



St. John's Church

# The Parish Chronicle

January 19, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## Directory

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### Acolyte Master

Morley Stevenson

### Altar Guild Directress

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### Armitage Men's Club

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### Lectors Guild

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### Usher Captains

John Barge & Peter Grim



*Baptism of Christ by Pietro Perugino, c. 1482*



## Rector's Rambling

We are now once again into a 'green' season as we continue our way through Epiphanytide. During this time we look at various ways God is made manifest, and it is also a looking forward as we dive into the new church year. Below is the Epiphany Proclamation, declaring for us the dates of the Church Holy Days upcoming. Since

"Know, dearest brethren, by the gift of God's mercy, as we have rejoiced for the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, so also we announce to you joy for the Resurrection of the same Our Savior. On the sixteenth day of February will be Septuagesima Sunday. On the fifth of March, the day of Ashes, and the beginning of the fast of most holy Lent. On the twentieth April, we will celebrate with joy the holy Easter of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. On the twenty-ninth of May will be the Ascension of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. On the eighth of June, the feast of Pentecost. On the nineteenth of the same month, the feast of the most holy Body of Christ. On the thirtieth of November, the first Sunday of the Advent of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, to whom belong honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."

the date of Easter is set by a lunar calendar, the 'moveable' Feasts are set by when Easter is set for the year. Christmas is always December 25th, but Easter can be anytime between March 22nd and April 25th. The Prayer Book tells us it "is always the First Sunday after the Full Moon, which happens upon or next after the twenty-first day of March; and if the Full Moon happen upon a Sunday, Easter Day is the Sunday after." (1928 BCP p. 1)

So instead of having to do the math ourselves, figuring out when that Full Moon occurs and then figuring out 9 weeks before Easter is Septuagesima and that Trinity Sunday is 8 weeks after, the Church publishes this time of the year the Epiphany Proclamation of the dates so you can mark your calendar at home.

The 1928 Book of Common Prayer actually has another index that lists Easter going back to 1786 (when the Episcopal Church was constituted independently of the Church of England after the Revolutionary War) and projected out to 2013. Newer prayer books project out to 2089.

Of course in our modern day we can just pick up our smart phones and go to google and type "when is Easter this year?" and have the answer at our finger tips!



## 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 19—JANUARY 26

<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
<b>Monday</b> 1/20 Ss. Fabian and Sebastian, Martyrs, 252 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion AA Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 1/21 St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr, 304 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b> 1/22 St. Vincent of Sarragosa, Deacon and Martyr, c. 304 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion AA Meeting
<b>Thursday</b> 1/23	7:00 A 10:30 A 5:00 P 7:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion AA Meeting Alpha Course
<b>Friday</b> 1/24 St. Timothy, Bishop and Martyr, d. 97 A.D.	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
<b>Saturday</b> 1/25 THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL	7:00 A 9:45 A	Morning Meditation (online) Alpha Day
<b>Sunday</b> 1/26 THIRD 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 Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

*ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

**Morning Prayer**

SUNDAY	118	Zech. 8:1–8, 20–23 1 Cor. 12:12–31a
Monday	17	Prov. 4:20 Eph. 4:17
Tuesday	23, 24	Prov. 6:12–19 Eph. 5:1–14
Wednesday	28	Prov. 8:1–11 Eph. 5:15
Thursday	30	Prov. 8:12–20 Eph. 6
Friday	32	Prov. 8:22–35 Phil. 1:1–11
Saturday	36	Prov. 9:1–6, 13–18 Phil. 1:12–26

**Evening Prayer**

SUNDAY	102:15 & 117	Isa. 45:1–15 Rom. 9:14–26
Monday	18:1–20	Ezek. 12:21 John 3:14–21
Tuesday	25	Ezek. 13:1–9 John 3:22
Wednesday	31	Ezek. 14:1–11 John 4:1–14
Thursday	33	Ezek. 14:12–20 John 4:15–26
Friday	40:1–16	Ezek. 18:1–4, 19–23 John 4:27–42
Saturday	34	Ezek. 18:26 John 4:43

*\* 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 Wednesday @ 4 PM

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

**Annual Parish Meeting—** Next Sunday, January 26

after the 10 AM Service, for the review of the 2024 financial report, the 2025 budget, election of the members of the Vestry, and reception of reports from ministries of the parish.

