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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

October 11, 2026

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Rector's Rambling

Two weeks ago St. John's installed a new piano in the choir rehearsal room, through the very generous gifts of Choir Member Christopher Rush and his wife Michele Roney, Gordon and Elaine Didier, and Brian Campbell.

The former instrument, which was over 100 years old and had most likely been up in the choir room since the 1930s, was a Steinway piano, originally build as a player piano! But the player mechanism was removed before St. John's acquired it. For all of my over 25 years that I have been Rector here I have heard tales of woe about the piano. Time had taken its toll on it, and it was in need of a major rebuild, the cost of which was more than the value of a better, already rebuilt instrument.

Chris approached Huw about making a matching gift towards a new instrument, and the others stepped forward to help to pay for it. Using the services of a dealer with whom we have had a long relationship, and who knows both our needs and our old piano (he has tuned it many, many times) we found a replacement Steinway in excellent condition through



an estate sale in St. Clair Shores. On September 30th Gordon met the professional

movers at the house and then was here for its installation at St. John's.

The old piano has temporarily

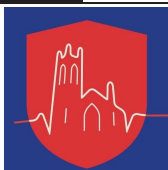
been placed in the library of the ministry center while it is listed for sale by our dealer. Like I mentioned, it



needs work to be a top quality instrument again, but could make an attractive addition to your living room or parlor for regular home use! Contact the office or Dr. Lewis for information.

The month of October is generally Stewardship Month in most parishes. Enclosed in this week's Order of Service is a pledge card for 2027. Please prayerfully consider what you hope to be able to contribute to St. John's Church for the coming year. I am so grateful for the ongoing generosity of our parishioners in support of the ministry of the parish. Having leased our side lot for development we have some income to the parish, but the weekly/monthly/yearly gifts freely given is what funds our operations.

In the coming year we also have a large capital improvement project planned to upgrade the 1937 electrical wiring in the church and chapel, as well as the lighting fixtures, to improve lighting brightness and quality in the building. More information on that will be coming, God willing, in next week's edition.



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 OCTOBER 11—OCTOBER 18

Sunday 10/11 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
	9:15 A	Sunday School/Adult Ed
	10:00 A	Choral Holy Communion
	11:15 A	Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer

Monday 10/12 St. Wilfred, B.C. d. 709 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting

Tuesday 10/13 St Edward, King and Confessor, 1066 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting

Wednesday 10/14 St. Callistus, Pope and Martyr, 223 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting

Thursday 10/15 St. Theresa of Avila 1582 A.D..	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	10:30 A	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting

Friday 10/16 St. Francis of Assisi, OFM, Deacon, 1226 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	11:00 A	AA Meeting
	5:00 P	AA Meeting

Saturday 10/17 St. Etheldreda, Queen and Abbess, 679 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)

Sunday 10/18 ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
	9:15 A	Sunday School/Adult Ed
	10:00 A	Holy Communion (church)
	11:15	Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	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 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

SUNDAY	72	Job 24:1–17 Titus 2
Monday	89:1–19	1 Kings 21:11–22 James 4:13–5:11
Tuesday	90	1 Kings 22:1–12 James 5:12
Wednesday	94	1 Kings 22:13–28 1 Tim. 1:1–11
Thursday	100, 110	1 Kings 22:29–40 1 Tim. 1:12
Friday	119:145–160	2 Kings 1:2–8, 17a 1 Tim. 2:1–10
Saturday	120, 122, 123	2 Kings 2:1–15 1 Tim. 3:1–13

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	80	Jer. 5:7–19 2 Cor. 13
Monday	92	Job 28:12 Matt. 16:13
Tuesday	104	Job 38:1–11, 16–18 Matt. 17:1–13
Wednesday	113, 114	Job 38:19–30 Matt. 17:14
Thursday	116	Job 38:31–38 Matt. 18:1–14
Friday	119:161–176 & 117	Job 39:19 Matt. 18:15
Saturday	144	Job 42:1–9 Matt. 19:1–15

* 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, Wednesday @ 12:15 PM
Thursday 10:30

Evening Prayer

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

Christian Education – Sunday School and Adult Education at 9:15.

