



St. John's Church

# The Parish Chronicle

February 23, 2025

THE SUNDAY CALLED SEXAGESIMA, OR  
THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT



## Directory

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### Junior Warden

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### Acolyte Master

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### Altar Guild Directress

Sarah Babcock

### Armitage Men's Club

Pat Walter

### Daughters of the King

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### Episcopal Church Women

Debbie Swain

### Lectors Guild

Brian Campbell

### Outreach Committee Chair

Debbie Swain and Chris  
Golembiewski

### Usher Captains

John Barge & Peter Grim



## Rector's Rambling

Twenty-four years ago this weekend I stepped up to the altar, and into the pulpit, for the first time as the Rector of

St. John's Church. What an blessing and adventure these 24 years have been.

The opening of Comerica Park occurred the spring before I arrived. The change in the neighborhood with the new stadium, the increase of the revenues of the parish from baseball parking income, and the installation of a new bishop for the diocese who was willing to allow St. John's to continue as a traditional Anglican parish all came together with God whispering to me that I was finished in my last parish and should be open to a new call. On January 5th, 2001 the Vestry formally offered me the call to be your rector and my family moved here 7 weeks later to begin this ministry.

In the first months of my arrival a large stone fell off the building, forcing us to do a \$380,000 'deferred maintenance' project of facade and roof repairs. Since then we have had several large renovation projects which included heating upgrades, new signage, awnings and ironwork, landscaping, stained glass restoration and protection, and complete

rebuild of the ministry center and undercroft. In between we have had many other small and medium sized projects as well! The building always needs attention and upgrades to be used to the greater glory of God!

Ministry opportunities continue to present themselves in the neighborhood, especially through our Outreach Committee's work with organizations in the community. What a blessing this has been to us.

We have also had the spiritual challenges that came along with the attack on 9/11, the housing-financial crisis of 2008, City of Detroit Bankruptcy in 2013 and more recently the challenges of Covid lockdown and the spiritual damage done as a result.

I am humbled to have the opportunity in 24 years to baptize, marry, and administer the burial prayers for so many. Since my arrival we have had 271 baptisms, 96 weddings, and 132 burials. Over 7,000 times on Sundays and weekdays the Holy Communion has been consecrated and distributed.

God willing I look forward to many more milestones here on the corner of Woodward and I-75!



## 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 FEBRUARY 23—MARCH 2

<b>Sunday</b> 2/23 SEXAGESIMA	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> 2/24 ST. MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 2/25 St. Peter Damien, Bishop, C.D., 1072 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b> 2/26	7:00 A 12:15 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion AA Meeting
<b>Thursday</b> 2/27 George Herbert, Priest d. 1633 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> 2/28	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
<b>Saturday</b> 3/1 St. David, Bishop of Wales, c. 589 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
<b>Sunday</b> 3/2 QUINQUAGESIMA	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)*

## The Collect for the Sunday called Sexagesima

**O** LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

### Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	71	Isa. 50:4–10 2 Cor. 12:1–12
Monday	2, 3	Gen. 7:1, 7–10, 17–23 Mark 7:24
Tuesday	5	Gen. 8:6 Mark 8:11–26
Wednesday	7	Gen. 9:8–17 Mark 8:27–9:1
Thursday	9	Gen. 11:1–9 Mark 9:2–13
Friday	22	Gen. 11:27–12:8 Mark 9:14–29
Saturday	16	Gen. 13:2, 5–18 Mark 9:30–37

### Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	147	Eccles. 11:1–6 John 4:31–38
Monday	4, 8	Amos 5:14–24 Gal. 3:19
Tuesday	11, 12	Amos 6:1–8 Gal. 4:1–11
Wednesday	13, 14	Amos 8:4–12 Gal. 4:12–20
Thursday	17	Amos 9:1–10 Gal. 4:21
Friday	6, 26	Amos 7:10 Gal. 5:1–12
Saturday	93, 98	Hosea 4:1–2, 6–10 Gal. 5:13

\* 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.

### OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Please call ahead before coming down to the Office this week. The office will be only open intermittently.

### 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 last session of this term’s 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.

**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 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

### February 23

#### 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  
Cindy 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

### March 2

#### 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  
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

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## St. John's Teaching Notes

### The *Benedictus qui venit*

Some people may have noticed while following the liturgy that there is a phrase said or sung after the *Sanctus (Holy, Holy Holy)*, that is not printed in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer (page 77). This is phrase, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the High." also known by its Latin name, the *Benedictus qui venit*.

First appearing in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century, both the *Sanctus* and the *Benedictus qui venit* have been the introductory song to the Eucharist Canon. The *Sanctus* is the phrase that has always been used to describe how the angels worship God (see the Book of Revelation), and the *Benedictus qui venit* echos the shout of those who greeted Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

In our Anglican Tradition, the first Book of Common Prayer, published in England in 1549 contained both the *Sanctus* and *Benedictus qui venit*. The more radically reformed version of 1552 omits the *Benedictus qui venit*, but it found its way back into the English Prayer Book of 1662.

The American Prayer Books have followed the Scottish tradition of omitting it in the text, but more often than not using it during the liturgy. Most great liturgical musical settings for the Holy Communion contain music for the *Sanctus* and *Benedictus qui venit* to be sung together. Our 1940 Hymnal is further proof of the actual practice of the parishes since they contain the musical settings for the *Benedictus qui venit* even though the text is not contained in the Prayer Book issued just 12 years earlier!

Just after joining the angels in proclaiming *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high...lift up your voices and proclaim in welcome and thanksgiving the coming of the Eucharist King, just as the people did in welcoming Jesus on Palm Sunday. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the Highest!*

### 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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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.

## 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 February 23:

Diocese of Northern Malawi: The Rt Revd Fanuel Emmanuel Magangani; Sisters of Saint Mary; Diocese of Mangochi; Diocese of Mzuzu; St. Peter's Hospital

### Anglican Cycle of Prayer

*Sexagesima: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; The Diocese of Madras—The Church of South India (United); The Diocese of Madurai—Ramnad—The Church of South India (United); The Diocese of Magwi—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Mahajanga—The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; The Diocese of Maiduguri—The Church of Nigeria; The Diocese of Maine—The Episcopal Church*

### Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Ann Arbor—St. Andrew's  
Nizao, DR—St. Timothy's

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



#### February 23

Richard Moritz

#### February 24

William Porter  
Martina Stevenson

#### February 28

Sandra Tischer

#### March 1

Jimmie Baber

### 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., Johnny 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:

Gladys G. Clark	February 23, 1953
Claude Towar	February 23, 1975
Eleanor Edwards	February 24, 1999
Tracy Lynne Grossens Rice	February 24, 2024
Baby Girl Matthew	February 25, 1977
Darryl Keith Brown	February 25, 2016
Patrick J. Groleau	February 26, 1974
Linda Sue McCall Smith	February 26, 1994
Helen Francis Flournory	February 27, 2012
Harold G. Bate, Sr.	February 27, 2017
Arthur W. King	February 28, 1961
Blanche H. Hulme	February 28, 1978
Vivian P. Bischoff	March 1, 1973
Lucy Bates	March 1, 1986