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## St. John's Church

# The Parish Chronicle

January 18, 2026

## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



*Baptism of Christ by Pietro Perugino, c. 1482*



### Rector's Rambling

Today is our one and only green Sunday for the season of Epiphany in 2026. Because Easter is set by a lunar calendar, this year it is relatively early, occurring on April 5th.

Once Easter is set, we then start counting backwards. 40 days for Lent and Holy Week, three Sundays of pre-Lent before that (the quesima Sundays) and the Season of Epiphany is only three Sundays. But on top of that next week is a Prayer Book Holy Day, the Conversion of St. Paul, which takes precedence to be celebrated on Sunday instead of the 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany.

This week is also the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Starting today through next Sunday the church prays with special intention for the unity of the Church. Jesus prayed that we all be one as He and the Father are one, but we are divided because of human sinfulness. May God have mercy upon us. More information on this week of prayer is found in the teaching note on page 4.

The holy water stoups have now had a full week of use and it has been interesting to see folks, myself included, walk past one, pause when we see it out of the corner of our eye, and reach back to dip a finger in it and make the sign of the cross with it. It will take time to develop the new habit here in our church that I and so many other do in other Episcopal and Romans Churches.

**DO YOU HAVE A KEY TO ST. JOHN'S?** Beginning January 15th the new alarm system will be in use in the church. Other than during Sunday worship, weekday office hours, and scheduled use by groups who are meeting here, the alarm will be set. **IF YOU HAVE A KEY** you need to learn the code, and how to disarm and arm the alarm system so that you can do so if you come into the building on your own. The new system has a user-friendly touch pad. See Elizabeth or Father Kelly for instruction and the alarm code.



## 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 JANUARY 18—JANUARY 25

<b>Sunday</b> 1/18 <b>THE SECOND</b> <b>SUNDAY AFTER</b> <b>THE EPIPHANY</b>	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
	10:00 A	Sunday School
	10:00 A	Choral Holy Communion
	11:15 A	Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer

<b>Monday</b> 1/19 St Prisca, Virgin and Martyr, d. 269 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>

<b>Tuesday</b> 1/20 Ss. Fabian and Sebastian, Martyrs, 252 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting

<b>Wednesday</b> 1/21 St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr, 304. A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting

<b>Thursday</b> 1/22 St. Vincent of Sarragosa, Deacon and Martyr c. 304 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	10:30 A	Holy Communion and Benediction
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer

<b>Friday</b> 1/23	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	11:00 A	AA Meeting
	5:00 P	AA Meeting

<b>Saturday</b> 1/24 St. Timothy, Bishop and Martyr, d. 97 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)

<b>Sunday</b> 1/25 <b>THE</b> <b>CONVERSION OF</b> <b>ST. PAUL</b>	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
	10:00 A	Sunday School
	10:00 A	Choral Holy Communion
	11:15 A	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](http://www.StJohnsDetroit.org)*

**Collect for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

SUNDAY	118	Zech. 8:1–8, 20–23 1 Cor. 12:12–31a
Monday	17	Prov. 4:20 Eph. 4:17
Tuesday	23, 24	Prov. 6:12–19 Eph. 5:1–14
Wednesday	28	Prov. 8:1–11 Eph. 5:15
Thursday	30	Prov. 8:12–20 Eph. 6
Friday	32	Prov. 8:22–35 Phil. 1:1–11
Saturday	36	Prov. 9:1–6, 13–18 Phil. 1:12–26

**Evening Prayer**

SUNDAY	102:15 & 117	Isa. 45:1–15 Rom. 9:14–26
Monday	18:1–20	Ezek. 12:21 John 3:14–21
Tuesday	25	Ezek. 13:1–9 John 3:22
Wednesday	31	Ezek. 14:1–11 John 4:1–14
Thursday	33	Ezek. 14:12–20 John 4:15–26
Friday	40:1–16	Ezek. 18:1–4, 19–23 John 4:27–42
Saturday	34	Ezek. 18:26 John 4:43

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

**WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS**

~~5 new Holy Water Stoops for Church and Chapel~~  
~~\$200 each~~

~~Holy Water storage tank with stand~~ — \$630

Thank you to those who donated the items listed

**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

**Evening Prayer**

Tuesday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

**Christian Education** – Sunday School at 10 AM and Anglican Christianity class after the 10 AM Service.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** - Sunday, January 25th, 2026 after the 10 AM Meeting. Heads of organizations please submit reports ASAP to the parish office for publication

