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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

September 29, 2024

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS



Rector's Rambling

Today we celebrate with great joy the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. Michael is the lead angel, the warrior for God against the rebellious legions of demons who refused to serve God and were cast out of heaven. The image on this page is from our window at the back of the Church. St. Raphael is also depicted in the window along with Our Lord, Our Lady, and St. John.

On page 4 of today's Chronicle there is a Teaching Note on the different varieties of created spirits that we generally call angels. In fact there are many more of these who are named in scripture according to their God-created purpose. Although I don't think much about some of the orders like choirs, principalities, and powers, I do think about the Archangels that we sing about in our opening hymn today (Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael) and of course our guardian angels as well.

I remember my grandmother teaching me as a young child the bedtime prayer "Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, rule and guide. Amen" I also remember her remarking that my guardian angel must have gotten combat pay when I was in college and outside of the practice of the faith for a few years.

Of course the other reason for my love of this Feast Day is because of our long relationship with the St. Michael's Conference for Youth, both the original East Coast conference were I worked and met Jennifer, and the Midwest con-

ference were I have been on staff for 25 years. St. Michael is a strong patron for the young people to look up to and call upon in intercession.

Today is also an interesting anniversary for me. It was 5 years ago today that I was life-flighted off a cruise ship in the Baltic Sea because of a diverticulitis attack, an infection that was raging through my intestine. I was taken by helicopter to Turku, Finland where they removed 2/3 of my large intestine.

The American doctor with whom I followed up with when I returned home said it was miraculous that the Finnish surgeon was able to remove that much diseased intestine and reconnect the what was left without a colostomy, and also how quickly normal function returned. She had good skill, but we know she was guided by Dr. Jesus, who also gave the healing as well. The prayers of the congregation, friends, family and strangers added to the cause. Thanks be to God!





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 SEPTEMBER 29—OCTOBER 6

Sunday 9/29 ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS	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
Monday 9/30 St. Jerome, B.C.D. d. 420 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Tuesday 10/1 St. Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, 553 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
Wednesday 10/2 Holy Guardian Angels	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Thursday 10/3 St. Teresa	7:00 A 9:00 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion and Benediction Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Friday 10/4 St. Francis of Assisi, OFM, Deacon, 1226 A.D.	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
Saturday 10/5	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 10/6 NINETEENTH 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

Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

LORD, we Beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only god; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

SUNDAY	48, 112	Prov. 2:1-9 1 Tim. 3:14-4:16
Monday	41	1 Kings 18:1-15 James 1:12-21
Tuesday	42, 43	1 Kings 18:16-24 James 1:22
Wednesday	44	1 Kings 18:25-30, 36-46 James 2:1-13
Thursday	49	1 Kings 19:1-8 James 2:14
Friday	51	1 Kings 19:9 James 3
Saturday	71	1 Kings 21:1-10 James 4:1-12

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	147	Deut. 11:18-21, 26-28, 32 Gal. 1:1-12
Monday	33	Job 12:13-22 Matt. 13:53-14:12
Tuesday	39	Job 14:1-14 Matt. 14:13-21
Wednesday	50	Job 18:5-7, 14-21 Matt. 14:22
Thursday	73	Job 21:7-20, 29-33 Matt. 15:1-20
Friday	85, 86	Job 24:1-4, 12-20 Matt. 15:21
Saturday	93, 98	Job 25:2-6 & 26:6-14 Matt. 16:1-12

* 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 @ 9:00 AM

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 begins September 29, Alpha Course begins October 10.

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

September 29

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Elizabeth Savage

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Pam Beeghly
Suzanne Nicholson
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

October 6

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

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

Therefore with Angels and Archangels...

As we celebrate today the Feast of St. Michael and all Angels, it appropriate to list the types of Angels found in the bible.

Seraphim – These are the highest order or choir of angels. They are the angels who are attendants or guardians before God's throne. They praise God, calling, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of Hosts". The only Biblical reference is Isaiah 6:1-7.

Cherubim rank after the Seraphim and are the second highest in the nine hierarchies or choirs of angels. The Old Testament does not reveal any evidence that the Jews considered them as intercessors or helpers of God. They were closely linked in God's glory. They are described as manlike in appearance and double-winged and were guardians of God's glory. In the New Testament, they are alluded to as celestial attendants in the Apocalypse (Rev 4-6).

Archangels are generally taken to mean "chief or leading angel" (Jude 9; 1 Thes 4:16). They are the most frequently mentioned throughout the Bible. The Archangels have a unique role as God's messenger to the people at critical times in history and salvation (Tb 12:6, 15; Jn 5:4; Rv 12:7-9) as in The Annunciation and Apocalypse. Of special significance is St. Michael as he has been invoked as patron and protector by the Church from the time of the Apostles. The angel Gabriel first appeared in the Old Testament in the prophecies of Daniel, where he announced the prophecy of 70 weeks (Dn 9:21-27). He appeared to Zechariah to announce the birth of St. John the Baptist (Lk 1:11). It was also Gabriel which proclaimed the Annunciation of Mary to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour. (Lk 1:26) The angel Raphael first appeared in the book of Tobit (3:25, 5:5-28, 6-12). He announces "I am the Angel Raphael, one of the seven who stand before the throne of God." (Tb 12:15)

And the others – In the New Testament, Principalities refers to one type of spiritual being which are now quite hostile to God and human beings. (Rom 8:38; 1 Cor 15:24; Eph 1:21; 3:10; 6:12; Col 1:16; 2:10, 15) Along with the Principalities are the Powers (Rom 8:38; 1 Cor 15:24; Eph 1:21; 1 Pt 3:22; 2 Thes 1:7 1 Cor 15:24; Eph 1:21; 3:10; Col 2:15), Dominions (Eph 1:21; Col 1:16), and Thrones (Col 1:16). The clarity of the New Testament witness helps us to see that these beings were created through Christ and for Him (Col 1:16).

~ Edited from the Web site
<http://www.youth2000ny.com/angels2.html>

**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 September 29:

Retired Bishops of Malawi: Bishop Biggers, Bishop Tengtanga, Bishop Arden, Bishop Boyle; Diocese of Zomba

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity: The Church of Pakistan (United); The Diocese of Rio de Janeiro—Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; The Diocese of Jebba—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Jerusalem—The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East; The Diocese of San Joaquin—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Johannesburg—The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; The Diocese of Jos—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Walled Lake—Emmaus

Southfield—St. David's

Azuza, DR—St. George's

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



September 30

Gail Weedon

October 1

Jean Brace

October 2

Louie Adams

October 4

Freeman Brown
Bruce Burton

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

September 30

Jimmie Baber & Amy Proctor



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:

Jacqueline Harris	September 29, 1979
Margaret Wallis	September 29, 1986
William M. Guinness	September 30, 1952
Douglas Ferguson Roby, III	September 30, 2023
Jane Neil Jones	October 1, 1953
Felicia R. Leed	October 1, 1971
Lauretta McArthur	October 2, 1952
Louis W. Plies	October 2, 1961
John Gilbert Edwards	October 3, 1981
Norris Octave Mottley	October 3, 2009
Elizabeth Griseld Hewitt	October 4, 1914
Rosella James Bryce	October 4, 1924
Alanson E. Webster	October 5, 1981
Wilhelmina Flounory	October 5, 2015