



St. John's Church

# The Parish Chronicle

October 13, 2024

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**



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### Altar Guild Directress

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### Armitage Men's Club

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### Daughters of the King

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### Lectors Guild

Brian Campbell

### Outreach Committee Chair

Debbie Swain and Chris Golembiewski

### Usher Captains

John Barge & Peter Grim



## Rector's Rambling

Happy Homecoming Sunday at St. John's.

We started this tradition in 2001 as an additional excuse to get

those Christmas and Easter visitors to come a third time a year.

When I first arrived here 23 years ago we had many former parishioners who moved the suburbs in the 1970s and 1980s and continued to attend St. John's for the big holy days, bringing their children with them. Those children grew, married, and many continued the family tradition of returning to St. John's for the big celebrations.

But time, and the change in our culture, has interrupted that pattern. Those 'kids' now grown have either settled into their suburban parishes and want to spend the holidays there, or tragically have stopped attending church at all. Nationwide church attendance is down. Those kids' kids now grown, do not have the emotional attachment to St. John's. Best case is that they just don't feel drawn to make the trip downtown for worship. Worst case is that they do not

practice the faith at all.

But we continue Homecoming for those who continue in the faith and want to join us, as well as for our own fellowship. I am so grateful to the women in our parish who coordinate our September Welcome Back Luncheon, this Homecoming Potluck, and the other food-related events coming up in November and December including the Front Door Canteen for Thanksgiving and Advent Soup Luncheon. All this in addition to the events such as craft days, monthly themes (school supplies in August, Coats/Blankets and Food collection in October), bake sales, Advent Tree lighting reception, the Christmas Bazaar, and The Advent Tea. These are the result of the dedication of the St. Catherine's Guild and Daughters of the King. THANK YOU for all your hard work!

Please note - THE ALPHA COURSE will now begin on November 7th. We are grateful that we had to move the schedule because of the Detroit Tigers playoff run.



## 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

**Every Sunday:** *Food or clothing* may be deposited in the basket at the entrance of the church to aid the neighborhood ministry to the poor through **Crossroads**.

**First Sunday of the month:** The *loose offerings* collected are given to support the mission work of the Church in Malawi, Central Africa. Please add a cash gift or extra check in the collection plate every first Sunday of the month!

**Third Sunday of the month:** The *loose offerings* collected are given to support the ministry of the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S OCTOBER 13—OCTOBER 20

<b>Sunday</b> 10/13 TWENTIETH 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
<b>Monday</b> 10/14 St. Callistus, Pope and Martyr, 223 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 10/15 St. Theresa of Avila 1582 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b> 10/16 St. Edward, King and Confessor, 1066 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
<b>Thursday</b> 10/17 St. Etheldreda, Queen and Abbess, 679 A.D.	7:00 A  5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) No Weekday Service today AA Meeting
<b>Friday</b> 10/18 ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
<b>Saturday</b> 10/19 St. Frideswide, Abbess 735 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
<b>Sunday</b> 10/20 TWENTY-FIRST 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

*NOTE: The Chronicle went to the printer last Tuesday. Calendar updates or changes can be found at [www.StJohnsDetroit.org](http://www.StJohnsDetroit.org)*

**Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

*O Almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which thou commandest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)\***

**Morning Prayer**

SUNDAY	11, 12	Mal. 2:14 Matt. 19:3-9a,13-15
Monday	124, 128	2 Kings 4:8-17 1 Tim. 3:14-4:5
Tuesday	125, 126	2 Kings 4:18-25a 1 Tim. 4:6
Wednesday	127, 130	2 Kings 4:25b-37 1 Tim. 5:1-16
Thursday	141:1-4 & 142	2 Kings 5:1-8 1 Tim. 5:17
Friday	143	2 Kings 5:9-19 1 Tim. 6:1-11
Saturday	149	2 Kings 5:20 1 Tim. 6:12

**Evening Prayer**

SUNDAY	145	Jer. 31:31-37 John 13:31-35
Monday	131, 133, 134	Eccles. 1:2-11 Matt. 19:16
Tuesday	132	Eccles. 2:1-11 Matt. 20:1-16
Wednesday	135	Eccles. 2:18 Matt. 20:17
Thursday	137:1-6 & 138	Eccles. 3:1-2, 9-15 Matt. 21:1-16
Friday	139	Eccles. 3:16 Matt. 21:17-32
Saturday	19, 46	Eccles. 5:1-7 Matt. 21:33

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

**WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS**

*Replacement Fans for the Church - need 7 @ \$52 each  
Coming Soon - sponsor a new kneeler in the Church.*

**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 Service this week*

**Evening Prayer**

Monday through Wednesday @ 4 PM

*Services can be attended in person, or by livestream*

**Christian Education** – Sunday School today at 10 AM in the Undercroft. Dante class is after the 10 AM Service and some time at coffee hour, Alpha Course begins October 10 at 6:30 PM.

