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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

January 26, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



Wedding Feast at Cana by Giuseppe Maria Crespi (Italian, 1665–1747)



Rector's Rambling

Today we have our 165th Annual Parish meeting after the 10 AM Service in the Undercroft here at St. John's.

The First Annual Parish Meeting occurred on Monday, November 21, 1859. The chapel, having been consecrated the Thursday before, the Vestry and Wardens had to be formally re-elected, and pews set for the year.

Until 1937 St. John's, like most parishes, had a system where you rented the pew for the year, rather than the passing of a collection plate. Once this could be established then a budget could be set by the Vestry. At that first meeting they ran into a unique problem. The new chapel, which sat 125 people, had an initial request to pew rental by 600 people! The first building they hoped would serve a growing parish out in the parish for the first 5 to 10 years was already too small! A week later the Vestry voted to begin fundraising to build the larger church building, and our

grand church was completed 20 months later!

At that first meeting Henry Porter Baldwin, who had donated the land, blueprints for the chapel and church, the former rectory, and considerable funds for the founding and building of our parish, was re-elected Senior Warden, a position he would hold for a total of 34 years until his death in 1892 (current church canons allow for a 3 year term, with at least a year off between terms). He served as Senior Warden even while in Lansing in as the governor of Michigan, and in Washington, DC while in serving in the U.S. Senate.

We gather today in thanksgiving for another year of worship and service to God and his people. Once again we see that the bills have been paid and we have a budget based on faith and hope that our Lord will continue to direct the parish in how we should glorify Him and serve Him as we come to know Christ and make Him known from this corner of Woodward Avenue in Detroit.



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 26—FEBRUARY 2

Sunday 1/26	7:00 A 7:30 A	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel)
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY	8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A	Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer

Monday 1/27	7:00 A 12:15 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion
St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop, D.C. d. 407 A.D.	4:00 P 5:00 P	Evening Prayer AA Meeting

Tuesday 1/28	7:00 A 12:15 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion
Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Friar, 1274 A.D.	4:00 P	Evening Prayer

Wednesday 1/29	7:00 A 12:15 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion
St. Francis de Sales 1622 A.D.	5:00 P	AA Meeting

Thursday 1/30	7:00 A 10:30 A	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion
Martyrdom of King Charles of England 1649 A.D.	4:00 P 5:00 P 7:00 P	Evening Prayer AA Meeting Alpha Course

Friday 1/31	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
St. Polycarp of Smyrna, Bishop and Martyr, d. 97 A.D.		

Saturday 2/1	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
St. Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, and Martyr c. 107 A.D.	9:45 A	Alpha Day

Sunday 2/2	7:00 A 7:30 A	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel)
PURIFICATION OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN	8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A	Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	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 after the Epiphany

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)***Morning Prayer**

SUNDAY	42, 43	Isa. 41:8–10, 17–20 John 4:1–14
Monday	39	Prov. 10:12–14, 18–21 Phil. 1:27—2:11
Tuesday	41	Prov. 10:22–29 Phil. 2:12–18
Wednesday	44	Prov. 11:9–14, 24–30 Phil. 2:19
Thursday	45	Prov. 14:26 Phil. 3:1–16
Friday	51	Prov. 15:16–23, 27–29 Phil. 3:17—4:3
Saturday	55	Prov. 16:25 Phil. 4:4

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	27, 134	Isa. 56:1–8 John 2:13
Monday	37:1–24	Ezek. 27:1–5, 26–36 John 5:1–15
Tuesday	46, 47	Ezek. 33:1–9 John 5:16–29
Wednesday	49	Ezek. 33:10–20 John 5:30
Thursday	50	Ezek. 33:23 John 6:1–14
Friday	54, 57	Ezek. 34:1–10 John 6:15–29
Saturday	29, 99	Ezek. 34:11–16 John 6:30–40

* 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

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 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

February 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
Huw Lewis

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

Terms expire January 2025

Durene Brown Charles Roby

Terms expire January 2026

Elizabeth Butler David Gawrych
Bryan Monaco

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

Church Governance

Today we have our Annual Parish Meeting. This is the yearly official business meeting of the legal corporation that is St. John's Church. It is the opportunity for the people of St. John's to review the finances of the year past, as well as the budget for the year to come, receive reports of the various ministries and organizations of the parish, and elect the "board" of the corporation, known as the Vestry.

This is all a part of the hierarchical system of Church Governance in the Episcopal Church USA. This system starts at the parish with the vestry, which is elected by the people of the congregation. They elect Wardens (Senior and Junior) and other officers, establish committees (with Vestry and non-Vestry members) as needed, and they serve the "business" interests of the parish for the coming year. The Vestry generally meets nine or 10 times a year, or as is necessary. The Rector was elected by the Vestry, with the consent of the Bishop, and has "tenure", which means he is not elected for a particular term, but as long as God sees fit.

The parish is a part of a Diocese, which is a geographic grouping of parishes under a Bishop and its corporate board, known as The Standing Committee. There are other boards and organizations at the Diocesan level as well, such as Deaneries (smaller geographic groupings of parishes). The Diocese meets yearly in Convention to review finances and budgets, and mission and ministry objectives. If a new bishop is needed it is the Convention that elects. Every parish has lay representation at Convention, and all clergy have a vote too. There are technically two separate "houses" of the Convention (like our federal and state legislative models), but they usually work and vote together as one body.

Beyond the Diocese is a Province, another geographic grouping of dioceses that meet together for common ministry objectives.

Every three years the Episcopal Church meets for The General Convention. A bi-cameral legislative gathering, the House of Bishops and House of Delegates (lay and ordained) from each diocese work on legislation for budget and mission for the coming three years. Every nine years the House of Bishops also elects a new Presiding Bishop.

~ Fr. Kelly

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 26:

Diocese of Southern Malawi: The Rt Revd Alinafe Kalemba; Diocese of Upper Shire: The Rt Revd Brighton Vitta Malasa, The Rt Revd Jackson C. Biggers, assisting; Archdiocese of Lilongwe; St. Luke's Hospital

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Third Sunday after the Epiphany: The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria; The Diocese of Liverpool—The Church of England; The Diocese of Liwolo—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Llandaff—The Church in Wales; The Diocese of Lokoja—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Lomenga—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Dexter—St. James'

Santo Domingo, DR—St. Andrew's

Consuelo, DR—St. Gabriel's

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**January 26**

Tristan Williams

January 28

Lance Johnson
Margaret Kelly

February 1

Rod Gillespie
Mary Roby

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., 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:

Janet Gertrude Currie	January 26, 1972
Octavia Mason	January 26, 1978
Marcemus Pierce	January 27, 1939
August Loch	January 27, 1948
Alice Nellie Trout	January 28, 2001
Mildred Roberta Brown	January 28, 2012
Rose C. Chipman	January 29, 1962
Marjorie Stearns Richardson	January 29, 1964
Angelo Rosso	January 30, 1965
Frieda Yeager	January 30, 2001
Ronald Alen Grimwade, Sr.	January 31, 2011
Emma Belle Clay	January 31, 2013
Anna L. Kania	February 1, 1983
Charles Beutov	February 1, 1971