



St. John's Church

# The Parish Chronicle

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

## Directory

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### Armitage Men's Club

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### Lectors Guild

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### Outreach Committee Chair

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### Usher Captains

John Barge & Peter Grim



## Rector's Rambling

"We have no king but Caesar" *John 19:15*

The phrase above is recorded for us from the mouths of the religious authorities of Jesus' earthly time. Having brought Jesus before the governor of Judea, Pontius Pilate, they accused him of all sorts of sedition mainly centered in religious disagreement. Pilate seems to know better than to meddle in such matters, and looks for a way to let Jesus off with a scourging and admonition.

But the religious authorities were set that Jesus must be put to death for having declared himself the Son of God, in their ears a blasphemy. In one last attempt at relief Pilate asks why he should crucify their king (they had tried to trip up Pilate with a political charge that Jesus was trying to usurp Rome's earthly authority with a claim to be an earthly king).

When asked, the Sanhedrin, no friends or admirers of their Roman overlords, reject Jesus and claim Caesar as their own. A full apostasy on their part.

Today we have a secondary observance of Jesus as Christ the King. Not an earthly kingdom, as many expected, but King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. For an explanation of the history and theology of this ob-

servance, see the Teaching Notes on page 4.

Jesus is King, and where he desires to rule is in our hearts and in our lives. His Kingdom is among us as his faithful people, and we worship and adore him as Sovereign over us. And yet he is also an intimate friend who dwells in hearts, feeds us in His Word and Sacrament, and loves us so much that he died on the cross for us. So let us submit in love to his most gracious rule!

I am most grateful that Fr. Geoffrey Piper could be with us today at St. John's while I am in Philadelphia for my annual rowing race (yesterday) with alumni friends from college. Fr. Piper served in the Diocese of Quebec, then in the Diocese of Michigan at Church of the Advent, Orchard Lake and Christ Church, Detroit before moving on to the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. He recently retired back to the area to be near children and grandchildren, and I am grateful!





## 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 27—NOVEMBER 3

<b>Sunday</b> 10/27 TWENTY-SECOND 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> 10/28 ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE, APOSTLES	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 10/29 Martyrs of Uganda	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b> 10/30	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
<b>Thursday</b> 10/31 Vigil of All Saints (All Hallows' Eve)	7:00 A 10:30 A  4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion and Benediction Evening prayer AA Meeting
<b>Friday</b> 11/1 ALL SAINTS' DAY	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
<b>Saturday</b> 11/2 All Souls' Day Of the Octave	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
<b>Sunday</b> 11/3 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Of the Octave	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-second Sunday after Trinity**

**L**ORD, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**Morning Prayer**

SUNDAY	32, 43	Ecclus. 27:30—28:7 Matt. 18:7–20
Monday	18:21–36	2 Kings 17:6–8, 12–18 Titus 1
Tuesday	25	2 Kings 21:1–3, 10–18 Titus 2
Wednesday	28	2 Kings 22:3–13 Titus 3
All Saints	1, 15	Wisdom 3:1–9 Rev. 19:1–16
Friday	40:1–16	2 Kings 23:1–4, 11–14, 21–23 2 John
Saturday	31	2 Kings 23:24–30 3 John

**Evening Prayer**

SUNDAY	51	1 Kings 8:46–53 Luke 7:36
Monday	20, 24	Deut. 4:1–9 Matt. 24:15–28
Tuesday	29, 36:5	Deut. 4:15–24 Matt. 24:29–41
All Hallows Eve	97, 112	Ecclus. 44:1–15 Heb. 11:32—12:2
All Saints	148, 150	Wisdom 5:1–5, 14–16 Rev. 21:1–4, 22—22:5
Friday	37:26	Deut. 5:1–21 Matt. 25:14–30
Saturday	27	Deut. 5:22 Matt. 25:31

\* 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 at 10:30 (note new time)

**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 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 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 27

#### 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  
Chelsea Hutchins

#### 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 3

#### 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  
Huw Lewis

#### 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

### Feast of Christ the King

*Why do we need a Feast of Christ the King? What is written below, in 1925, is true today! Originally celebrated the last Sunday in October by Roman and Anglican Churches and continues here for those using the original lectionary, it has been moved in the new lectionary to the last Sunday before Advent.*

If we ordain that the whole world shall revere Christ as King, We shall minister to the need of the present day, and at the same time provide an excellent remedy for the plague which now infects society. We refer to the plague of anti-clericalism, its errors and impious activities. This evil spirit, as you are well aware, Venerable Brethren, has not come into being in one day; it has long lurked beneath the surface. The empire of Christ over all nations was rejected. The right which the Church has from Christ himself, to teach mankind, to make laws, to govern peoples in all that pertains to their eternal salvation, that right was denied. Then gradually the religion of Christ came to be likened to false religions and to be placed ignominiously on the same level with them. It was then put under the power of the state and tolerated more or less at the whim of princes and rulers. Some men went even further, and wished to set up in the place of God's religion a natural religion consisting in some instinctive affection of the heart. There were even some nations who thought they could dispense with God, and that their religion should consist in impiety and the neglect of God. We firmly hope, however, that the feast of the Kingship of Christ, which in future will be yearly observed, may hasten the return of society to our loving Savior. This state of things may perhaps be attributed to a certain slowness and timidity in good people, who are reluctant to engage in conflict or oppose but a weak resistance; thus the enemies of the Church become bolder in their attacks. But if the faithful were generally to understand that it behooves them ever to fight courageously under the banner of Christ their King, then, fired with apostolic zeal, they would strive to win over to their Lord those hearts that are bitter and estranged from him, and would valiantly defend his rights.

Moreover, the annual and universal celebration of the feast of the Kingship of Christ will draw attention to the evils which anticlericalism has brought upon society in drawing men away from Christ, and will also do much to remedy them. While nations insult the beloved name of our Redeemer by suppressing all mention of it in their conferences and parliaments, we must all the more loudly proclaim his kingly dignity and power, all the more universally affirm his rights.

~ Edited by Fr. Kelly from [www.NewAdvent.org](http://www.NewAdvent.org)

**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 27:**

Diocese of Northern Malawi: The Rt Revd Fanuel Emmanuel Magangani; Sister of Saint Mary; Diocese of Mangochi; Bishop Biggers; Diocese of Zomba

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

*Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity: The Scottish Episcopal Church; The Diocese of North Karamoja—The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of Karimnagar—The Church of South India (United); The Diocese of Karnataka Central—The Church of South India (United); The Diocese of Karnataka North—The Church of South India (United); The Diocese of Karnataka South—The Church of South India (United); The Diocese of Karongi—Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda*

**Episcopal Diocese of Michigan**

Milford—St. George's  
San Cristobal, DR—St. Bartholomew

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**



**October 27**  
Joan Burton

**October 31**  
Andre Smith

**November 2**  
Patrick Walter

**This Week's ANNIVERSARIES**

**November 1**  
Christopher & Stephanie  
Smith



**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:**

Evelyn LaVaure Casing	October 27, 1981
Harry Cloke	October 27, 1989
Beatrice Ann Hulme	October 28, 1996
Alexandra Elizabeth Hughes McAllister	October 28, 2019
Charles F. Maddox	October 29, 1969
Ralph J. Burton	October 29, 1973
Arthur M. Hinkley	October 30, 1965
Wilford Flemore	October 30, 1977
Mary M. Collins	October 31, 1969
Wave Dawn Lowe	October 31, 1973
Lee S. Delaud	November 1, 1975
James F. Stone	November 1, 1983
Anne Wood	November 2, 1983
George Alfred Weedon	November 2, 2005