**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 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

Coffee Hour

### January 26

#### 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

### 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                      Pat Walter  
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

### History of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Church Unity Octave was first observed in January, 1908. Celebrated in the chapel of a small Atonement Franciscan Convent of the Protestant Episcopal Church, on a remote hillside fifty miles from New York City, this new prayer movement caught the imagination of others beyond the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement to become an energetic movement that gradually blossomed into a worldwide observance involving many nations and millions of people.

To fully appreciate this stream that had been fed by some and had converged with others in the historical development of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we will note some aspects of the movement's early history. Two American Episcopalians, Father Paul James Wattson and Sister Lurana White, co-founders of the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement, were totally committed to the reunion of the Anglican Communion with the Roman Catholic Church. As such, they started a prayer movement that explicitly prayed for the return of non-Catholic Christians to the Holy See. Needless to say, such an observance would attract few of our separated brothers and sisters except for a small number of Anglo-Catholics and Roman Catholics themselves. This idea of a period of prayer for Christian unity originated in a conversation of Fr. Wattson with an English clergyman, Rev. Spencer Jones. In 1907, Jones suggested that a day be set aside for prayer for Christian unity. Fr. Paul Wattson agreed with the concept, but offered the idea of an octave of prayer between the Feast of St. Peter's Chair on January 18 and the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25.

When Fr. Paul and Sr. Lurana became Roman Catholics, Pope Pius X gave his blessing to the Church Unity Octave and in 1916, Pope Benedict XV extended its observance to the universal church. This recognition by papal authority gave the Octave its impetus throughout the Roman Catholic Church. Until his death in 1940, Fr. Wattson promoted the Church Unity Octave, later known as the Chair of Unity Octave to emphasize its Petrine focus, through his magazine, *The Lamp*.

The theme of the Week of Prayer this year, "Do you believe this" (cf. John 11:17-27) "where Jesus arrives in Bethany and raises Lazarus from the dead. A part of that story is the encounter between Jesus and Martha, at the end of which Martha confesses faith in Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God. This year's theme was chosen in recognition of the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea (325), at which the words "I believe" were chosen to anchor the Creed as an instrument of universal Christian unity. ."

~ Edited by Fr. Kelly from <http://www.GEII.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 January 19:**

Diocese of Lake Malawi—The Rt Revd Francis Kaulanda; Leonard Kamungu Theological College; Diocese of Karonga; St. Ann's Hospital

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

*The Second Sunday after the Epiphany: The Church in the Province of the West Indies; The Diocese of Lesotho—The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; The Diocese of Lexington—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Liberia—The Church of the Province of West Africa; The Diocese of Lichfield—The Church of England; The Diocese of Lincoln—The Church of England; The Diocese of Litoral Ecuador—The Episcopal Church*

**Episcopal Diocese of Michigan**

Allen Park—St. Luke's  
Wyandotte—St. Stephen's  
Gautier, DR—St. Thomas'

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**



**January 19**

Michael Brown

**January 20**

Carolyn Ricca

**January 21**

Huw Lewis

**January 25**

Eric Johnson

**This Week's ANNIVERSARIES**

**January 19**

Morley & Martina  
Stevenson



**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:**

Emilano Coloma	January 19, 1973
Thomas G. Harry, Sr.	January 19, 1996
Florence Hasl Schulte	January 20, 1958
Kenneth Maschke	January 20, 1985
Margaret B. Smith	January 21, 1973
Curtis L. Roop	January 21, 1975
Nora Victoria Skitch	January 22, 1994
Mary Ann Yeager	January 22, 2013
Katherine B. Zabriskie	January 23, 1984
Ena J. Brewer	January 23, 1990
Talmage Hughes	January 24, 1963
Sally Cook Orvis	January 24, 2017
May Copper	January 25, 1960
Harry H. Hobbs	January 25, 1966