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

October 11

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:
E – Richard Moritz

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Melody Huffer

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Adrian Leskiw
Tom Edwards
Isaac Reed

Ushers 10:00 AM:

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

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour

October 18

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
Cindy Edwards

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 2029

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 Series

Perfect Joy, according to St. Francis

Now when this manner of discourse had lasted for the space of two miles, Brother Leo wondered much within himself; and, questioning the saint, he said: "Father, I pray thee teach me wherein is perfect joy." Saint Francis answered: "If, when we shall arrive at Saint Mary of the Angels, if [the porter] refuse to open to us, and leave us outside, exposed to the snow and rain, suffering from cold and hunger till nightfall – then, if we accept such injustice, such cruelty and such contempt with patience, without being ruffled and without murmuring, believing with humility and charity that the porter really knows us, and that it is God who maketh him to speak thus against us, write down, O Brother Leo, that this is perfect joy.

And if we knock again, and the porter come out in anger to drive us away with oaths and blows, as if we were vile impostors, saying, "Begone, miserable robbers! go to the hospital, for here you shall neither eat nor sleep!" – and if we accept all this with patience, with joy, and with charity, O Brother Leo, write that this indeed is perfect joy.

And if, urged by cold and hunger, we knock again, calling to the porter and entreating him with many tears to open to us and give us shelter, for the love of God, and if he come out more angry than before, exclaiming, "These are but importunate rascals, I will deal with them as they deserve"; and taking a knotted stick, he seize us by the hood, throwing us on the ground, rolling us in the snow, and shall beat and wound us with the knots in the stick – if we bear all these injuries with patience and joy, thinking of the sufferings of our Blessed Lord, which we would share out of love for him, write, O Brother Leo, that here, finally, is perfect joy.

And now, brother, listen to the conclusion. Above all the graces and all the gifts of the Holy Spirit which Christ grants to his friends, is the grace of overcoming oneself, and accepting willingly, out of love for Christ, all suffering, injury, discomfort and contempt; for in all other gifts of God we cannot glory, seeing they proceed not from ourselves but from God, according to the words of the Apostle, "What hast thou that thou hast not received from God? and if thou hast received it, why dost thou glory as if thou hadst not received it?" But in the cross of tribulation and affliction we may glory, because, as the Apostle says again, "I will not glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Amen.

~ From The Little Flowers of St. Francis, Chapter 8,
published in the 14th Century

Last week was the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

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 October 11:

Primate of the Province of Central Africa—The Most Rev'd Albert Chama; The Mother's Union of Malawi; Diocese of Chikwawa; Diocese of Dedza

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity: The Anglican Church of Burundi; The Diocese of Central Busoga—The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of Butare—Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; The Diocese of Butere—The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Buye—The Anglican Church of Burundi; The Diocese of Byumba—Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; The Diocese of Calabar—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Farmington Hills—Trinity Church

Santo Domingo, DR—Holy Trinity

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**October 12**

Christopher Baetz

October 16

Henry Aldridge

October 17

Kathy DeGiulio

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES**October 16**

Everyn & Debbie Swain

**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:

Philip H. Sheridan	October 11, 1964
Josephine Murdock	October 11, 1989
Florice Schenck	October 12, 1967
Christopher L. Sayers	October 12, 2021
Alice A. Hawk	October 13, 1978
Sidney Hulme	October 13, 1995
Orville H. Foster, Jr.	October 14, 1963
Frances A. Taland	October 14, 1984
Frederick R. Edwards	October 15, 1967
Joseph Dandridge Jackson	October 15, 2024
Dr. Julius C. Clippert	October 16, 1960
Florence Callely	October 16, 1973
Betty L. Davies	October 17, 1966
David Robert Kays	October 17, 1969