



St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

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SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

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Rector's Rambling

We have a busy week ahead here at St. John's, leading us into a busy December as well.

This week we have our Thanksgiving Festivities at St. John's. Wednesday, November 27th we will have our Thanksgiving Eve Holy Communion Service at 7 PM. I suggest arriving a bit early since there is also a 7:30 Red Wings game that night across the freeway from us. After the Service those parishioners and their friends who would like to stay overnight are welcome to - BYO bedding/cots/air mattress.

Thursday Morning, Thanksgiving Day, we start early with a pancake breakfast in the Undercroft as well as donuts, coffee and hot chocolate sale at our Front Door Canteen. Scaffolding will be set up in the garden for watching America's Thanksgiving Day Parade as it passes in front of our Church. When Old St. Nick arrives at the tail end of the parade the children of the parish will

greet him by ringing the big bell in the tower!

On Friday at 11 AM we will have the Burial Office for the repose of the soul of Virginia Burton, who passed away in early September.

Next Sunday for the beginning of Advent, we have scheduled the baptism of Virginia Medlow, the daughter of Joan and Connor. She is also the great-granddaughter of Virginia Burton!

December is busy with our Holiday Bazaar, Gift Giving Tree, Women's Advent Tea, Garden Tree Lighting, Diocesan Visit, Cookie Walk, Warm Fuzzy Tree, Advent Soup Sunday and Church Greening, and of course the celebration of Christmas.

Almost all of those things are on Sunday when you are already here in church for worship (hint hint) so you can participate in all of them.

And now is the time to start inviting friends, neighbors, and family to join us on Sunday and for Christmas worship as well!



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 24—DECEMBER 1

Sunday 11/24 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer

Monday 11/25 St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr, c. 300 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
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Tuesday 11/26 St. Sylvester, Abbot 1567 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
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Wednesday 11/27 St. John of the Cross 1591 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P 7:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting Thanksgiving Eve Holy Communion <i>Office Closed</i>
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Thursday 11/28 THANKSGIVING DAY	7:00 A 6:30 A	Morning Meditation (online) Pancake Breakfast and Front Door Canteen
	5:00 P	AA Meeting <i>Office Closed</i>

Friday 11/29	7:00 A 11:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) Burial Office for Virginia Burton AA Meeting <i>Office Closed</i>
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Saturday 11/30 ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
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Sunday 12/1 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Holy Communion 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 Sunday next before Advent

STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

SUNDAY	39	Jer. 4:23 Matt. 25:31
Monday	124, 128	Joel 1:13 2 Pet. 1:1–11
Tuesday	129, 130	Joel 2:1–11 2 Pet. 1:12
Wednesday	136	Joel 2:12–19 2 Pet. 2:1–10a
Thursday	137:1–6 & 138	Joel 2:21 2 Pet. 2:10b
Friday	142, 143	Joel 3:1–8 2 Pet. 3:1–10
Saturday	146, 149	Joel 3:9–17 2 Pet. 3:11

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	90	Eccles. 11:9–12:8, 13–14 Heb. 13:1–21
Monday	131, 133, 134	Wisdom 9:1–4, 9–11 Rev. 1:1–8
Tuesday	132	Wisdom 9:13 Rev. 1:9
Wednesday	139	Wisdom 10:1–4, 15–21 Rev. 2:1–11
Thursday	140, 141:1–4	Wisdom 11:21–12:2 Rev. 2:12–17
Friday	144	Wisdom 12:12–19 Rev. 3:1–6
Saturday	148, 150	Wisdom 13:1–9 Rev. 3:7–13

* 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

Wednesday (Thanksgiving Eve) at 7:00 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 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 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

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December 1

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Jane Burton
Elisabeth Johnson
Carolyn Ricca

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Cindy Edwards

Ushers 10:00 AM:

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

Coffee Hour

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The Vestry and Officers of St. John's

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

Terms expire January 2025

Durene Brown Charles Roby

Terms expire January 2026

Elizabeth Butler David Gawrych
Bryan Monaco

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.

