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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

January 4, 2026

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



Giovanni Francesco Romanelli, The Return of the Holy Family



Rector's Rambling

Today is the 11th Day of Christmas and Tuesday we begin a new Church season with the Feast of the Epiphany. This feast day has two names, but both mean the same thing. To have an "epiphany" is to have something made manifest, or to have something shown to you. In the 1928 Book of Common Prayer the title for Tuesday's feast is *The Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles*.

In the Christmas story we hear that the shepherds in the fields heard, by the proclamation of the Angelic Hosts, the good news of Jesus' birth. The shepherds represent the people of the Jews, since there would have surely been Jews in that region. They come and adore Jesus.

The Magi (Wise Men or Three Kings) are *not* Jews, but Gentiles. We hear in scripture that these wise men came from the east, having seen in the stars an amazing, celestial event which they understood to be the portent of the birth of a new king.

So, they went to Herod, assuming that this would foretell the birth of his heir, but

of course there was no baby there. Herod, whom secular history confirms was a man of great jealousy and wrath, tries to convince these men to let him know when and where they have found this king ("...bring me word again, that I may come and worship him"). Obviously, Herod had a poisonous intent; not to worship but destroy him. However, the Magi were warned of God in a dream and Herod's plan was thwarted.

As the shepherds represented the people of the Jews coming to worship Jesus, since it is the fulfillment of the promise to them to send a Saviour, so the Magi represent the rest of us. Gentile basically means, "not Jew".

Jesus' birth is Good News, not only to the Jew, but the Gentile as well. He is Lord of all, and all are included in the New Covenant sealed in His blood on the cross. He was made manifest to the Jews in the persons of the shepherds, and to the rest of us through these wise men who also came to worship.

And the wise *still* come and worship Him!

Edited from Rector's Rambling 1/6/2013



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 DECEMBER 14—DECEMBER 21

Sunday 1/4 THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Sunday School Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour Evening Prayer
Monday 1/5	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Tuesday 1/6 THE EPIPHANY	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
Wednesday 1/7 Of the Octave	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Thursday 1/8 Of the Octave	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion and Benediction Evening Prayer
Friday 1/9 Of the Octave	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
Saturday 1/10 Of the Octave	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 1/4 THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Sunday School 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 2nd Sunday after Christmas

ALMIGHTY God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word; Grant that the same light enkindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	65, 121	Micah 4:1–5 & 5:2–4 Luke 2:21–32
January 5	144	Isa. 66:18–23 1 John 5
EPIPHANY	46, 100	Isa. 60:1–9 2 Cor. 4:1–6
January 7	85	Isa. 42:1–9 Matt. 3:13
January 8	65	Isa. 45:20 Mark 9:2–13
January 9	22:23 & 24	Isa. 49:8–13, 22–23 1 John 1:1–9
January 10	67, 87	Isa. 19:19 Col. 2:6–17

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	111, 112	Prov. 9:1–6, 10 II Cor. 4:1–6
Epiphany Eve	29, 98	Isa. 49:1–7 Luke 3:15–22
EPIPHANY	72	Isa. 61 Rom. 15:8–21
January 7	97, 99	Isa. 43:1–12 Acts 11:1–18
January 8	93, 96	Isa. 48:12–21 Acts 26:1, 13–23
January 9	48, 117	Isa. 54:1–10 Acts 28:23
January 10	138, 146	Zech. 8:11–13, 20–23 Rom. 10:1–20

* 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

Monday and Tuesday @ 4:00 PM

Christian Education – Sunday School and Anglican Christianity class resume Today.

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 4

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
Suzanne Nicholson

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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January 11

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
Elizabeth Savage
Pam Beeghly

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

How to pray the Daily Office

A great resolution for the New Year 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 January 4::

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

Second Sunday after Christmas: The Church of the Province of Central Africa; The Diocese of Upper Shire—The Church of the Province of Central Africa; The Diocese of Shyira—Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; The Diocese of Shyogwe—Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; The Diocese of Sialkot—The Church of Pakistan (United); The Diocese of Singapore—Church of the Province of South East Asia; The Diocese of Sittwe—The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Adrian—Christ Church Haina, DR—St. Mark's
Ssantiago, DR—St. Luke's

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**January 6**

Harriett Mottley

January 7

John Nicholson

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

**Have you given us your
Anniversary?.**

**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:

Herman D. Curtis	January 4, 1969
Norman H. Hill	January 4, 1971
Richard William	January 5, 1975
Marion Riemer	January 5, 1998
Nina Fox	January 6, 1951
Belle Elizabeth Hodgins	January 6, 1953
Carolyn Burton	January 7, 1971
Thomas McAlonan	January 7, 1972
Romaine L. MacArthur	January 8, 1954
Cortland K. Larned, Sr.	January 8, 1954
Cora Maude Prettie	January 9, 1954
Emily B. Crusoe	January 9, 1969
David Atkinson	January 10, 1974
Francis Gavin	January 10, 2017