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Rector's Rambling

This morning we hear of the healing of the man who was deaf, and had an impediment of speech. Jesus performs the healing with the command *Ephphatha*, which means "be opened".

ἐφφαθά

This reading, and that phrase, holds a special place in the heart of St. John's. For over 100 years St. John's was the host of the Ephphatha Episcopal Mission of Detroit.

According to an article in the February 1919 edition of the magazine "The Silent Worker: a magazine for the deaf by the deaf", the mission to the deaf at St. John's began in 1877. Originally meeting at Grace Church on Jefferson (now closed), by summer of 1877 the mission moved to St. John's, and continued her ministry here until the 1970s.

In the 1920s St. John's had seven Sunday Services, two of which were held in sign language. At 11:00 AM, while the rest of the congregation worshipped in the main sanctuary, the Ephphatha Mission worshipped in the chapel. In the afternoon there was also a 3:00 PM Evening Prayer service. Many of the staff and members were graduates of the Michigan School for the Deaf in Flint, which continues to this day.

By the 1970s the mission congregation's size had dwindled, and those few remaining members attended the larger congregational service with a sign language interpreter. In 2001 the last re-

maining member of the Ephphatha congregation, Elizabeth Prescott Weber Walker, died. She had been wife and granddaughter of two of St. John's Senior Wardens.

Recently we discovered that the Roman Catholic ministry to the deaf community, also called the Ephphatha Mission, was located at St. Joseph's on Gratiot, located on the other side of I-375 from St. John's, near Eastern Market. They too were served by staff and graduates of the Michigan School for the Deaf.

At this time the Roman Archdiocese has American Sign Language Masses in Redford, Eastpointe, and Roseville. Two non-denominational and an Assemblies of God Church have services in Detroit.

Guild of Ephphatha Episcopal Mission of Detroit



The above picture is a group of the new officers of the Guild of Ephphatha Episcopal Mission elected April 2nd, 1930. All of the above ladies are graduates of the Michigan State School for the Deaf at Flint, except Mrs. R. Jones, who comes from Columbus, Ohio. They are: President, Mrs. R. Stark; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Menzie; Secretary, Mrs. A. R. Schneider; Treasurer, Mrs. P. Polk; Treasurer of the Holiday Fund, Mrs. R. Jones; Board of Trustees, Mrs. G. E. M. Nelson, Chairman; Mrs. J. Henderson, Mrs. R. H. MacLachlan. On March 28th, the Mission also elected new officers for the ensuing year. They are: President, Walter Carl; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Nelson; Secretary, Fred Ryan; Treasurer, J. Henderson; Board of Trustees, Rion Hoel, Chairman; J. Menzie, Peter McNulty.



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 AUGUST 23—AUGUST 30

Sunday 8/23 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	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 8/24 ST. BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Tuesday 8/25 St. Louis IX, King of France, 1270 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Wednesday 8/26 .	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Thursday 8/27	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Friday 8/28 St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 430 A.D.	7:00 A 11:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting AA Meeting
Saturday 8/29 Beheading of st. John the Baptist	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 8/30 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Holy Communion (church) 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 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen..

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

SUNDAY	139	<i>Ecclus. 15:11</i> <i>Phil. 2:12–18</i>
Monday	107:1–16	<i>2 Sam. 6:12–15, 17–19</i> <i>Luke 23:13–25</i>
Tuesday	115	<i>2 Sam. 7:1–11, 16–17</i> <i>Luke 23:26–38</i>
Wednesday	125, 127, 130	<i>2 Sam. 7:18</i> <i>Luke 23:39–49</i>
Thursday	137:1–6 & 138	<i>2 Sam. 9:1–9, 13</i> <i>Luke 23:50–24:12</i>
Friday	142, 143	<i>2 Sam. 11:1–13</i> <i>Luke 24:13–35</i>
Saturday	147	<i>2 Sam. 11:14</i> <i>Luke 24:36</i>

