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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

February 15, 2026

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY



Rector's Rambling

and preach at the 10 AM Mass today.

The Bishop is here today because he is a part of the reason I am here today! Back in November of 2001, I had already had a phone interview with the search committee for St. John's, and they asked me to come out to Detroit for an interview. I sat down for a chat with my then bishop in the Diocese of Pittsburgh to discuss it with him. He encouraged me to also meet with Bishop Gibbs while in town, to get a sense of whether this newly enthroned diocesan bishop and I would be able to work together. I called Bishop Gibbs' office to make that appointment, which we had the morning before I met at lunchtime with St. John's Search Committee.

Apparently my being interviewed was a surprise to the diocesan offices, surprised that St. John's was beginning to interview candidates already. But Bishop Gibbs was open to the possibility that I might be the right man for the job, and as we see now, 25 years later, things seem to be working out.

Let me start by expressing my gratitude not only for Bishop Gibbs' willingness to allow my application to go forward, but more importantly to Almighty God for calling me to be here at St. John's. When I moved to Philadelphia for college in 1984 I never thought I would live in Michigan again. But 16 and a half years later I was moving back home with Jennifer and our first three

children, all under the age of 5. It is all by God's grace that my heart was opened to this call. And it is also by His grace that the Search Committee and Vestry discerned this call for me to be here.

But the gratitude does not stop there. I am so grateful for the people of this parish, those who were here when I came, for those here now, and everyone in between.

The most wonderful thing about St. John's isn't the building, location or history, but the parishioners! I am so grateful for everyone here for worship, and for all who pitch in to make this parish such a warm, inviting, and faithful church. Whether in the kitchen, ushering in the narthex, organizing in the sacristy, serving at the altar, reading the lessons, singing in the choir, serving on the Vestry, working in the office, or joining in for a volunteer work day or outing, the people of this parish are wonderful and I am so grateful to be a part of what God is doing through everyone here.

Since my arrival in 2001 we have had 275 baptisms, 138 burials, and 96 weddings. Flipping through the parish registers at the names of those recorded therein, memories come flooding back of all the people now departed, moved away or moved on. And then I look out into the pews on Sunday at the many long time parishioners as well as the new people who have joined our ranks in the last few years and I am humbled that Our Lord has called me to be a part of this all!

Thanks be to God, and Thank You!



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 FEBRUARY 15—FEBRUARY 22

Sunday 2/15 QUINQUAGESIMA	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Sunday School Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour Evening Prayer
Monday 2/16	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Tuesday 2/17	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Wednesday 2/18 ASH WEDNESDAY	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P 6:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion w/ Ashes Evening Prayer with Ashes AA Meeting Holy Communion w/ Ashes
Thursday 2/19 St. Simeon, Bishop and Martyr, c. 80 A.D.	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion and Benediction Evening Prayer
Friday 2/20	7:00 A 11:00 A 11:15 A Noon 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting Holy Communion Stations of the Cross AA Meeting
Saturday 2/21	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 2/22 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Sunday School Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour Evening Prayer

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

The Collect for Quinquagesima

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	103	Wisdom 7:7–14 John 15:1–17
Monday	18:1–20	Gen. 18:1–16 Mark 9:38
Tuesday	18:21–36	Gen. 18:20 Mark 10:1–16
ASH WEDNESDAY	32, 143	Isa. 58:1–12 Heb. 12:1–14
Thursday	27	Gen. 19:1–3, 12–17, 24–28 1 Cor. 1:1–17
Friday	95 & 40:1–16	Gen. 21:9–21 1 Cor. 1:18
Saturday	28	Gen. 22:1–14, 19 1 Cor. 2

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	119:33–48	Lev. 19:1–2, 9–18 1 John 4
Monday	20, 21:1–6	Hosea 5:10—6:6 Gal. 6:1–10
Tuesday	25	Hosea 11:1–4 & 13:5–16a Gal. 6:11
ASH WEDNESDAY	102, 130	Jonah 3 & 4 Luke 15:10
Thursday	29, 30	Jer. 1:4–10, 13–19 John 8:1–11
Friday	31	Jer. 2:1–9, 13 John 8:12–20, 31–36
Saturday	34	Jer. 3:11–18 John 8:45

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

WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS

New items coming soon

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 @ 12:15 PM

ASH WEDNESDAY @ 12:15 & 6 PM

Thursday @ 10:30 AM

Friday @ 11:15

Evening Prayer

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

Stations of the Cross - Friday at Noon.

