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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

July 5, 2026

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY COMMEMORATING INDEPENDENCE DAY



Rector's Rambling

In the Anglican Tradition in the United States Independence Day is a Prayer Book Holy Day. Even though today is actually Fifth Sunday after Trinity and yesterday was the Holy Day, we are commemorating it today in honor of the 250th Anniversary of our country's founding.

It makes perfect sense that this would be in our prayer book calendar, since our country's founding document, the Declaration of Independence, was signed by a majority who were members of what would become The Episcopal Church. According to Gregory Elder of Redlands Daily Facts, "32 of the signers, well over half, were Episcopalians, or Anglicans, the old state Church of England. There were 13 Congregationalists, 12 were Presbyterians. There were two Quakers, two Unitarians, and one Roman Catholic."

Being that Episcopalians were accustomed to praying for the King and his government in the Daily Office, it would be understandable that that would be

converted into a daily prayer for the President and all others in authority, as well as a celebration of our God-given liberties, along with the responsibilities that come with that freedom. We are blessed to have this freedom, and it is our bounden duty to glorify God and to make sure that those liberties are preserved and equality applicable to all.

This evening the St. Michael's Conference for Youth, Midwest, begins at the Manresa Retreat Center. This is a wonderful week of prayer, instruction, and a fun for the Michaelites (the students attending), and the staff as well. Daily Office, Daily Mass, Compline (nighttime prayers) are part of the scheduled, three morning classes, afternoon freetime with organized activities, and evening group games. It is a wonderful time! This will be my 27th year on staff of the Midwest Conference, in addition to 2 years on staff of the original conference on the east coast.

Thank you for all the financial support that St. John's members and organizations have contributed to the Conference. Without that support this Conference could not exist!

Could I please ask that everyone pray for us this week. If you pray for us at 7:30 AM, 8 AM, or 5 PM you will be praying for us while we are assembled in chapel for Morning Prayer, Solemn High Mass, and Evening Prayer. And of course we will take your prayers any other time of the day as well!

God willing we finish the Conference about noon on Saturday.





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 JULY 5—JULY 12

Sunday 7/5 FIFTH 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 (in ministry center)
Monday 7/6	7:00 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Tuesday 7/7 Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Apostles to the Slavs d. 869, 885 A.D.	7:00 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Wednesday 7/8 Translation of St. Thomas of Canterbury	7:00 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Thursday 7/9	7:00 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Friday 7/10	7:00 A 11:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting AA Meeting
Saturday 7/11 St. Benedict, Abbot d. 547 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 7/12 SIXTH 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 Fifth Sunday after Trinity

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

SUNDAY	62, 63	Eccles. 2:1–11, 18–23 Matt. 19:16
Monday	11, 12	Ruth 2:1–13 Luke 9:46
Tuesday	17	Ruth 2:14 Luke 10:1–24
Wednesday	20, 21:1–6	Ruth 3:1–13 Luke 10:25–37
Thursday	25	Ruth 4:1–8 Luke 10:38–11:13
Friday	26	Ruth 4:9–17 Luke 11:14–28
Saturday	28	1 Sam. 1:1–11 Luke 11:29–36

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	66	Prov. 3:1–7, 11–12 Luke 14:25
Monday	8, 19	1 Macc. 3:1–9 Acts 18:1–11
Tuesday	13, 14	1 Macc. 3:42–54 Acts 18:12–23
Wednesday	27	1 Macc. 4:36–51 Acts 18:24–19:7
Thursday	30, 31:1–6	1 Macc. 4:52 Acts 19:8–20
Friday	32, 36	Dan. 1:1–7, 17–21 Acts 19:21
Saturday	47, 48	Dan. 2:1–6, 10–13

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

WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS

Two Restaurant High Chairs for Undercroft - \$163

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

No Mass at St. John's this week. Fr. Kelly is at the St. Michael's Conference for Youth.

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

July 5

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

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Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Helene Waters

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Melody Huffer

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Tom Edwards

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Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
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

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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

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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

Remembering the gift of our Independence as a Nation, below is the beginning of the text of the document which started it all.

“When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.



We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just

powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government.”

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 July 5:

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

Fifth Sunday after Trinity: The Anglican Church of South America; The Diocese of Andaman and Car Nicobar Islands—The Church of North India (United); The Diocese of Saint Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane—The Scottish Episcopal Church; The Missionary Diocese of Central and South Angola—Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola; The Diocese of Ankole—The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of North Ankole—The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of Northwest Ankole—The Church of the Province of Uganda

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Detroit— Christ Church

Barahona, DR—Church of the Redeemer

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**July 10**

Nancy Donnelly

July 11

Aaron DeGiulio
Gerald Dreslinski

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES**July 9**

John & Suzanne
Nicholson

July 10

Joseph & Marie Alff

**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:

Joanne Evelyn Kopera	July 5, 2013
Douglas Lowe	July 5, 2015
Fred Homan	July 6, 1959
Leslie E. Poole	July 6, 1979
Donald S. Kiskadden	July 7, 1963
John Hart	July 7, 1964
Harry J. Warner	July 8, 1963
Katie Flubarty	July 8, 1985
George H. Robinson	July 9, 1957
Gordon Churchill Harrell	July 9, 1973
Julia Knauss	July 10, 1940
Ella Pauline Vinson	July 10, 1969
Lucille Stanton	July 11, 1986
Robert Earl Delaney, Sr.	July 11, 1988