**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.

**Parking Note** - being a member of St. John's does not mean that we can park in our side lot for free for Tigers or Lions games, shows at the Fox, etc. The lot is leased to Olympia Development, and we have use of it for our church related events, but not at other times when they are using it.

**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.



## LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### October 13

#### Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz  
S – C. Stevenson

#### Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock  
Denise Grim

#### Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell  
Morley Stevenson  
Elizabeth Savage

#### Ushers 10:00 AM:

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

#### Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour

### October 20

#### 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

#### Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour

Ushers in reserve: David Boulton, Morley Stevenson

### The Vestry and Officers of St. John's

Charles Roby, Senior Warden  
Pat Walter, Junior Warden  
Durene Brown, Secretary  
Jared Moody, Treasurer

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*Terms expire January 2025*

Durene Brown                      Charles Roby

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*Terms expire January 2026*

Elizabeth Butler                      David Gawrych  
Bryan Monaco

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*Terms expire January 2027*

Jared Moody                      Patrick Walters  
Helene Waters

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 *Alcoholics Anonymous*

In 1935 a remarkable event occurred in the history of the treatment of alcoholism; the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous. It was in this year that a New Yorker, Bill Wilson, met with Dr. Bob Smith in Akron, Ohio. Bill had achieved some time of sobriety through the support of a group of other recovering drunks using the principles of a religious organization called the Oxford Group.

Tempted to drink while on a business trip to Akron, he called a local minister to ask if he had any alcoholics in his congregation that he could speak with. The minister recommended Dr. Bob. Together they not only practiced the Oxford Group principles, but began to discuss how they could be expanded to specifically help the suffering and recovering alcoholics. From this was born Alcoholics Anonymous.

With the help of his Episcopal Priest, Dr. Sam Shoemaker, Wilson (with Smith's input) expanded the six principles of the Oxford Group into the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. These 12 steps have also become the foundation for recovery groups for numerous addictions, from gambling to overeating, and everything in-between.

Rather than a "self-help" group, Alcoholics Anonymous is a spiritual program based on turning one's life over to God, staying sober by "working the steps" and by service to the still suffering alcoholic.

The 12 Steps are: 1) *We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.* 2) *Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.* 3) *Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.* 4) *Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.* 5) *Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.* 6) *Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.* 7) *Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.* 8) *Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.* 9) *Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.* 10) *Continued to take personal inventory, and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.* 11) *Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.* 12) *Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.*

Alcoholics Anonymous (which is taken from the title of their book known as "The Big Book") spread slowly at first, but exploded in size after the publication of an article about the group in *The Saturday Evening Post* in 1941.

St. John's has hosted meetings of the group since it came to Detroit in the 1940s. Alcoholics Anonymous now meets here four days a week: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 5:00 PM, Friday at 11:00 AM

For more information, go to [www.AA.org](http://www.AA.org), call the local AA hotline at (313) 831-5550, or come to a meeting.

**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 13:**

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

*Twentieth Sunday after Trinity: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines; The Diocese of Kajado—The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Kajo Keji—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Kalima—Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; The Diocese of Kampala—The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of Kano—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

**Episcopal Diocese of Michigan**

Farmington Hills—Trinity Church  
Sando Domingo, DR—Holy Trinity

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**



**October 14**

Alexa Korpall  
Kevin Korpall

**October 16**

Henry Aldridge

**October 17**

Kathy DeGuilio

**October 18**

Terrance Donnelly

**October 19**

Cameron Plucinski

**This Week's ANNIVERSARIES**

**October 16**

Ralph & Malinda Madison  
Everyn & Debbie Swain



**OUR PRAYER LIST**

**Healing and Comfort:** Alice B., Sarah B., Al F., Bonnie B., Brianna W., Cathy M., Christopher B., Daria R., Durene B., Endolyn C., Elaine D., Eleanore S., Gail W., Gordon D., George W., Helene W., Jessica W., Jimmy J., Jim Z., Johny C., Julie B., Lawrence A., MJ B., Michael Z., Michael P., Paul M., Rexina M., Robert H., Sabrina H., Sandra Z., Sandy D., Virginia 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

**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:**

Alice A. Hawk	October 13, 1978
Sidney Hulme	October 13, 1995
Orville H. Foster, Jr.	October 14, 1963
Frances A. Taland	October 14, 1984
Laura Hart Cristy	October 15, 1958
Frederick R. Edwards	October 15, 1967
Dr. Julius C. Clippert	October 16, 1960
Florence Callely	October 16, 1973
Betty L. Davies	October 17, 1966
David Robert Kays	October 17, 1969
Joseph Michael Hadrian	October 18, 1976
Hazel Hyte Taylor	October 18, 1983
William D. Largess	October 19, 1955
Lorraine Cliff	October 19, 1984