



St. John's Church

# The Parish Chronicle

April 13, 2025

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER  
COMMONLY CALLED PALM SUNDAY

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Debbie Swain and Chris Golembiewski

### Usher Captains

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## Rector's Rambling

This is the most important week of the year! Holy Week begins today, and between now and next Sunday you will have 15 opportunities to be at St. John's for the public worship of the Church.

Seven of these worship opportunities actually happen most weeks of the year here at St. John's: Holy Communion on Monday through Wednesday at 12:15 PM, and Evening Prayer Monday through Thursday at 4:00 PM

For Holy Week we add several important opportunities for worship and devotion. On Wednesday evening we have a service of psalms and lessons at 7:00 PM called Tenebrae. On Maundy Thursday the one celebration of the Holy Communion will be at 7:00 PM (no 10:30 AM Mass this day), which is followed by the stripping of the altar and an opportunity to spend time in the Garden Watch in the chapel.

Good Friday starts with the opportunity to spend time in the Garden Watch (beginning at 9:00 AM) before the Good Friday Liturgy, which takes place from Noon to 3:00 PM. If you can't stay for the entire service, come for as much as you are able.

On Holy Saturday the great Vigil Service of Easter begins at 6:00 PM, which includes the first Communion service of the Easter Feast,

and on Sunday we will have the grand celebration of the Resurrection at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM (Brass Prelude at 9:30 AM).

Information about these various services can be found in the insert in today's Order of Service called *Holy Week Explained*.

More importantly, I cannot stress more strongly that **we need you to attend these services!** This is the most important week of the year, and yet only a small percentage of parishioners avail themselves of one or more of these services that lead up to Easter Day.

I understand that we are a busy people, and that many of us live very far away from the church facility. But it is important for your spiritual life to participate in this holiest of weeks, and your presence will also be an encouragement to those others who have taken time and distance to be here, especially our visitors.

See you in Church!



Entry of Jesus in Jerusalem by Felix Tafart



## 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 APRIL 13—APRIL 20

<b>Sunday</b> 4/13 PALM SUNDAY	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> 4/14 MONDAY BEFORE EASTER	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 4/8 TUESDAY BEFORE EASTER	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b> 4/9 WEDNESDAY BEFORE EASTER	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P 7:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting Tenebrae
<b>Thursday</b> 4/10 MAUNDY THURSDAY	7:00 A 4:00 P 5:00 P 7:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Evening Prayer AA Meeting Holy Communion and Garden Watch
<b>Friday</b> 4/11 GOOD FRIDAY	7:00 A 11:00 A NOON to 3 PM	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting Good Friday Liturgy
<b>Saturday</b> 4/12 HOLY SATURDAY	7:00 A 6:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Great Vigil of Easter
<b>Sunday</b> 4/20 EASTER DAY	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 9:30 A 10:00 A 11:15 A  5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Brass Prelude 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 – Palm Sunday**

*ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

**Morning Prayer**

<i>Mon. before Easter</i>	71	Isa. 42:1–7 John 14:1–14
<i>Tues. before Easter</i>	6, 12	Hosea 14 John 15:1–16
<i>Wed. before Easter</i>	94	Zech. 12:9–10 & 13:1, 7–9 John 16:1–15
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	116	Jer. 31:31–34 John 13:18
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	22, 40:1–16, 54	Gen. 22:1–18 or <i>Wisdom</i> 2:1, 12–24 John 18
<i>Easter Even</i>	14, 16	Job 14:1–14 John 19:38 or Heb. 4

**Evening Prayer**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	130, 138	Jer. 8:9–15, 18–9:1 1 Cor. 1:17
<i>Mon. before Easter</i>	42, 43	Lam. 1:7–12 John 14:15
<i>Tues. before Easter</i>	51	Lam. 2:10, 13–19 John 15:17
<i>Wed. before Easter</i>	74	Lam. 3:1, 14–33 John 16:16
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	142, 143	Lam. 3:40–58 John 17
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	69:1–22 & 88	Isa. 52:13–53:12 1 Pet. 2:11
<i>Easter Even</i>	27	Job 19:21–27a Rom. 6:3–11

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

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

*Kneeler restoration project—more info coming 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 @ 7:00 PM, **Saturday @ 6:00 PM (Vigil)**

**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.

**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.

**AED and Narcan** - In case of medical emergency the Automated External Defibrillator and Narcan are located in the hallway between the Church and the Chapel, using the doorway in front to the left of the choir and altar area to get to it.

