

St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

April 12, 2026

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

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Rector's Rambling

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

We continue our celebration of Easter today, and throughout the remainder of the 40 days of the Easter Season. It seems only fair that if we spent 40 days of fasting and penitence for Lent, then the celebration should be at least as long! The Easter Season ends with the Feast of the Ascension, which falls on May 14th this year. We then add 10 more days of special prayer and intention in preparation of the gift of God the Holy Ghost on the Feast of Whitsunday, also known as Pentecost.

Thank you to the many people who pitched in last week for our grand celebration of the Feast of the Resurrection. The music was sublime, the liturgy transcendent, coffee hour delicious and plentiful, and the congregation joyful and exuberant. It was a wonderful day and I am thankful to God for the Feast Day and to the many people of St. John's who participated in making it such a wonderful day.

Today marks an interesting milestone. It was on the First Sunday after Easter in 2016 that we dedicated The Prayer Wall on Montcalm Ave.

Joe Alff, who with his wife Marge now live the Chicago area, had a great idea that we needed a place where people could offer their prayers in a tangible way 24 hours a day, without having to come inside the church. The design is based on the idea of the Western Wall of the former Temple in Jerusalem where

people write their prayers on slips of paper and insert it in the slots between stones of the foundation of a place where God dwelt in a special way, until it became redundant because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Joe approached his neighbor Gene Pluhar with an idea for the design, and from there was born the prayer wall we now

have located on Montcalm Street on the side of the parish parking lot. People walking by for events at the stadiums, arena, and, as well as those just passing by, stop to put a prayer in the wall. On Sunday a team of parishioners spend a few minutes out there reaffirming their prayers, asking God to grant them as may be most expedient for them. I have personally witnessed people stopping to pray very late at night, and very early in the morning.





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 APRIL 12—APRIL 19

Sunday 4/12 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Sunday School Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer

Monday 4/13	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
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Tuesday 4/14 ST. JUSTIN, Martyr, d. 167 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
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Wednesday 4/15	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
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Thursday 4/16	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
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Friday 4/17	7:00 A 11:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting AA Meeting
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Saturday 4/18	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
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Sunday 4/19 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 9:30 A 10:00 A 11:15 A	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Brass Prelude 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*

The Collect for the First Sunday after Easter

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	66	Wisdom 2:23—3:9 Rom. 1:1–12
Monday	1, 3	Exod. 13:3–16 Heb. 1
Tuesday	5	Exod. 13:17—14:4 Heb. 2:1–8
Wednesday	22:23	Exod. 14:5–14, 19–21, 24–28, 30 Heb. 2:9
Thursday	28	Exod. 15:20 Heb. 3
Friday	40:1–16	Exod. 16:1–7, 13b–15 Heb. 4:1–13
Saturday	42, 43	Exod. 17:1–7 Heb. 4:14—5:14

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	33	Zeph. 3:14 John 20:19
Monday	4, 11	Isa. 40:1–11 1 Pet. 1:1–12
Tuesday	15, 24	Isa. 40:12–17 1 Pet. 1:13
Wednesday	25	Isa. 40:18, 21–31 1 Pet. 2:1–10
Thursday	29, 46	Isa. 42:1–9 1 Pet. 2:11–17
Friday	39	Isa. 42:10–17 1 Pet. 2:18
Saturday	93, 111	Isa. 43:1–7 1 Pet. 3:1–12

* 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 coming 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

Next week Thursday Mass @ 9 AM. **NEW TIME**

Evening Prayer

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

Christian Education – Sunday School at 10 AM

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 - The lot next to St. John’s is leased to Olympia Development, and we have use of it only for our church related events. We do not have the ability to give permission to park there for events at Comerica Park, Little Caesars Arena, Ford Field, or the local theatres.

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.

There may be a tax advantage to **donating stocks, bonds, securities, and property** to St. John’s. Speak to your advisor and contact the Treasurer for information on how to donate



LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

April 12

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Melody Huffer

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Suzanne Nicholson
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
Isaac Reed

Coffee Hour

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April 19

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Nancy Donnelly
Suzanne Porter
Denise Grim

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
Isaac Reed

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 2027

Jared Moody Pat Walter
Helene Waters

Terms expire January 2028

Cynthia Edwards Peter Grim
Morley Stevenson

Terms expire January 2028

Durene Brown Charles Roby
Renee Peck

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

The Paschal Candle

At every service between now and May 14, this large candle will be burning somewhere near the sanctuary. It is known as The Paschal Candle. The word Paschal comes from the greek for "passing over". Our Lord Jesus Christ "passed over" from death to life in His Resurrection, which we celebrated on Easter and continue for 40 days. This candle symbolizes that passing over.

Like Christmas, Easter is not just an event and a day, but an entire church season, lasting 40 days until the Feast of the Ascension (although those using the new calendar pass over Ascension and make the season last for 50 days, until Pentecost). Those 40 days represent the 40 days in which Jesus, after His Resurrection from the dead, continued to appear to the disciples to console, encourage, and teach them.

At the Easter Vigil service a week ago Saturday, we blessed this candle and prayed as it was lit for the first time, *"May the light of Christ, gloriously rising, dispel the darkness of hearts and minds. O Father in Heaven, pour forth we beseech thee, Almighty God, thy abundant blessings upon this lighted candle."*

At the Feast of the Ascension, after the reading of the story of our Lord's Ascension at the Communion service, the candle is put out. But it won't stay out. It will continue to be used for baptisms and funerals, two occasions when we particularly remember Christ's death and resurrection (in baptism we die to sin and rise to newness of life, and at funerals we pass to eternal life with Jesus).

Take note of that Paschal Candle because it is a wonderful, tangible reminder that Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death, and that through Him we rise to newness of life!



~ From the Rector's Rambling, 4/12/2015

**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 12:
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
The First Sunday after Easter: Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola; The Diocese of Wangaratta—The Anglican Church of Australia; The Diocese of Wanglei—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Wanyjok—Province of the Episcopal Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Warri—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Washington—The Episcopal Church

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan
Williamston— St. Katherine's
Bloomfield Township—Nativity Church
Piedra Blanca, DR—St. John the Evangelist

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS




April 13
Jerrid Mooney

April 16
James Brock

April 19
Barbara Walter

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., Harriett M., George W., Helene W., Jessica W., Jim Z., Julie B., Lawrence A., MJ B., Michael Z., Michael P., Paul M., Rexina M., Sabrina H., Sandra Z., Sandy D., 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:

Clarence Charles Green	April 12, 1966
Evelyn Hanson	April 12, 1977
Baby Cherian	April 13, 1975
Mary H. Lewis	April 13, 1985
Marie Isabel Kloty	April 14, 1981
Robin Blaine Dalby	April 14, 2021
John DePalma	April 15, 1962
George R. Penniman	April 15, 1970
Alton C. Gibov	April 16, 1955
Phyllis E. Likas	April 16, 2006
Harold McAllanon	April 17, 1980
William J. Frisby, Jr.	April 17, 1990
Lotta Parrish	April 18, 1962
Joseph P. Frisby	April 18, 1972