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## St. John's Church

# The Parish Chronicle

September 28, 2025

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### Rector's Rambling



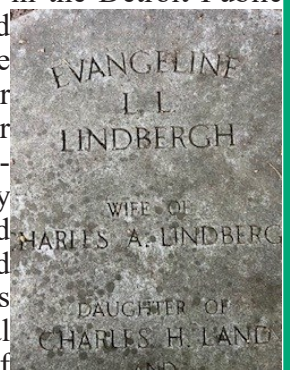
On Tuesday morning this past week we have the funeral for Gail Weedon, a longtime member of St. John's. Increasing immobility due to her Multiple Sclerosis made her have to give up her home in Sylvan Lake and move into a retirement community, and then after additional medical issues moved into a nursing home setting. With each move her world got smaller, and she had to let go of things like her wonderful art collection and things accumulated in her many travels over the decades. But as her world got smaller time with family continued to be of utmost importance.



On Tuesday afternoon I said the final prayers at the graveside where her ashes were being interred next to the mortal remains of her mother and father. I buried Dorothy and George in 2002 and 2005. Time continues to move on, and her daughter Audrey and I realized that we are the same age now that Gail was when I arrived at St. John's in 2001. Audrey and Lara's kids who were baptized here and ran around the nursery with my kids are now grown, the three youngest of them now college aged. Tempus Fugit.

Having arrived early at Pine Lake Cemetery in West Bloomfield I had a few minutes to walk around and visit the burial place of Tigers great Norm Cash,

and the mother of Charles Lindbergh, who was a teacher in the Detroit Public Schools and owned a house in Grosse Pointe Park later owned by a former member of this parish, and currently owned by a friend of my wife. And there were stones marking the final resting place of generations of people known to God and their family and hopefully not forgotten.



I say all this as we head out of September and are only a little over a month away from All Souls Day, where the church remembers all the faithful departed. I was told that there is an old Jewish adage that there are two deaths - the day you have your early death, and the last time someone says your name out-loud.

Here at St. John's everyone who has died and been entered in our burial register are remembered in prayer on the anniversary of their death. They are not forgotten by God or by us and we remember them by name as well. We may not know much, if anything about them personally, but they are prayed for nonetheless.

I have had the privilege of doing a lot of funerals here in nearly 25 years as rector of St. John's, and am thankful to be able to pray for them, and remember them, before the throne of God.



## 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

**Food** may be deposited in the basket at the entrance of the church to aid the neighborhood ministry to the poor through **Crossroads and Georgia Street Community Co-op**.

Dedicated donations for the support of the **Malawi Education Fund** and **Rector's Discretionary Fund** can be put in the collection plate with a note in the memo line or on the envelope.

Collections of school supplies, cleaning supplies, garden tools, Christmas presents, mittens, sweaters, etc. occur throughout the year to support our community.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S SEPTEMBER 21—OCTOBER 5

<b>Sunday</b> 9/28 THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
	10:00 A	Choral Holy Communion
	11:15 A	Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer
<b>Monday</b> 9/29 ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 9/30 St. Jerome, B.C.D. d. 420 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b> 10/1 St. Remigus, Bishop of Rheims, 533 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
<b>Thursday</b> 10/2 Holy Guardian Angels	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	10:30 A	Holy Communion and Benediction
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
<b>Friday</b> 10/3	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	11:00 A	AA Meeting
<b>Saturday</b> 10/4 St. Francis of Assisi, OFM, Deacon, 1226 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
<b>Sunday</b> 10/5 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
	10:00 A	Choral Holy Communion
	11:15 A	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](http://www.StJohnsDetroit.org)*

**Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**K**EEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

SUNDAY	49	Ecclus 5:1–10 Luke 12:13–21
Monday	75	2 Sam. 19:24–39 2 Cor. 10
Tuesday	76	2 Sam. 23:8–17 2 Cor. 11:1–15
Wednesday	77	2 Sam. 24:1, 10–25 2 Cor. 11:16
Thursday	81	1 Kings 2:1–4, 10–12 2 Cor. 12:1–13
Friday	85	1 Kings 3:4–15 2 Cor. 12:14
Saturday	92	1 Kings 3:16 2 Cor. 13

