



St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
(LÆTÁRE/ROSE SUNDAY)



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Rector's Rambling

Happy *Lætáre* Sunday! This Sunday is also known as Rose Sunday (take a look at the vestments and hangings today to figure out this title), and in our mother Church of England it is known as Mothering Sunday (like our Mother's day in May).

Still a Sunday in Lent, this Sunday is a mid-point when we "lighten up" a bit. The deep penitential purple vestments are replaced with the lighter rose. The Latin title gives us a hint as to this lightening up of the day. *Lætáre* is the opening word of the liturgy in Latin, on which our liturgy is based. The first word of the Introit, sung by the choir at the 10:00 AM service, is "REJOICE".

Although a penitential season, on this Sunday we rejoice that we have

passed the half-way point of Lent. We rejoice because Passiontide (the last two weeks before Easter) and Holy Week are in sight. We rejoice because Easter is just around the corner. We rejoice because, to date, we have kept a good Lent, OR because we still have a chance to have a good Lent starting today. But above all we rejoice because we have a Saviour, Jesus Christ, who paid the price of our sins. We rejoice that in Jesus Christ we have forgiveness of those sins and are reconciled unto the Father through His blood.

So if you haven't started "keeping Lent" there is still time to give something up, and to take some things on like extra prayer at home or attending special services here at St. John's. And, of course, Fr. Kelly and Fr. Bedford are available to hear your confessions.



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 30—APRIL 6

Sunday 3/30 THE 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
Monday 3/31	7:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting <i>Fr. Kelly away until mid-day</i>
Tuesday 4/1	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
Wednesday 4/2	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Thursday 4/3 St. Richard, Bishop of Chichester d. 1253 A.D.	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Friday 4/4 St. Isidore, Bishop of Seville, c. 636 A.D.	7:00 A 11:00 A 11:15 A NOON	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting Holy Communion Stations of the Cross
Saturday 4/5 St. Vincent Ferrer d. 1419 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 4/6 PASSION SUNDAY	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 – The Fourth Sunday in Lent

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

SUNDAY	147	Exod. 16:4–15 John 6:27–40
Monday	90	Gen. 44 1 Cor. 12:12–31a
Tuesday	93, 96	Gen. 45 1 Cor. 12:31b—13:13
Wednesday	94	Gen. 47:29–31 & 48:8–20 1 Cor. 14:1–12
Thursday	104	Gen. 49:33—50:26 1 Cor. 14:13–25
Friday	95 & 102	Exod. 1:8–14, 22 1 Cor. 14:26
Saturday	108:1–6 & 112	Exod. 2:1–22 1 Cor. 15:1–11

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	116	Isa. 55 John 6:41–51
Monday	91	Jer. 13:15 Mark 12:18–27
Tuesday	92	Jer. 14:1–10 Mark 12:28–37
Wednesday	97, 98	Jer. 15:1–9 Mark 12:38
Thursday	99, 100	Jer. 15:10 Mark 13:1–13
Friday	107	Jer. 16:5–13 Mark 13:14–23
Saturday	118	Jer. 17:5–14 Mark 13:24

* 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. THIS WEEK IT WILL BE IN THE MINISTRY CENTER.** 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

Tuesday, Wednesday @ 12:15 PM

Thursday @ 10:30 AM, **Friday @ 11:15 AM (Lent)**

Evening Prayer

Tuesday through Thursday @ 4 PM

Services can be attended in person, or by livestream

Fr. Kelly will be away Sunday Evening and Monday until mid-day driving his daughter back to college..

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 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

March 30

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Elizabeth Savage

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

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April 6

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

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

Techniques of Personal Prayer

Speaking in general terms, private, or personal, prayer, is by nature “free-flowing”. It is a loving conversation with the God who loves you so much that He sent His Son to die for you. In it you pour out expressions of your love and faithfulness, and “remind” Him of your needs and the needs of others by offering your prayers and intercessions.

Although we are bidden to “pray at all times”, what we are talking about here is setting apart a time, or two (or more?) a day to pray. Find a quiet place (Jesus said to go into your room and shut the door). Take a few deep breaths to try to stop the noise of the day in your head. And then begin praying.

Some people find it helpful to start with some written prayers. Personal Prayer after one of the Daily Offices is always a good time. Or devotional books such as the St. Augustine's Prayer Book offer many options for “getting the juices following”.

Ascetical Theologians (those who study the Art of Prayer) recommend a 5-fold prayer form to help guide personal prayer. They form the acronym **ACTIP**.

Adoration – this is worship, acknowledging God as God. It is here that we spend a little time praising him for His goodness. As one writer said, adoration is like goopy love between newlyweds.

Confession – admitting failing in light of God's expectations for us. This doesn't have to be daily wailing and breast-beating, but rather a daily inventory of failings, seeking God's forgiveness and help in avoiding such pitfalls again.

Thanksgiving – The old adage of “counting your blessings” is a good one. It helps to put us into an Attitude of Gratitude for the blessings and mercies God has show to us.

Intercession – praying for others. Keep a list of people's prayer requests, make notecards of people and ministries you want to pray for regularly. Pray for St. John's and her clergy.

Petition – Praying for you own needs. This order is not random. If we start off concentrating on Him, and then others, putting ourselves last, we will find this will aid our struggle to be humble as well. But be sure you remember to add your needs too!

**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 30:

Retired Bishops of Malawi: Bishop Biggers, Bishop Tengtanga, Bishop Arden, Bishop Boyle; Diocese of Zomba

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Fourth Sunday in Lent: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; The Diocese of Maryland—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Masasi—The Anglican Church of Tanzania; The Diocese of Maseno East—The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Maseno South—The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Manseno West—The Anglican Church of Kenya

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Southgate—Grace Church
Clarkston—Church of the Resurrection
Bani, DR—Church of the Transfiguration

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



April 1
Pamela Beeghly

April 3
Lana Gawrych

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:

Henry A. Montgomery	March 30, 1957
Walter A. Johnson	March 30, 1987
Joseph Charles Likas	March 31, 1982
Arlene Jackson	March 31, 2019
Anna Brown	April 1, 1968
Charles Clippert Nesbitt	April 1, 2006
Alice Atkinson	April 2, 1988
Frank Sullivan	April 2, 1989
Robert F. Paul	April 3, 1982
Betty I. Buehler	April 3, 1999
Edith L. Skinner	April 4, 1964
James Dunn	April 4, 1990
Claude J. Trace	April 5, 1962
Donald R. Wilson	April 5, 2005