



St. John's Church

# The Parish Chronicle

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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



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## Rector's Rambling

people just that.

It sounds like an oxymoron – “happy” and “Lent”, but if we remember that the word for happy comes from the same root word as “blessed”, then it certainly is the right greeting!

Lent is a great blessing, even if it is hard and time consuming. It is supposed to be. But even more so, it is an opportunity for us to be honest with ourselves about the state of our souls so that we can make inroads toward true blessedness. True blessedness leads to holiness. Lent is only miserable because sin doesn't want us to let go of our habits, and also doesn't like to be disciplined. But knowing that it is good for us, and is making us better, can help us go into it and through it with a good attitude.

Please take advantage of the many extra opportunities at St. John's this Lent, especially our Friday lunchtime offerings. Additionally, much of the Lenten discipline done by you in the secret of your house and heart. Be sure to refer to our brochure *The Observance of an Holy Lent*.

I saw a t-shirt for sale that said “have a miserable Lent”. I want people to have a “happy” Lent, and in fact have wished

Most popular, of course, is “giving something up for Lent”. In recent years we have had a spate of “but Sunday's don't count as Lent” so they can have/do what they have given up. But I promise you, giving it up from now until Easter, including Sundays, is the idea of the matter, not some sort of parsing of the law. You will see the difference this sense of accomplishment achieves.

Also, remember that if it is something sinful in your life, you shouldn't be “giving it up for Lent”, you should be giving it up altogether! Remember that giving it up for Lent is about giving up something that you like or enjoy in order to be reminded that you can live without it, that you have control over your body and passions, and to give you a greater appreciation for what it is that you have and God has blessed for you. The goal is to be reminded of your ability to say no to the good and the bad if it is for the glory of God.

Let us be serious about the training of our hearts and souls this Lent, that we may become the saints that Jesus wants us to be!

NOTE—Be sure to participate in this year's St. John's Lenten Bingo! How many Lenten things will you be able to check off this year?



## 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 9—MARCH 16

<b>Sunday</b> 3/9 THE FIRST 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
<b>Monday</b> 3/10 Forty Martyrs of Sebaste, 320 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 3/11	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b> 3/12 EMBER DAY St. Gregory the Great, B.C.D., d. 604 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
<b>Thursday</b> 3/13	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
<b>Friday</b> 3/14 EMBER DAY	7:00 A 11:00 A 11:15 A NOON	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting Holy Communion Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday</b> 3/15 EMBER DAY	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
<b>Sunday</b> 3/16 SECOND 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](http://www.StJohnsDetroit.org)*

### Collect for the First Sunday in Lent

**O** LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

#### **THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)\***

##### Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	50	Isa. 58 Matt. 6:1–18
Monday	36	Gen. 24:1–27 1 Cor. 3:1–17
Tuesday	37:1–24	Gen. 24:28–38, 49–51, 58–67 1 Cor. 3:18–4:5
Ember Wed.	26	Ezek. 2 Matt. 9:1–13
Thursday	37:26	Gen. 25:28 1 Cor. 4:6
Ember Fri.	95 & 84	Ezek. 34:1–16 Matt. 10:24–33, 37–42
Ember Sat.	101	Ezek. 34:17–25, 30–31 2 Tim. 2:1–15

##### Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	15, 92	Jer. 17:5–14 1 Cor. 10:1–13
Monday	42, 43	Jer. 3:19 John 9:1–23
Tuesday	46, 47	Jer. 4:1–9 John 9:24
Ember Wed.	4, 16	Ezek. 3:16 2 Cor. 4
Thursday	49	Jer. 4:11–22 John 10:1–10
Ember Fri.	77	Ezek. 37:1–14 1 Tim. 4
Ember Sat.	19, 23	Ezek. 37:21b 1 Tim. 6:6

\* 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 9

#### 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  
Brian Campbell  
Pam Beeghly  
Elizabeth Savage

#### 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

### March 16

#### Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz  
S – C. Stevenson

#### Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock  
Nancy Donnelly  
Suzanne Porter  
Melody Huffer

#### Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell  
Morley Stevenson  
Adrian Leskiw

#### 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

### The Vestry and Officers of St. John's

Peter Grim, Senior Warden  
Pat Walter, Junior Warden  
Cynthia Edwards, Secretary  
Jared Moody, Treasurer

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#### *Terms expire January 2026*

Elizabeth Butler                      David Gawrych  
Bryan Monaco

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#### *Terms expire January 2026*

Jared Moody                              Pat Walter  
Helene Waters

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#### *Terms expire January 2027*

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

### How to pray the Daily Office

A great discipline to start in Lent is praying the Daily Office. The Daily Office was designed so that *everyone* could be praying at home or at Church. You will need a 1928 Book of Common Prayer (available from the office) and a Bible. The appointed daily psalms and lessons (called a lectionary) may be found either in the front of your prayer book, or in the weekly Parish Chronicle.

Items with \* are optional.

The lectionary is in the prayer book and Chronicle.

MP=Morning Prayer page    EP=Evening Prayer page

*The Sentences* (choose one or two)\*

MP 3–5                                      EP 22, 23

*Confession, Absolution\**

MP 5–7                                      EP 23, 24

Lord's Prayer (\*if said later)

MP 7    EP 24

Preces ("O Lord, open thou our lips...")

MP 7    EP 25

Venite (MP only)

MP 9

*Psalm* – See lectionary

*First Reading* – See lectionary

First Canticle – Choose one

MP 10–14                                      EP – The Magnificat    EP 26

*Second Reading* – See lectionary

*Second Canticle* – Choose another

MP 10–14                                      EP – Nunc Dimittis    EP 28

*Apostles Creed*

MP 15    EP 29

Lord's Prayer (if not said earlier)

MP 16    EP 30

*Versicles and Responses*

MP 16    EP 31

*Collect from Sunday* – See prayer book or Chronicle

*Collect for Peace and Grace/Aid*

MP 17    EP 31

Any other Collects you would like\*

*General Thanksgiving\**

MP 19    EP 33

*The Grace*

MP 20    EP 34

**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 9:**

Primate of the Province of Central Africa—The Most Rev'd Albert Chama; The Mothers Union of Malawi; Diocese of Chikwawa; Diocese of Dedza

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

*First Sunday in Lent: The Anglican Church of Canada; The Diocese of Malakal—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Lake Malawi—The Church of the Province of Central Africa; The Diocese of Northern Malawi—The Church of the Province of Central Africa; The Diocese of Southern Malawi—The Church of the Province of Central Africa; The Diocese of West Malaysia—Church of the Province of South Sudan*

**Episcopal Diocese of Michigan**

Ann Arbor—St. Clare of Assisi  
Belleville—Trinity Church  
Azusa, DR—Church of the Reconciliation

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**



**March 10**

Suzanne Porter  
Cole Stevenson

**March 13**

Bonnie Butler

**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:**

Helen L. Palmer	March 9, 1965
John L. Wolfe	March 9, 1984
John Hamilton Bent	March 10, 2018
Orson Doss Livermore	March 10, 2018
Anna F. Stanton	March 11, 1959
Marvin A. Smith	March 11, 1963
Frank B. Ainger	March 12, 1951
Harold E. Candler	March 12, 1954
Cleo Deckens	March 13, 1996
Bernard J. Graves	March 13, 1971
Richard A. Casing	March 14, 2013
Janet Thorpe	March 14, 1979
Chester MacFarland	March 15, 1958
Harvey Cook Jackson	March 15, 1957