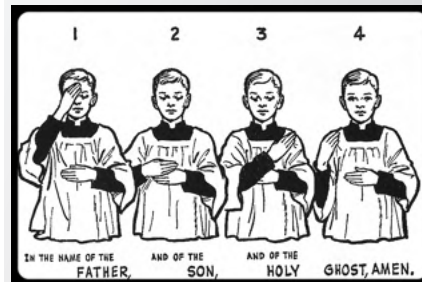
St. John's Teaching Series Crossing ourselves

Making the Sign of the Cross expresses in an outward manner our inner beliefs about the centrality of the Cross. The Cross is where Jesus died to pay the penalty price for our sins. He also commanded us to take up our cross daily and follow him (Luke 9:23). Making the Sign of the Cross expresses these truths.

There is a tendency for some Christians to over-emphasize the intellectual at the expense of other aspects of the faith. Biblical Christianity however, involves the whole person, including the body. We read in Scripture about lifting up holy hands, falling down in worship, bowing our heads and the like. Christian worship is not just about listening to a sermon talking about bodily postures, but involves our actual doing of these things.

In the Incarnation, the Second Person of the Trinity took upon himself our human flesh and became a man. To say that Jesus only seemed to be human is a heresy. Christianity is not just about ideas; it is also about the down-to-earth. To avoid making the Sign of the Cross because it is "merely" outward and physical misses the point of the Incarnation. Making the Sign of the Cross can also be a witness to others of our faith. Many Christians wear crosses as a witness to others. The Sign of the Cross is similar, and serves as a visual reminder to us, as well. It can serve as a form of visual prayer when words fail, or we're mentally tired.

Most objections to making the Sign of the Cross stem from anti-catholic prejudice. Yet the same



Protestant who will object to "dead gestures", will quickly remove a hat and place his hand over his heart when the flag goes by or the National Anthem is played. If symbols and gestures are

important in honoring America, they must have a greater, not lesser, place in honoring God.

No one must make the Sign of the Cross nor should one look down on those doing or not doing it. Done to the glory of God, however, it can be a blessing – to God, to others, and to ourselves.

~ Canon Mark Pearson

**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 24:

Diocese of Northern Malawi: The Rt Revd Fanuel Emmanuel Magangani; Sisters of Saint Mary; Diocese of Mangochi; Diocese of Mzuzu; St. Peter's Hospital

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Sunday next before Advent: The Anglican Church of South America; The Diocese of Kindu—Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; The Diocese of Kinkiizi—the Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of Kinshasa—Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; The Diocese of Kirinyaga—The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Kisangani—Province de L'Eglise Anglicane du Congo; The Diocese of Kitakanto—The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Detroit—St. Matthew's & St. Joseph's
Jimani, DR—St. Titus'

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



November 26
Andrew Kelly

November 27
Jennifer Kelly

November 28
Kim DeGiulio
Peggy Valerio

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., Gail W., Gordon D., George W., Helene W., Jessica W., Jimmy J., Jim Z., Johnny C., Julie B., Lawrence A., MJ B., Michael Z., Michael P., Paul M., Rexina M., Robert H., Sabrina H., Sandra Z., Sandy D.,

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:

Henrietta Schroth	November 24, 1968
Wilfred Ruffey	November 24, 2004
Charles T. Trollope	November 25, 1947
Clara Fanny Brocklebank	November 25, 1951
Helen Gillingham	November 26, 1957
Sara G. Murphy	November 26, 1962
Ann E. McGillicuddy	November 27, 1966
Lisbeth Ann Oates	November 27, 2016
Charles William Kurth	November 28, 1954
Charles Walker Rileigh	November 28, 2019
Harry S. Kelly	November 29, 1962
Bert J. Davis	November 29, 1965
Theodore Peck	November 30, 1964
Dr. William Doss	November 30, 1982