**Evening Prayer**

SUNDAY	26, 128	Eccles. 5:8 1 Tim. 6:1–10
Monday	71	Ecclus. 34:18–35:3 Matt. 7:1–12
Tuesday	72	Ecclus. 36:1–17 Matt. 7:13
Wednesday	73	Ecclus. 37:6–15 Matt. 8:1–13
Thursday	80	Ecclus. 38:24 Matt. 8:14–27
Friday	89:1–19	Ecclus. 42:15–21 Matt. 8:28–9:8
Saturday	46, 96	Ecclus. 43:1–12 Matt. 9:9–17

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

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

**ST. JOHN’S backlit signs -**

*need 1 more at \$7500 each*

*(will be on the sides of the ministry center, visible from the freeway and by those walking to/from Comerica Park.)*

**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, and Wednesday @ 12:15 PM  
Thursday @ 10:30 AM

**Evening Prayer**

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

**Christian Education** – Sunday School resumes today at 10 AM in the Undercroft.

**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 an Automated External Defibrillator and Narcan are located in the hallway between the Church and the Chapel, and also one in the Undercroft.

**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

### September 28

#### 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  
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

### October 5

#### 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  
Chelsea Hutchins

#### Ushers 10:00 AM:

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

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## St. John's Teaching Notes *Back in 1951...*

*Glancing through the Parish Chronicle in the parish library published for Sunday, September 23, 1951 (yes, 64 years ago) we see these interesting notes:*

A letter, written some two weeks ago, has arrived from Col. Paul Rusch telling us about some of the plans for the reception and stay of Bishop and Mrs. Emrich in Japan. In the course of the letter he speaks of the plans to dedicate the new St. John's Rural Library-Parish House (the 90th anniversary gift to the parish to the Japanese Church) and mentions the fact that the Emperor's brothers, Prince Takamatsu and Prince Misaka as well as the governor of Yamanashi prefecture will probably be present at the service.

During the summer a contract was let by the vestry for the raising of the three houses to the East of the Chapel on Vernor Highway (*now the Fisher Freeway Service Drive - ed.*). Old landmarks in Detroit, their condition became such that it seemed wise to demolish them and use the property for other purposes. It has been leased for a parking lot and it is expected that the work of clearing and preparing the land will be completed by October 1.

The women of St. John's Guild which meets each Monday morning at 10:30 in the Parish House are again assisting in the work of making cancer pads. They are in need of contributions of white cloths such as old sheets, pillow cases, etc., for this worthy work.

The dormitory for service men operated since last spring has had almost capacity use throughout the summer. Thirty beds are available and supervision and admission is in the hands of the U.S.O.. Thus far, St. John's is the only church in the Metropolitan Area rendering this service for men in our armed forces.

Plans are going on apace for the second annual St. John's Fall Music Festival to be held in the Church on the evenings of October 21, 22, and 23. Fernando Germani, world famed organist of the Vatican in Rome, has been engaged as the leading artist.

### 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

#### *Terms expire January 2027*

Jared Moody                      Pat Walter  
Helene Waters

#### *Terms expire January 2028*

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.



**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 September 28:**

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**

*15th Sunday after Trinity: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; The Diocese of Otukpo—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Owerri—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Owo—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Oxford—The Church of England; The Diocese of Oyo—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Pacong—Province of South Sudan*

**Episcopal Diocese of Michigan**

Detroit—St. Peter's

Ypsilanti—St. Luke's

Carreton, DR—Holy Name

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS****October 1**

Jean Brace

**October 2**

Louie Adams

**October 4**

Bruce Burton  
Freeman Brown

**This Week's ANNIVERSARIES****September 30**

Jimmie & Amy Baber

**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., Carl P., Deb B.

*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, Charles Lewis.

**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:**

Vivian Eaton	September 28, 1954
Vera Clare Frisby	September 28, 1982
Jacqueline Harris	September 29, 1979
Margaret Wallis	September 29, 1986
William M. Guinness	September 30, 1952
Douglas Ferguson Roby, III	September 30, 2023
Jane Neil Jones	October 1, 1953
Felicia R. Leed	October 1, 1971
Lauretta McArthur	October 2, 1952
Louis W. Plies	October 2, 1961
John Gilbert Edwards	October 3, 1981
Norris Octave Mottley	October 3, 2009
Elizabeth Griseld Hewitt	October 4, 1914
Rosella Jameson Bryce	October 4, 1924