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	27	<i>Tobit 13:1b–5, 7–11</i> <i>Rom. 15:14–21</i>
Monday	111, 114	<i>Zeph. 1:2–3, 7, 14–18</i> <i>Rom. 12</i>
Tuesday	116	<i>Zeph. 3:1–8</i> <i>Rom. 13</i>
Wednesday	121, 123, 124	<i>Zeph. 3:9</i> <i>Rom. 14:1–12</i>
Thursday	144	<i>Ecclus. 1:1–10</i> <i>Rom. 14:13</i>
Friday	145	<i>Ecclus. 1:11–20, 26–27</i> <i>Rom. 15:1–16</i>
Saturday	148, 150	<i>Ecclus. 2</i> <i>Rom. 15:17</i>

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

WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS

Reprinting Parish Brochures for Tract Rack

250 color glossy brochures—\$200

Need 4 titles reprinted

“Why Jesus? Booklets for Tract Rack

25 pack for \$100

Need 2 packs

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

Evening Prayer

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

Christian Education – Sunday School is on Summer Hiatus until September.

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.

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

August 23

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Sarah Jean Babcock
Helene Waters

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Cindy Edwads

Ushers 10:00 AM:

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

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour

August 30

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Elizabeth Savage

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Tom Edwards
Pamela Beeghly
Elizabeth Savage

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
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

First Things First as a Church

Following is an excerpt from a booklet published on a series of talks presented by Bishop Emrich, Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan from 1948 to 1973, the last bishop of the diocese to see growth in attendance and number of parishes. This paper is on the topic The Renewal of the Church. ~ Fr. Kelly

The Church is renewed from above, and we miss the whole point of our faith if we do not see that to worship is the greatest thing we do. Since we are set in the midst of a secular culture, we are doubtless tempted to believe that renewal will come with better organization, promotion, public relations, the acquiring of more money, or any of these secondary things; but we must realize that worship is the most important thing we do simply because it alone changes our hearts and strikes at the center of our being. As we worship, and truly worship, all good flows from that worship; and we worship, not because we are good, but because we are little, needy, petty, and sinful creatures who need to be raised by the glory of the Lord. The Divine Life will break in, renewing and remaking, whenever we are willing to receive it and be renewed.

New life comes from above. We do not offer programs to men; we offer God to men. And we cannot become more selfless, more kind, filled with zeal, wiser, unless we wait upon Him who is the author of peace and lover of concord, and from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed. We cannot be light, salt, leaven unless we look at this world with eyes that are free of passions, fears, and prejudices that surround us.

The Church lives from above, and therefore, we worship. By worship we do not mean occasional acts which are unrelated to the rest of our lives, but acts that reveal that in all our doings we are striving to promote God's glory. Only by prayer and worship can we go down from hazy Christianity of the surface to the Christianity of the deeps. The worship of God is the root, and our works the fruit; and, therefore, the first business of the Church is to worship Him who alone can make us holy.

~ Given at the Triennial Meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to the National Council in 1952

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 August 23:

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

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity: The Church of the Province of West Africa; The Diocese of Bari—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Baringo—The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Barisal—The Church of Bangladesh; The Diocese of Barrackpore—The Church of North India (United); The Diocese of Bath and Wells—The Church of England; The Diocese of Bathurst—The Anglican Church of Australia

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Plymouth—St. John's

Southfield—Church of the Redeemer

La Romana, DR—All Saints'

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**August 23**

Juniper Ellis

August 24

Tom Edwards

August 25

Glenn Burton

August 27

Joe Alff

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES**August 23**

Ralph & Sarah Babcock

August 26

Mark & Lynne Smith

**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., 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., Rudy

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:

Margaret A. Hinckley	August 23, 1975
Clinton Reid	August 23, 1970
Lindsay W. McTernan	August 24, 1969
Elmer E. Tuttle	August 24, 1970
Jean Neville	August 25, 1940
William Carl Hull	August 25, 1979
Williams L. Lawton	August 26, 1961
Herbert G. Riemer	August 26, 1982
Cora Heavenrich	August 27, 1964
Paul Decker	August 27, 2017
Elizabeth G. Seymour	August 28, 1970
Dorothy A. Deisemoth	August 28, 1977
John E. Brogdon	August 29, 1964
Leona Lotten	August 29, 1979