Christian Education – Sunday School at 10 AM and Anglican Christianity class resumes next week after the 10 AM Service.

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.

Parking Note - The lot next to St. John's is leased to Olympia Development, and we have use of it only for our church related events. We do not have the ability to give permission to park there for events at Comerica Park, Little Caesars Arena, Ford Field, or the local theatres.

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

February 15

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Nancy Donnelly
Suzanne Porter
Melody Huffer

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Adrian Leskiw

Ushers 10:00 AM:

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

Coffee Hour

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February 22

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Sarah Jean Babcock
Helene Waters

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Huw Lewis

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
William Porter
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 Teaching Notes

ASH WEDNESDAY



In the Western Christian calendar, Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and occurs forty days before Easter (excluding Sundays). It falls on a different date each year, because it is dependent on the date of Easter; it can occur as early as February 4 or as late as March 10.

Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance. The ashes used are gathered after the Palm Crosses from the previous year's Palm Sunday are burned. In the liturgical practice of some churches, the ashes are mixed with the Oil of the Catechumens (one of the sacred oils used to anoint those about to be baptized), though some churches use ordinary oil. This paste is used by the clergyman who presides at the service to make the sign of the cross, first upon his own forehead and then on each of those present who kneel before him at the altar rail. As he does so, he recites the words: "Remember (O man) that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The ashes used in the service of worship or Mass are sacramentals, not a sacrament. The ashes are blessed according to various rites proper to each liturgical tradition, sometimes involving the use of Holy Water. In some churches they are mixed with light amounts of water or olive oil, which serve as a fixative.

In most liturgies for Ash Wednesday, the Penitential psalms are read; Psalm 51 (LXX Psalm 50) is especially associated with this day. The service also often includes a corporate confession rite.

Ash Wednesday is a day of repentance and it marks the beginning of Lent. Ashes were used in ancient times, according to the Bible, to express mourning. Dusting oneself with ashes was the penitent's way of expressing sorrow for sins and faults. An ancient example of one expressing one's penitence is found in Job 42:3–6. Job says to God: "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." (vv. 5–6, KJV) Other examples are found in several other books of the Bible including, Numbers 19:9, 19:17, Jonah 3:6, Matthew 11:21, Luke 10:13, and Hebrews 9:13.

~ Edited by Fr. Kelly from Wikipedia's Ash Wednesday entry

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 February 15:

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Quinquagesima: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; The Diocese of East Tennessee—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of West Tennessee—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Terekeka—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Territory of the People—The Anglican Church of Canada; The Missionary of Tete—Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Ann Arbor—St. Aidan's

Michigan Center—St. Aidan's

San Pedro, DR—St. Stephen's

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Have you given us
your Birthdate?

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., Eleanore S., 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.

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:

Carolyn P. Jamieson	February 15, 1962
Dr. Julius Taylor	February 15, 1981
Anna Geraldine Pettingill	February 16, 1952
Ida C. Pretzer	February 16, 1953
Margaret Ellen McNab	February 17, 1979
Laurette E. Creighton	February 17, 1992
Mr. E. Dean Alexander	February 18, 1963
Dennis Chestnut	February 18, 1986
Virginia Mergendahl	February 19, 1955
Lucille Brassford	February 19, 2023
Albert D. Conkey	February 20, 1962
Dr. William H. Price	February 20, 1966
James McLellan	February 21, 1977
Lenore Casing	February 21, 1997