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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

October 6, 2024

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Rector's Rambling

Last week we started our Adult Education Class on Dante's Inferno. Elizabeth Savage is leading this class, and on the first week we had 17 people in attendance, with a few more people planning on joining us this week. Last week we did an introduction to Dante, and Canto 1. Today we plan on discussing Cantos 2 through 4. We are using two translations, by Mark Musa, and Robert and Jean Hollander, to help us look at not only the small translations differences, but the differing notes that the authors feel are pertinent about the text. Just as Virgil is guiding Dante on his way through this epic poetic journey, Elizabeth is guiding us through the class! Interested? Come sit in on the class after the 10 AM Service to give it a try.

On Thursday we begin The Alpha Course. HOWEVER...as of the writing of this article which we have to send to the printer Wednesday morning, so therefore we do not know if the Detroit Tigers will be hosting a home playoff game that evening at Comerica Park.

For the good of the community I hope that they win the wildcard series and at least one of the first two games of the American League Divisional Series so that they will have game scheduled at home on Wednesday and Thursday.

If this turns out to be true then we will have to pivot on when/where the class will start because of traffic issues in the neighborhood. This would be a great problem to have (or may not be a problem at all—we will have to see).

All that above being said, let me encourage you to sign up for the Alpha Course. The evening begins with dinner at 6:30 PM, followed by an entertaining video teaching and then a discussion. We are generally finished by 8 PM. And the course is FREE.

Alpha is not only for those of us in the Church who would like a refresher course on The Faith, but also a class for those discerning a relationship with Jesus Christ, or even those who are just curious about Christianity. Know anyone like that? Invite them to join us for this free meal, class, and discussion.



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 6—OCTOBER 13

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
Monday 10/7 William Tyndale 1536 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Tuesday 10/8 St. Bridget, Abbess of Sweden, 1373 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
Wednesday 10/9 Ss. Denys, Rusticus, and Eletherius, 258 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer (<i>not if Tigers playoff game</i>) AA Meeting
Thursday 10/10 St. Paulinus, B.C. 644 A.D.	7:00 A 9:00 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion and Benediction Evening Prayer (<i>not if Tigers playoff game</i>) AA Meeting
Friday 10/11 St. Bruno, 1101 A.D.	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
Saturday 10/12 St. Wilfred, B.C. 709 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 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

NOTE: The Chronicle went to the printer last Tuesday. Calendar updates or changes can be found at www.StJohnsDetroit.org

Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	72	Job 24:1-17 Titus 2
Monday	89:1-19	1 Kings 21:11-22 James 4:13-5:11
Tuesday	90	1 Kings 22:1-12 James 5:12
Wednesday	94	1 Kings 22:13-28 1 Tim. 1:1-11
Thursday	100, 110	1 Kings 22:29-40 1 Tim. 1:12
Friday	119:145-160	2 Kings 1:2-8, 17a 1 Tim. 2:1-10
Saturday	120, 122, 123	2 Kings 2:1-15 1 Tim. 3:1-13

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	80	Jer. 5:7-19 2 Cor. 13
Monday	92	Job 28:12 Matt. 16:13
Tuesday	104	Job 38:1-11, 16-18 Matt. 17:1-13
Wednesday	113, 114	Job 38:19-30 Matt. 17:14
Thursday	116	Job 38:31-38 Matt. 18:1-14
Friday	119:161-176 & 117	Job 39:19 Matt. 18:15
Saturday	144	Job 42:1-9 Matt. 19:1-15

* 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

(postponed Wednesday and Thursday if the Tigers have home playoff games this week)

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 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

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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

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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

Perfect Joy, according to St. Francis

Now when this manner of discourse had lasted for the space of two miles, Brother Leo wondered much within himself; and, questioning the saint, he said: "Father, I pray thee teach me wherein is perfect joy." Saint Francis answered: "If, when we shall arrive at Saint Mary of the Angels, if [the porter] refuse to open to us, and leave us outside, exposed to the snow and rain, suffering from cold and hunger till nightfall – then, if we accept such injustice, such cruelty and such contempt with patience, without being ruffled and without murmuring, believing with humility and charity that the porter really knows us, and that it is God who maketh him to speak thus against us, write down, O Brother Leo, that this is perfect joy.

And if we knock again, and the porter come out in anger to drive us away with oaths and blows, as if we were vile impostors, saying, "Begone, miserable robbers! go to the hospital, for here you shall neither eat nor sleep!" – and if we accept all this with patience, with joy, and with charity, O Brother Leo, write that this indeed is perfect joy.

And if, urged by cold and hunger, we knock again, calling to the porter and entreating him with many tears to open to us and give us shelter, for the love of God, and if he come out more angry than before, exclaiming, "These are but importunate rascals, I will deal with them as they deserve"; and taking a knotted stick, he seize us by the hood, throwing us on the ground, rolling us in the snow, and shall beat and wound us with the knots in the stick – if we bear all these injuries with patience and joy, thinking of the sufferings of our Blessed Lord, which we would share out of love for him, write, O Brother Leo, that here, finally, is perfect joy.

And now, brother, listen to the conclusion. Above all the graces and all the gifts of the Holy Spirit which Christ grants to his friends, is the grace of overcoming oneself, and accepting willingly, out of love for Christ, all suffering, injury, discomfort and contempt; for in all other gifts of God we cannot glory, seeing they proceed not from ourselves but from God, according to the words of the Apostle, "What hast thou that thou hast not received from God? and if thou hast received it, why dost thou glory as if thou hadst not received it?" But in the cross of tribulation and affliction we may glory, because, as the Apostle says again, "I will not glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Amen.

~ From The Little Flowers of St. Francis, Chapter 8,
published in the 14th Century

The Feast of St. Francis was this past Friday, Oct. 4th.

**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 6:

Diocese of Southern Malawi: The Rt Revd Alinafe Kalemba; Diocese of Upper Shire: The Rt Revd Brighton Vitta Malasa; The Rt Revd Jackson C. Biggers, assisting; Archdiocese of Blantyre; Archdiocese of Lilongwe; St. Luke's Hospital

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; The Diocese of Juba—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Kabba—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Kadugli and Nuba Mountains—Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; The Diocese of Kaduna—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Kafanchan—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Kagera—The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

East Lansing—All Saints'

San Isidro, DR—St. Paul & St. Luke

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



October 7

Loretta Smith

October 8

Marge Alff
Jeff Pike
Beth Plucinski

October 10

Maren Proffit

October 12

Christopher Baetz

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

**Have you shared your
Anniversary with us?**

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:

Ella Hodges Parker	October 6, 1956
Nora Adams	October 6, 1963
Archibald Dean Gillies	October 7, 1978
Blanche Causey Wisdom	October 7, 2008
William J. Buyers	October 8, 1954
Grace V. Dykstra	October 8, 1975
Marie Hanning	October 9, 1970
Edward Albert Fleig	October 9, 1979
Georgiana F. Clark	October 10, 1945
Edward Field	October 10, 1979
Philip H. Sheridan	October 11, 1964
Josephine Murdock	October 11, 1989
Florice Schenck	October 12, 1967
Chris Sayers	October 12, 2021