreach

Food may be deposited in the basket at the entrance of the church to aid the neighborhood ministry to the poor through **Crossroads and Georgia Street Community Co-op**.

Dedicated donations for the support of the **Malawi Education Fund** and **Rector's Discretionary Fund** can be put in the collection plate with a note in the memo line or on the envelope.

Collections of school supplies, cleaning supplies, garden tools, Christmas presents, mittens, sweaters, etc. occur throughout the year to support our community.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S AUGUST 16—AUGUST 23

Sunday 8/16 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour Evening Prayer
Monday 8/17 St. Joachim, Father of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Tuesday 8/18 St. Helena, d. 330 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Wednesday 8/19 .	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Thursday 8/20 St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot, d. 1153 A.D.	7:00 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) NO MASS TODAY Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Friday 8/21 St. Jane Frances de Chantal, d. 1641 A.D.	7:00 A 11:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting AA Meeting
Saturday 8/22	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 8/23 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Holy Communion (church) Coffee Hour Evening Prayer

NOTE: The Chronicle went to the printer last Tuesday. Calendar updates or changes can be found at www.StJohnsDetroit.org

Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity; Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)***Morning Prayer**

SUNDAY	124, 125	Isa. 26:12–16, 19 Rom. 8:26
Monday	71	1 Sam. 31 Luke 21:20
Tuesday	73	2 Sam. 1:1–16 Luke 22:1–13
Wednesday	87, 101	2 Sam. 1:17 Luke 22:14–30
Thursday	92	2 Sam. 4:1, 5, 7–12 Luke 22:31–46
Friday	94	2 Sam. 5:1–10 Luke 22:47–62
Saturday	96	2 Sam. 6:1–11 Luke 22:63–23:12

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	68 or 123, 142	Ecclus. 35:10–19 Mark 12:38
Monday	77	Nahum 1:3–8, 15 Rom. 8:18–27
Tuesday	78	Nahum 2 Rom. 8:28
Wednesday	85, 98	Nahum 3 Rom. 9:1–5, 14–24, 30–33
Thursday	90	Hab. 1:2–4, 12–2:4 Rom. 10
Friday	103	Hab. 2:9–14, 19–20 Rom. 11:1–21
Saturday	112, 113	Hab. 3:2–6, 10–13, 18–19a Rom. 11:22

* If there is no “ending” verse listed, then read to the end of the chapter.

WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS

Reprinting Parish Brochures for Tract Rack
250 color glossy brochures—\$200
Need 4 titles reprinted
“Why Jesus? Booklets for Tract Rack
25 pack for \$100
Need 2 packs

Announcements**SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER**

. Sunday Evening Prayer is prayed at St. John’s at **5:30 PM**. Join us for this 25 minute Service to finish the Sabbath Day as we started it - in worship and thanksgiving.

Weekday Services This Week –**Daily Morning Meditation**

Streamed daily @ 7:00 AM

Holy Communion

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday @ 12:15 PM

NO THURSDAY MASS THIS WEEK**Evening Prayer**

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

Christian Education – Sunday School is on Summer Hiatus until September

Donations Accepted - we are accepting donations of individually wrapped packages of snacks (e.g., granola bars, cookies, nuts, etc.). While you’re shopping, please consider buying some, and bringing them in for the Church to use for Coffee Hour.

AED and Narcan - In case of medical emergency an Automated External Defibrillator and Narcan are located in the hallway between the Church and the Chapel, and also one in the Undercroft.

Giving - If you are away on Sunday, you can mail your offering envelope to St. John’s, or contribute online with the our QR code through the GiveButter giving platform.

There may be a tax advantage to **donating stocks, bonds, securities, and property** to St. John’s. Speak to your advisor and contact the Treasurer for information on how to donate



LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

August 16

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Nancy Donnelly
Suzanne Porter
Denise Grim

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Pamela Beeghly

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
Libby Schudel
George Waters
Terry Donnelly
Darren Savage
Elijah Buxo
Isaac Reed

Coffee Hour

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August 23

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Sarah Jean Babcock
Helene Waters

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Cindy Edwads

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
Libby Schudel
George Waters
Terry Donnelly
Darren Savage
Elijah Buxo
Isaac Reed

Coffee Hour

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The Vestry and Officers of St. John's

Peter Grim, Senior Warden
Pat Walter, Junior Warden
Cynthia Edwards, Secretary
Jared Moody, Treasurer

Terms expire January 2027

Jared Moody Pat Walter
Helene Waters

Terms expire January 2028

Cynthia Edwards Peter Grim
Morley Stevenson

Terms expire January 2028

Durene Brown Charles Roby
Renee Peck

The Vestry typically meets monthly at 6:30 PM in the undercroft, September through June. All St. John's parishioners are welcome to attend.

St. John's Ministry Notes

Feast of St. Mary the Virgin

Today's second collect commemorates yesterday's feast day, the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin. This Feast is a relative newcomer to the Anglican Calendar, but has ancient roots in both the Western and Eastern Churches, and is worth celebrating!

