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## St. John's Church

# The Parish Chronicle

November 17, 2024

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



## Rector's Rambling

Today is the 165th Anniversary of the dedication of our Chapel, the first building completed for St. John's.

November 17, 1859 was a Thursday that year. Our 50th Anniversary book records that day for us.

*(And on Thursday morning, November 17, 1859, the congregation assembled for the first time for their common worship, on the occasion of the Consecration of St. John's Chapel. With the Bishop and the Rector were twelve other clergy; the Senior Warden presented the "Instruments of Donation and Request to Consecrate," the Rector read the "Sentence of Consecration;" the Bishop preached from Ephesians 5:32, "I speak concerning the Church;" in the Holy Communion, the first of so many celebrations at that beloved altar, the Bishop was assisted by the Reverend Rufus Murray of Mariners' Church. At Evening Prayer the same day, the Rector ministered the first Baptism in the parish, to Louis Alden Grelling. Thirteen boys had been trained and organized into a choir, which sang at both these services.*

St. John's was off to a rousing start, having been built in what was a rural area outside of the City of Detroit (hard to imagine this corner being described that way back then). Sunday worship was very well attended, and then on Monday night a parish meeting was held to reelect the wardens and vestry and to assess pew rents. Yes, in those days the pews were rented for the year rather than the collection plate passed around. They ran into an immediate problem...too many people wanted to rent pews in the

chapel which they thought would suffice for 5 to 10 years before having to build the larger church!

Our parish historian continues,

*With the same characteristic promptness that had marked the enterprise thus far, at a Vestry meeting the following Monday night, November 28, these resolutions were adopted: "Resolved that in view of the fact that every seat in the Chapel is already rented, and that there is a large demand for additional seats, it is desirable that efforts should be made for the immediate erection of a Church seating about one thousand persons "resolved that a subscription paper for this purpose be prepared and circulated and that as soon as \$10,000 in addition to the \$17,000 offered by Mr. Baldwin, be obtained, the Vestry will feel authorized to take steps for the erection of the Church" As the estimates came in for the building and furnishing of the Church, Henry Porter Baldwin and the Vestry doubled their pledges, and the total cost to build the Church was just under \$49,000 which is worth \$1,860,000 today.*





## 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 NOVEMBER 17—NOVEMBER 24

<b>Sunday</b> 11/17 TWENTY-FIFTH 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> 11/18 St. Hilda of Whitby, Abbess, 680 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting <i>Office Closed—Veterans</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 11/19 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, 1231 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b> 11/20 St. Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200 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> 11/21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:00 A 10:30 A  4:00 P 5:00 P 6:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion with Benediction Evening Prayer AA Meeting The Alpha Course
<b>Friday</b> 11/22 St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr, c. 190 A.D.	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
<b>Saturday</b> 11/23 St. Clement of Rome, Pope and Martyr c. 100 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
<b>Sunday</b> 11/24 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT	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 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity**

**O** GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen

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

**Morning Prayer**

SUNDAY	75, 138	Isa. 2:6-19 Matt. 25:14-29
Monday	105	Lam. 1:1-6 1 Pet. 3:13
Tuesday	106	Lam. 1:15 1 Pet. 4:1-6
Wednesday	113, 114	Lam. 2:1-10 1 Pet. 4:7-11
Thanksgiving	65	Deut. 8:1-11, 17-20 1 Thess. 5:12-23
Friday	116, 117	Lam. 4:11-20 1 Pet. 5:1-7
Saturday	120, 123	Lam. 5 1 Pet. 5:8

**Evening Prayer**

SUNDAY	9	Gen. 19:1-3, 12-17, 24-28 Luke 17:20
Monday	107	Wisdom 1:1-7 1 Thess. 5:12
Tuesday	111, 112	Wisdom 6:1-11 2 Thess. 1
Wednesday	118	Wisdom 6:12-21 2 Thess. 2:1-12
Thanksgiving	147	Isa. 12 Phil. 4:4-7
Friday	125, 126, 127	Wisdom 7:15-22a 2 Thess. 3:6
Saturday	99, 100	Wisdom 7:22-8:1 Jude

\* 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

Thursday @ 10:30 AM with Benediction

**Evening Prayer**

Monday through Thursday @ 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 is Thursday 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 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

### November 17

#### 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  
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

### November 24

#### 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  
Brian Campbell

#### 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 Teaching Notes

### From Our Cornerstone Document

*(June 6, 1860 – Fr. William E. Armitage, Rector)*

We are conscious and confident that we are building that which will outlast ourselves; and we rejoice in the hope that, within the walls we are permitted to raise, thousands, in successive generations, will worship GOD, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; and confess our LORD and Saviour JESUS CHRIST, in the Sacraments and ordinances of His Gospel; and partake of all the blessings of membership in His Church, which are precious to our souls to-day. As Christians and as Churchman, we thank GOD for our strong assurance and conviction, drawn on past history, that the Protestant Episcopal Church, for whose communion this building will be reared, is so grounded on the one foundation, JESUS CHRIST, so true to Him, in the ministry, the doctrine, the Liturgy, the sacred year, the entire system which she has inherited; so careful of His complete Gospel; holding each and every part thereof, in its own due proportion and harmony; that however we and those who shall follow us may prove unworthy of her and of her Lord, among all the changes and chances of this world, she will remain, in all essential things unchanged. We thank GOD that we shall be permitted to leave to our successors, not this building only, wherein the truth of GOD may be proclaimed, but the stronger and more enduring building of the Church, made at the first “the Pillar and Ground of the Truth,” and now its best preservation and defence. And, although we are not worthy to offer unto Him anything of ours, we humbly pray Him, in the Name of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, to accept this building for His own from this day forth, to preserve it and to be the home of many souls of His servants while here in the body, through generations to come. And we pray Him, of His infinite Mercy, to guide and govern His ministers and His people, who shall serve Him in this house from year to year; and by His indwelling presence and Spirit, to keep them ever firm, steadfast and true, in heart and life to the everlasting Gospel—to the confession of “one LORD, one Faith, one Baptism, one GOD and Father of all.”

**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 November 17:**  
Diocese of Lake Malawi—The Rt Revd Francis Kaulanda;  
Leonard Kamungu Theological College; Diocese of  
Karonga; St. Ann's Hospital

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

*Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; The Diocese of Kigeme—Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; The Diocese of Kigezi—The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of North Kigezi—The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin, and Ardagh—The Church of Ireland; The Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman—The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

**Episcopal Diocese of Michigan**

Clinton—St. John's

Gautier, DR—St. Thomas'

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**



**November 17**

Ralph Babcock  
Elizabeth Savage

**November 18**

Natalie Campbell  
Jeffrey Smith

**November 22**

Tom Mullin

**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., 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:**

Margaret J. Bridges	November 17, 1972
John J. Hartneth	November 17, 1976
David J. Wilkie	November 18, 1963
Wilson C. Boughton	November 18, 1969
Mr. M. Kay Kartsen	November 19, 1950
Doris E. Kay	November 19, 1961
Nellie B. Coykendall	November 20, 1962
Russell Skitch	November 20, 1991
Mary E. Williams	November 21, 1969
Yvette Marie McHugh	November 21, 2016
Anest Ada DuPius	November 22, 1960
Elinor Harris	November 22, 1997
Percival W. Keene	November 23, 1964
Egbert M. Ramsay	November 23, 1965