**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

### January 18

#### 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  
Cindy Edwards

#### 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

Coffee Hour

### January 25

#### Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz  
S – C. Stevenson

#### Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock  
Sarah Jean Babcock  
Helene Waters

#### Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell  
Morley Stevenson  
Tom Edwards

#### 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 2026

Elizabeth Butler                      David Gawrych  
Bryan Monaco

#### Terms expire January 2027

Jared Moody                      Pat Walter  
Helene Waters

#### Terms expire January 2028

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

### History of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Church Unity Octave was first observed in January, 1908. Celebrated in the chapel of a small Atonement Franciscan Convent of the Protestant Episcopal Church, on a remote hillside fifty miles from New York City, this new prayer movement caught the imagination of others beyond the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement to become an energetic movement that gradually blossomed into a worldwide observance involving many nations and millions of people.

To fully appreciate this stream that had been fed by some and had converged with others in the historical development of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we will note some aspects of the movement's early history. Two American Episcopalians, Father Paul James Wattson and Sister Lurana White, co-founders of the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement, were totally committed to the reunion of the Anglican Communion with the Roman Catholic Church. As such, they started a prayer movement that explicitly prayed for the return of non-Catholic Christians to the Holy See. Needless to say, such an observance would attract few of our separated brothers and sisters except for a small number of Anglo-Catholics and Roman Catholics themselves. This idea of a period of prayer for Christian unity originated in a conversation of Fr. Wattson with an English clergyman, Rev. Spencer Jones. In 1907, Jones suggested that a day be set aside for prayer for Christian unity. Fr. Paul Wattson agreed with the concept, but offered the idea of an octave of prayer between the Feast of St. Peter's Chair on January 18 and the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25.

When Fr. Paul and Sr. Lurana became Roman Catholics, Pope Pius X gave his blessing to the Church Unity Octave and in 1916, Pope Benedict XV extended its observance to the universal church. This recognition by papal authority gave the Octave its impetus throughout the Roman Catholic Church. Until his death in 1940, Fr. Wattson promoted the Church Unity Octave, later known as the Chair of Unity Octave to emphasize its Petrine focus, through his magazine, *The Lamp*.

The theme of the Week of Prayer this year, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." "The teaching regarding the unity of the Church is further expanded by the Apostle in Ephesians 4:4 when he states that all Christians are called to the 'one hope' of salvation and eternal life. This 'one hope' means that all believers strive towards the same goal—eternal life with Christ. ... "Making 'shared hope' the objective of our calling as Christians defines our membership in the Church in terms of worldwide fellowship in the hope of salvation and eternal life."

... ~ Edited by Fr. Kelly from <http://www.GEII.org/>

**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 January 18:**

Diocese of Lake Malawi—The Rt Revd Francis Kaulanda; Leonard Kamungu Theological College; Diocese of Karonga; St. Ann's Hospital

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

*Second Sunday after the Epiphany: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; The Reformed Episcopal Church of the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra Provincial); The Diocese of Spokane—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Springfield—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Port Sudan—Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; The Diocese of Sul Occidental—Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; The Diocese of Sunyani—The Church of the Province of West Africa*

**Episcopal Diocese of Michigan**

Allen Park—St. Luke's

Wyandotte—St. Stephen's

Gautier, DR—St. Thomas'

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS****January 19**

Michael Brown

**January 20**

Carolyn Ricca

**January 21**

Huw Lewis

**This Week's ANNIVERSARIES****January 21**

Morley and Martina  
Stevenson.

**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:**

John Case	January 18, 2004
Sharon M. Schafer	January 18, 2009
Emilano Coloma	January 19, 1973
Thomas G. Harry, Sr.	January 19, 1996
Florence Hasl Schutte	January 20, 1958
Kenneth Maschke	January 20, 1985
Mary B. Smith	January 21, 1973
Curtis L. Roop	January 21, 1975
Nora Victoria Skitch	January 22, 1994
Mary Ann Yeager	January 22, 2013
Katherine B. Zabriskie	January 23, 1984
Ena J. Brewer	January 23, 1990
Talmage Hughes	January 24, 1963
Sally Cook Orvis	January 24 2017