For the Orthodox this is known as the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, or the Feast of the Falling Asleep of the God-bearer. For the Western (Roman Catholic) Churches the Feast is known as the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Both titles deal with the historical fact of the end of the earthly life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of God.

For Anglicans we call this celebration the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin. We celebrate the important role that she plays in the story of our salvation. It is by her agreeing to the message of the Archangel Gabriel that she conceives in her womb Jesus by the Holy Ghost. She gives birth to him, nurses him, and raises him to follow the original covenant between God and the people of the Hebrews. She is present throughout his earthly ministry, stands at the foot of the cross when he dies for our sins, she is a witness to the Resurrection, and she is present at Pentecost when God the Holy Ghost empowers his followers to be The Church to the world. There is no other human being that can be counted as more faithful to him throughout his earthly life. For that we celebrate her and give thanks to God for her.

For the Eastern and Western Churches, this feast deals with extra-biblical events of her death and assumption into heaven. Although the bible does not mention her death, we can assume that in fact she did die (all humans do). And both churches, in their own ways, describe Mary being reunited in heaven with her son Jesus as we all will also be with him at the end of time in the general resurrection of the dead.

Although we do not have the emphasis on these latter events because they are not explicitly detailed in Scripture (and therefore not required for belief for salvation), they can be helpful in reminding us about the role Mary played in bringing Jesus into the world, and hopeful in what the reward of faith in him is to us at the end of earthly life.

A DAILY PRAYER FOR**St. John's Church**

Bless, O Lord, this parish, and grant that Thy Name may be worshipped here in truth and purity, to all generations. Give Thy grace and wisdom to our Clergy, that they may exercise holy discipline, and be themselves patterns of holiness, simplicity, and self-denial. Bless all who worship here; take from us all pride, vanity and self-conceit, and give to us true humility and self-abasement. Enlighten our minds, subdue our wills, purify our hearts, and so penetrate us with Thy Spirit, and fill us with Thy love that we may go forth animated with earnest zeal for Thy glory; and may Thy living Word so dwell within our hearts that we may speak with that resistless energy of love which shall melt the hearts of sinners to the love of Thee. Open, O Lord, the hearts and hands of Thy people, that we may be ready to give and glad to distribute to our necessities. Bless the founders and benefactors of this parish, and recompense them with the riches of Thine everlasting kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer for Malawi, Week of August 16:

Diocese of Lake Malawi—The Rt Revd Francis Kaulanda;
Leonard Kamungu Theological College; Diocese of
Karonga; St. Ann's Hospital

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity: The Church in Wales;
The Diocese of Badagry—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican
Communion); The Diocese of the Bahamas and The Turks
and Caicos Islands—The Church in the Province of the
West Indies; The Diocese of Ballarat—The Anglican
Church of Australia; The Diocese of Bangor—The Church
in Wales; The Diocese of Banks and Torres—The
Anglican Church of Melanesia; The Diocese of
Barbados—The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

West Bloomfield—Spirit of Grace

East Lansing—Canterbury MSU

Santiago, DR—Christ the Savior

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**August 16**

Sandra Zahrfeld

August 18

Lucas Adams
Charles Roby

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

**Have you given us your
Anniversary date?**

**OUR PRAYER LIST**

Healing and Comfort: Alice B., Sarah B., Al F., Bonnie B., Brianna W., Christopher B., Daria R., Durene B., Endolyn C., Elaine D., Harriett M., George W., Helene W., Jessica W., Jim Z., Julie B., Lawrence A., MJ B., Michael Z., Michael P., Paul M., Rexina M., Sabrina H., Sandra Z., Sandy D., Deb B., Rudy

If you would like to add a name to the Prayer List, please call the Church Office at 313-962-7358.

Serving in the United Nations: Sharon G. Lowery

Police Officers and Firefighters: For parishioner officers – Federal Service: Pat Walter; Orange County, NC: Michael Walter; and Fairfax County, VA: Stephen A. Shillingford.

Those Serving in the Military: Especially for Alan Mullin, Andrew Timpner, Brian Shea, Damon Dalby, Elijah Buxo, Ian Bass, Jonathan Walter, Kurt Helfrich, Nick Myers, Nick Norville, Steven Campbell, Joseph J. Sharpe, Ted Decker, Brian Finocchiaro, Catherine Finocchiaro, Zachary Livingston, & John R. Nicholson, III, graduate of West Point, Charles Lewis.

Diocese and the National Episcopal Church: That there may be a greater understanding of the Authority of Holy Scripture, and our submission to that Authority.

Year's Mind of Death:

David Wayne McAllister, II	August 16, 2012
Phyllis Lewis	August 16, 2025
Alice R. Milby	August 17, 1951
Charles T. Hopkins	August 17, 1952
Grover Wendoft	August 18, 1975
Grace Lillian Judd	August 18, 1986
John G. Jackson	August 19, 1952
Shirley N. Fisk	August 19, 1963
Robert Bryon Sanford	August 20, 1987
William Morgan Edwards	August 20, 2003
Otis Sutton	August 21, 1963
Jonathan Michael Ricca	August 21, 2010
Isabella M. Cocks	August 22, 1957
Evelyn Wilson	August 22, 1977