



St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

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PASSION SUNDAY

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Rector's Rambling

As you may have noticed, the crosses on the altars and around the church are now veiled. Although most

Episcopal churches follow the modern Roman Catholic form for veiling the crosses on all the Sundays of Lent, we keep to the old tradition of doing so from Passion Sunday onwards. Dr. Taylor Marshall, a former Episcopal priest writes on his blog *Canterbury Tales*, "In the old days, Passion Sunday (5th Sunday) 'ramped up' the Lenten season. Passion Sunday (also called Judica Sunday from the opening Introit) is the traditional day for veiling the crucifixes and statues in the churches. The practice allegedly derives from Bavaria (though I'd love for someone more knowledgeable to shed light on the origin of this custom). The crosses and images remain veiled

and add to the dramatic effect of the Paschal Vigil when they are unveiled for the glory and wonder of our Lord's resurrection. The famous medieval triptychs that opened and closed were constructed for the purpose of closing them for this season."

I cannot stress strongly enough how important it is for us ALL to enter deeper yet into our Lenten observances. Now is the time to make the PUSH to finish strong. Last chance for Stations of the Cross is this Friday. Perhaps adding a weekday Mass Monday through Friday, or join us for Evening Prayer on Thursday. Make an extra effort to fast on Friday. The following week, Holy Week, has its own particular and wonderful liturgies to be observed. Make the extra effort this week!



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 APRIL 6—APRIL 13

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
Monday 4/7	7:00 A 12:15 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion AA Meeting
Tuesday 4/8	7:00 A 12:15 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion
Wednesday 4/9	7:00 A 12:15 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion AA Meeting
Thursday 4/10	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Friday 4/11 St. Leo the Great, B.C.D. d. 461 A.D.	7:00 A 11:00 A 11:15 A NOON	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting Holy Communion Stations of the Cross
Saturday 4/12	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 4/13 PALM 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 for The Fifth Sunday in Lent
commonly called Passion Sunday**

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	51	Isa. 1:10–20 1 Pet. 4:12
Monday	119:1–16	Exod. 3:1–15 1 Cor. 15:12–19
Tuesday	123, 127	Exod. 4:10–18, 27–31 1 Cor. 15:20–34
Wednesday	128, 129	Exod. 5:1–9, 19–6:1 1 Cor. 15:35–49
Thursday	144	Exod. 11:1–8 1 Cor. 15:50
Friday	95 & 141:1–4, 146	Exod. 12:21–28 1 Cor. 16:1–14
Saturday	147	Exod. 12:29–39, 42 1 Cor. 16:15

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	42, 43	Hosea 6:1–6 Heb. 10:1–25
Monday	119:17–32 & 117	Jer. 20:7–13 John 12:1–11
Tuesday	120, 121, 122	Jer. 22:10–23 John 12:12–19
Wednesday	132	Jer. 28:1–2, 10–17 John 12:20–33
Thursday	133, 134, 137:1–6	Jer. 30:12–17, 23–24 John 12:34–43
Friday	139	Jer. 32:36–42 John 12:44
Saturday	145	Jer. 33:1–9, 14–16 John 13:1–17

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

WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS

Kneeler restoration project—more info coming 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

Thursday @ 4 PM

Services can be attended in person, or by livestream

Stations of The Cross - Friday at NOON. **LAST CHANCE FOR 2025** 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

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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April 13

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Denise Grim

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

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

A Passiontide sermon from St. Leo the Great

To no one, no matter what be the circumstances of his life, dearly beloved, is denied a share in this glory of partaking in Christ's sufferings, as if times of calm were without their occasion of exercising strength. The Apostle giveth us this warning: All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. Therefore, so long as godliness is not lacking, neither is persecution lacking. The Lord himself saith in one of his own exhortations: He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. And we must not doubt that these words of Christ apply not only to his immediate disciples, to whom he spake them, but belong to all the faithful and to the whole Church. For the Church in the person of believers which were present and heard these words, believed and heard on behalf of all them who would afterwards accept the way of salvation in the Church.

As then, it is the duty of the whole body of the Church to live godly, so also it is the duty of all times to be a-bearing of the Master's Cross, and that not only in the mystical body in general, but individually in the person of each member thereof, who each and every one supporteth the weight of the Cross in his own way and measure. The one common name for all their carrying of the Cross is persecution, but the manner of suffering is special to each. Now there is often more danger from a foe lurking in ambush than from the open enemy. Is not man's life appointed as a time of trial? The attack upon the faithful soul cometh not alone in bodily pains and suffering. For if the health of the bodily members be sound, often the soul is grievously sick of longing for fleshly indulgence. But since the flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh, the rational mind must be disciplined by carrying of the Cross on such wise that, albeit the soul is enticed by evil desires, the will refuseth to give consent, by reason of the piercing of the nails of continence and the fear of God.

~ The reading for II Nocturn of Matins for Passion Sunday, taken from *THE ANGLICAN BREVIARY: containing the divine office according to the general usages of the Western Church, put into English in accordance with the Book of Common Prayer*, Frank Gavin Liturgical Foundation, Mount Sinai, NY, 1955; ed. 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 April 6:

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 Blantyre; Archdiocese of Lilongwe; St. Luke's Hospital

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Fifth Sunday in Lent: Iglesia Anglicana du Chile; The Diocese of Masindi-Kitara—The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of Massachusetts—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Western Massachusetts—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Masvingo—The Church of the Province of Central Africa; The Diocese of Matabeleland—The Church of the Province of Central Africa; The Diocese of Matana—The Anglican Church of Burundi

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Jackson—St. Paul's
San Marcos, DR—St. Simon's
Stan Cristobal, DR—St. Michael's

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



April 7

Henry Heatley

April 9

Dennis Lennox

April 11

Alan Nealley, Sr.

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., Jim Z., Julie B., Lawrence A., MJ B., Michael Z., Michael P., Paul M., Rexina M., Robert H., Sabrina H., Sandra Z., Sandy D., Sam K.

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:

Marie Sutton	April 6, 1969
Marshall E. Taylor	April 6, 1975
Stanton Redding	April 7, 1971
Donald R. William	April 7, 2005
Ethel May Bond	April 8, 1977
John McKenzie	April 8, 1979
George Coggill	April 9, 1988
Elizabeth Ann Turner	April 9, 2015
Herbert Spicer	April 10, 1968
Harvey Allan Jackson	April 10, 1979
Clara M. Doty	April 11, 1962
Robert Earl Delaney	April 11, 2016
Clarence Charles Green	April 12, 1966
Eveyln Hanson	April 12, 1977