



St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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Rector's Rambling

Thank you for everyone's kind notes, emails, and texts of condolences on the death of my father in law Jim Cook. It was shocking to discover him deceased in his workshop a week ago Saturday shortly before a family gathering. His Requiem Mass and Interment was last Friday at St. John's Church in Sturgis, Michigan, where he served regularly as Junior Warden, Vestryman, and volunteer there and in the community. I am grateful to have had him as a father in law.

Today we have our annual St. Patrick's Day Potluck. Corned Beef is one of my favorite dishes, and of course it is made even better by the good company of the people of St. John's. Thank you to everyone who brought a dish to pass, and to Chris Golembiewski for picking up the corned beef and all those who pitched in to cook it.

As a guy who is 'mostly Irish' in heritage, I love the hagiography and lore surrounding the life of St. Patrick, and the effect of his evangelism in Ireland. Originally brought there as a slave from northwest Brittan, he escaped and then was later ordained and returned as a missionary, converting his former captives and later many great Irish Kings to faith in Jesus Christ.

Thomas Cahil, in his book, *How the Irish Saved Civilization* had this to say "In becoming an Irishman, Patrick wedded his world to theirs, his faith to their life...Patrick found a way of swimming down to the depths of the Irish psyche and warming and transforming Irish imagination – making it more humane and more noble while keeping it Irish." (p. 161)"

Today on the ministry center flag pole flies the Saltire of St. Patrick, the flag of the Church of Ireland.



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 MARCH 23—MARCH 30

Sunday 3/23 THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	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 3/24 St. Gabriel the Archangel	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Tuesday 3/25 ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
Wednesday 3/26	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Thursday 3/27 St. John of Damascus c. 749 A.D.	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Friday 3/28	7:00 A 11:00 A 11:15 A NOON	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting Holy Communion Stations of the Cross
Saturday 3/29 John Keble, Priest 1866 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 3/30 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT	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 Third Sunday in Lent

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	25	Deut. 6:1–9, 20–25 1 Cor. 3
Monday	68:1–19	Gen. 37:3–28, 36 1 Cor. 9:15
Tuesday	74	Gen. 40 1 Cor. 10:1–13
Wednesday	75, 76	Gen. 41:1a, 8, 14–24 1 Cor. 10:14–22
Thursday	85	Gen. 41:25–40 1 Cor. 10:23—11:1
Friday	95 & 79	Gen. 42:1–26, 29a, 35–38 1 Cor. 11:17
Saturday	89:1–19	Gen. 43:1–5, 11–16, 26–34 1 Cor. 12:1–11

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	119:113–128 & 143	Amos 5:4–15 Gal. 5:16–24
Monday	71	Jer. 7:1–15 Mark 10:17–31
Tuesday	73	Jer. 7:21–29 Mark 10:32–45
Wednesday	77	Jer. 8:4–13 Mark 10:46
Thursday	80	Jer. 9:2–16 Mark 11:12–26
Friday	86	Jer. 9:17–24 Mark 12:1–12
Saturday	103	Jer. 10:1–13 Mark 12:13–17

* 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, **Friday @ 11:15 AM (Lent)**

Evening Prayer

Monday through Thursday @ 4 PM

Services can be attended in person, or by livestream

Stations of The Cross - Friday at NOON. Join us as we walk our way with Jesus through his trial, carrying of the cross, crucifixion, death and burial. This service is about 25 minutes long.

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 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

March 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
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

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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

Terms expire January 2026

Elizabeth Butler David Gawrych
Bryan Monaco

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Jared Moody Pat Walter
Helene Waters

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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

The Litany

One of the gems of our Anglican Heritage is the Litany. Having fallen into disuse in most places this "general supplication" has roots in the ancient liturgies of the Church (as far back as the 6th century). Archbishop Thomas Cranmer included it in the first Book of Common Prayer, and it has been included in every subsequent edition. However, Archbishop Cranmer removed the first three supplications after the invocation of the Holy Trinity; for St. Mary, the Holy Angels and Archangels, and all the Saints, which were contained in the ancient Western Rite.

The rubrics of the 1662 English Book of Common Prayer (which is still the official prayer book in England) orders that the Litany "be sung or said after Morning Prayer upon Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and at other times when it shall be commanded by the Ordinary (bishop)."

The American Church, until the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, assumed that every Sunday the primary services of the parish church would be Morning Prayer AND the Litany AND the Holy Communion...back-to-back-to-back. Further proof is that nowhere is there a rubric in Morning Prayer for the preaching of a sermon, since the assumption is that the sermon would be included in the Holy Communion service following Morning Prayer and the Litany. The 1928 Prayer Book assumes some separation of the services, instructing that the Litany be used "after the Third Collect at Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer; or before the Holy Communion; or separately."

We will be doing the Litany with the Altar Party and Choir solemnly processing about the chancel on the First, Third, and Fifth Sundays in Lent. The congregation is encouraged to join in the responses while kneeling. This is the ancient way it was done in the Church, just as we have processions for Palm Sunday, Rogation Day, Corpus Christi, and other festive or intercessory occasions. The Christian Life is one of forward movement, and a procession is an outward symbolic action representing the movement toward the goal of sanctity here on earth and eternal life with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**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 March 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

Third Sunday in Lent: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; The Diocese of Maper—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Mara—The Anglican Church of Tanzania; The Diocese of Maralal—The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Marathwada—The Church of North India (United); The Diocese of Maridi—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Marsabit—The Anglican Church of Kenya

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Detroit—All.together Campus Ministry
Westland—St. John's
Santa Fe, DR—Holy Cross

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



March 23

William Chope

March 27

Andrew Baetz
Peter Grim

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., 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:

John F. Trites	March 23, 1958
Lauren Gillian Myers	March 23, 2011
Hoyt Past, Jr.	March 24, 1958
Richard Wink	March 24, 1995
Stanley J. Margewicz	March 25, 1971
Lucinda Cook Jackson White	March 25, 2009
Agnes J. Stewart	March 26, 1989
Jesse Wickes	March 26, 2002
Helen L. Stevens	March 27, 1966
George H. Kubochi	March 27, 1977
Arthur A. Durand	March 28, 1956
Ray H. Appleman	March 28, 1960
Ernest M. Hapke	March 29, 1950
Frank H. Wolf	March 29, 1952