**Parking Note** - being a member of St. John’s does not mean that we can park in our side lot for free for Tigers, Lions games, shows at the Fox, etc. The lot is leased to Olympia Development, and we have use of it only for our church related events

**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

### April 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  
Suzanne Nicholson

#### Ushers 10:00 AM:

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

#### Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour

### April 20

#### 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  
Tom Edwards

#### Ushers 10:00 AM:

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

#### Coffee Hour

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### The Vestry and Officers of St. John's

Peter Grim, Senior Warden  
Pat Walter, Junior Warden  
Cynthia Edwards, Secretary  
Jared Moody, Treasurer

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#### *Terms expire January 2026*

Elizabeth Butler                      David Gawrych  
Bryan Monaco

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#### *Terms expire January 2026*

Jared Moody                              Pat Walter  
Helene Waters

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#### *Terms expire January 2027*

Cynthia Edwards                      Peter Grim  
Morley Stevenson

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

### An Invitation...

There is no better time to invite people to join us for worship at St. John's than Holy Week and Easter! God is calling more and more people to come and worship Him, and **you** might be the vehicle He is using to drive them into our fellowship (figuratively and literally).

Let us be like the sower in the gospels who takes the seed and scatters it in all places regardless of what soil it might be. Let us sow our invitations to all we meet and with whom we interact.

This can be done simply by saying, "Do you have a place to go to Church on Easter?" If they say "no", or hesitate, then be quick with an invitation to join you for services at St. John's. Offer a ride if they seem leery about coming downtown! And then pray for them as they decide.

Continue to pray for them, even if your invitation is declined. You may never know when that invitation today may find fruit in coming years. Remember, you are just scattering the seed. Another may water, but God will give the growth. We have former members of the Vestry who were invited to St. John's by a former choirmaster years before, but did not come for the first time until a few years later – and have been coming regularly ever since.

Let us not neglect a more primary invitation to attendance at St. John's – to **our own parishioners!** I would be remiss if I did not mention my amazement at how regular attendance from parishioners fluctuates from week to week.

Extreme weather, sickness, and being out of town is certainly a valid reason one might not be in church on a Sunday for worship. But let's be honest with ourselves. Would the reason we miss Sunday worship cut it with Jesus? Would you be willing to stand at your judgment day and tell our Lord, who died on the cross for your sins, that you missed worshipping Him because \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank)? Could you not find 90 minutes or more to give to Him on Sunday morning?

The good news is that He is about forgiveness! And each Sunday is a new start to this right relationship in Christ. Attendance this week, next Sunday, and the Sunday afterwards, and you are back in the habit again!

~ Edited by Fr. Kelly from "From the Rector"  
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**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 April 13:**

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**

*Palm Sunday: The Church of England; The Diocese of Matlosane—The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; The Diocese of Mauritius—The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; The Diocese of Mbaise—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Mbale—The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of North Mbale—The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese Mbamili—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

**Episcopal Diocese of Michigan**

Williamston—St. Katherine's  
Bloomfield Township—Nativity Church  
Piedra Blanca, DR—St. John the Evangelist

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**



**April 13**

Jared Moody

**April 16**

James Brock

**April 19**

Diane Hatton  
Barbara Walter

**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., Jim Z., Julie B., Lawrence A., MJ B., Michael Z., Michael P., Paul M., Rexina M., Robert H., Sabrina H., Sandra Z., Sandy D., Sam K.

*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:**

Baby Cherian	April 13, 1975
Mary H. Lewis	April 13, 1985
Marie Isabel Kloty	April 14, 1981
Robin Blaine Dalby	April 14, 2021
John DePalma	April 15, 1962
George R. Penniman	April 15, 1970
Alton C. Gibor	April 16, 1955
Phyllis E. Likas	April 16, 2006
Harold McAllanon	April 17, 1980
William J. Frisby, Jr.	April 17, 1990
Lolla Parrish	April 18, 1962
Joseph P. Frisby	April 18, 1972
Ruth Arbury	April 19, 1963
Shirley Pemeanieu	April 19, 1980