



St. John's Church

# The Parish Chronicle

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



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## Rector's Rambling

*Reprinted from 2020. It is hard to believe it has been 5 years since we were just learning about a virus that was about to upend the country!*

Over the holiday season I had a chance to watch portions of the original *Home Alone* movie. Hard to believe that the movie was released nearly 30 years ago (1990). It has spawned several sequels, and the original has most definitely stood the test of time and has become a Christmastime television staple.

*Home Alone* comes to mind every time I hear today's reading for the First Sunday after Epiphany. In the movie, Kevin is left home in the chaos of a large extended family's rush to get to the airport for a Christmas vacation, and then has to fend for himself as the house is targeted by thieves who assumed that the house would be empty over the holidays.

Extended family is most likely the excuse for Jesus being left behind in Jerusalem. Traveling in a large pack to celebrate the Passover in the holy city, he tarries behind and his parents assume that he is among the group as they head back home. It happens.

Of course, once Mary and Joseph realize he is not with them, they turn about and head back to find him, and they find him in the Temple.

The Bible tells us that this was a yearly pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and we know that historically the city was swollen with pilgrims for the Passover celebration. The city would be just as densely packed with people from surrounding cities and towns 21 years later for the Passover, when some would be proclaiming him Messiah on Palm Sunday, and others would be calling for his crucifixion on Good Friday.

The terror and chaos of a lost child is summed up in the frantic greeting of his parents in that they basically say, "where were you? We were worried sick about you."

Jesus, not meaning any disrespect, is a bit stupefied that his parents wouldn't assume he would be in the Temple attending to the things concerning God. But at 12, it wasn't really his time for public ministry and he submitted to his parents and returned home.

This is all we hear about Jesus until the time would come at the age of 30, when he would be all about his and his Father's business for us and for our salvation



## 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 JANUARY 12—JANUARY 19

<b>Sunday</b> 1/12 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY	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> 1/13 OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY	7:00 A 12:15 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion AA Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 1/14 St. Hilary of Poitiers d. 367 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b> 1/15 St. Paul, the First Hermit, 342 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion AA Meeting
<b>Thursday</b> 1/16 William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645 A.D.	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P 7:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting Alpha Course
<b>Friday</b> 1/17 St. Anthony, Abbot d. 356 A.D.	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
<b>Saturday</b> 1/18 St. Prisca, Virgin and Martyr d. 269 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
<b>Sunday</b> 1/19 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY	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 First Sunday after the Epiphany**

**O** LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

**Morning Prayer**

SUNDAY	72, 97	Isa. 60:1-9 Matt. 2:1-12
Monday	1, 3	Prov. 1:7-19 Eph. 1
Tuesday	5	Prov. 2:1-9 Eph. 2:1-10
Wednesday	7	Prov. 3:1-7, 11-12 Eph. 2:11
Thursday	9	Prov. 3:13-20 Eph. 3:1-13
Friday	10	Prov. 3:27 Eph. 3:14
Saturday	16	Prov. 4:7-18 Eph. 4:1-16

**Evening Prayer**

SUNDAY	84, 122	1 Sam. 1:21 Matt. 18:1-14
Monday	4, 8	Ezek. 1:2-6, 24-28 John 1:1-18
Tuesday	11, 12	Ezek. 2 John 1:19-34
Wednesday	13, 14	Ezek. 3:4-14 John 1:35
Thursday	15, 21	Ezek. 3:16-21 John 2:1-12
Friday	6, 26	Ezek. 7:10-15, 23-27 John 2:13
Saturday	27	Ezek. 11:14-20 John 3:1-13

\* If there is no "ending" verse listed, then read to the end of the chapter.

**WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS**

*New items to come soon.*

**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

**Evening Prayer**

Monday through Thursday @ 4 PM

*Services can be attended in person, or by livestream*

**Christian Education** – Sunday School is at 10 AM

Today, and the Dante class after the 10 AM Service.

The 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

### January 12

#### 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  
Suzanne Nicholson  
Cindy Edwards  
Tom 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

Coffee Hour

### January 19

#### 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  
Adrian Leskiw

#### 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

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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 Ministry Notes

### Alcoholics Anonymous

In 1935 a remarkable event occurred in the history of the treatment of alcoholism; the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous. It was in this year that a New Yorker, Bill Wilson, met with Dr. Bob Smith in Akron, Ohio. Bill had achieved some time of sobriety through the support of a group of other recovering drunks using the principles of a religious organization called the Oxford Group.

Tempted to drink while on a business trip to Akron, he called a local minister to ask if he had any alcoholics in his congregation that he could speak with. The minister recommended Dr. Bob. Together they not only practiced the Oxford Group principles, but began to discuss how they could be expanded to specifically help the suffering and recovering alcoholics. From this was born Alcoholics Anonymous.

With the help of his Episcopal Priest, Dr. Sam Shoemaker, Wilson (with Smith's input) expanded the six principles of the Oxford Group into the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. These 12 steps have also become the foundation for recovery groups for numerous addictions, from gambling to overeating, and everything in-between.

Rather than a "self-help" group, Alcoholics Anonymous is a spiritual program based on turning one's life over to God, staying sober by "working the steps" and by service to the still suffering alcoholic.

The 12 Steps are: 1) *We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.* 2) *Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.* 3) *Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.* 4) *Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.* 5) *Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.* 6) *Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.* 7) *Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.* 8) *Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.* 9) *Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.* 10) *Continued to take personal inventory, and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.* 11) *Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.* 12) *Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.*

Alcoholics Anonymous (which is taken from the title of their book known as "The Big Book") spread slowly at first, but exploded in size after the publication of an article about the group in *The Saturday Evening Post* in 1941.

St. John's has hosted meetings of the group since it came to Detroit in the 1940s. Alcoholics Anonymous now meets here six days a week: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 5:00 PM, and Tuesday and Friday at 11:00 AM. A Saturday meeting is at 2:00 PM. For more information, go to [www.AA.org](http://www.AA.org), call the local AA hotline at (313) 831-5550.

In July the International Convention of AA will be in Detroit and several events may occur here at St. John's.

**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 January 12:**

Primate of the Province of Central Africa—The Most Rev'd Albert Chama; The Mothers Union of Malawi; Diocese of Chikwawa; Diocese of Dedza

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

*First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Church of the Province of West Africa; The Diocese of Lango—The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of West Lango—The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of Langtang—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Lebombo—Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola; The Diocese of Leeds—The Church of England; The Diocese of Leicester—The Church of England*

**Episcopal Diocese of Michigan**

Mt. Clemens' - Grace Church

Bonao, DR—Church of the Pentecost

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**



**January 14**  
Annessa Scott

**This Week's ANNIVERSARIES**

Have you given us your  
Anniversary?



**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., Johny 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:**

Leo Henry Johnson	January 12, 1969
Walter Clyde Judd	January 12, 1984
Clara Rosso	January 13, 1970
Marge Goodall	January 13, 2006
EveYln Grennan Haass	January 14, 1961
Sheldon Westerman	January 14, 1968
Walter Anderson	January 15, 1986
William Wells	January 15, 2004
Ernest O. Knight	January 16, 1961
Randy Michael Smith	January 16, 1970
Emil Capayas	January 17, 1965
William H. Read	January 17, 1965
John Case	January 18, 2004
Sharon M. Schafer	January 18, 2009