

St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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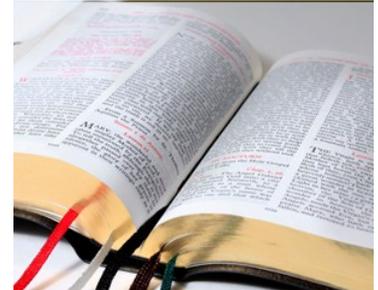
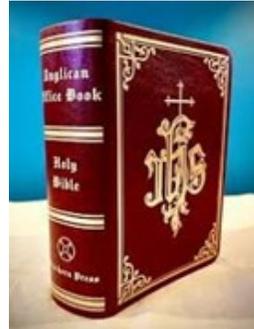
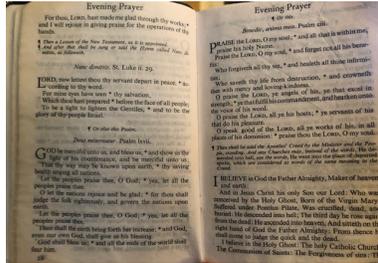
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Rector's Rambling

The Daily Office is one of the crown jewels of the Book of Common Prayer. Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, in the 16th Century, developed the first prayer book (with the help of others) to reflect the western Christian worship of the Church, BUT in English, and in some ways, streamlined, so that it would be accessible to not only the clergy, but the laity as well. The Holy Communion, of course, is lead by the clergy, but the Daily Office could be said by all, and not just in Church, but in one's own home as well. However, with the cost of purchasing a book in the 16th Century, combined with relatively low literacy rates among the laity, it would take some time before this would become more common.

The Daily Office of Morning Prayer is a combination of the old Latin offices of Matins and Lauds, and Evening Prayer a combination of Vespers and Compline. The offices of Prime, Terce, Sext, and Nones (smaller, minor offices between morning and evening) were jettisoned all together.

The website for The Anglican Office Book (www.AnglicanOffice.com) puts the entire 1928 Book of Common Prayer Daily Office at your scrolling fingertips, including the appropriate psalms and readings for the day, plus a few extra hymns each day for good measure. The minor offices can

also be accessed for each day on the same site as well.

As time has gone on, and there has been a revival of the religious life in the Anglican Communion (Monks, Nuns, Friars, etc.), there has been a movement to redevelop a fuller expression of the daily prayers for those who have the dedicated time for it as a part of their vocation and ministry.

One great example of this is a book called The Anglican Breviary, based on the pre-1950s Monastic Breviary translated into Prayer Book English, but retaining many of the ancient hymns of the church lost in Cranmer's compilation.

It is something that takes time. Morning Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer has three to four Psalms, along with two lessons of Scripture, and two Canticles. In the Breviary, Matins and Lauds has 15 Psalms and Canticles, and either three or nine lessons, depending on the day in the calendar. And those lessons are not just Scripture, but also the writings and sermons of the saints. The rest of the seven Offices have three Psalms (or for longer Psalms, three portions) each. Whereas the 1928 BCP accomplishes the entire 150 Psalms in a month, the Breviary does it in a week. It's a lot of praying.

However you decide to do it, I encourage you to do it!



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 FEBRUARY 22—MARCH 1

Sunday 3/1 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	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
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Monday 3/2 St. Chad, Bishop and Confessor, 672 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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Tuesday 3/3 St. Aelred, Abbot 1167 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 3/4 St. David, Bishop of Wales, c. 589 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P 6:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion w/ Ashes Evening Prayer with Ashes AA Meeting Holy Communion w/ Ashes
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Thursday 3/5	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion and Benediction Evening Prayer
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Friday 3/6 Ss. Perpetua and Felicity, c. 203 A.D.	7:00 A 11:00 A 11:15 A Noon 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting Holy Communion Stations of the Cross AA Meeting
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Saturday 3/7 St. Thomas Aquinas 1274 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
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Sunday 3/8 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	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
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NOTE: The Chronicle went to the printer last Tuesday. Calendar updates or changes can be found at www.StJohnsDetroit.org

Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	86, 142	1 Kings 8:37-43 Col. 3:12-17
Monday	39	Gen. 27:1-29 1 Cor. 5
Tuesday	41	Gen. 27:30-40 1 Cor. 6:1-11
Wednesday	56	Gen. 27:46-28:4, 10-22 1 Cor. 6:12
Thursday	62	Gen. 29:1-13, 18-20 1 Cor. 7:1-17
Friday	95 & 54, 61	Gen. 32:22-31 1 Cor. 8
Saturday	63	Gen. 35:1-7, 16-20 1 Cor. 9:1-14

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	26, 119:1-16	2 Sam. 12:1-10, 13-14 1 Cor. 6:9
Monday	50	Jer. 4:23 John 10:11-21
Tuesday	51	Jer. 5:1-9 John 10:22-38
Wednesday	65, 67	Jer. 5:10-19 John 11:1-16
Thursday	66	Jer. 5:20 John 11:17-27
Friday	69:1-22, 30-37	Jer. 6:1-8 John 11:28-44
Saturday	72	Jer. 6:9-21 John 11:45

** 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

Friday @ 11:15

Evening Prayer

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

Stations of the Cross - Friday at Noon.

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

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

March 1

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
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

Coffee Hour

March 8

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
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 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

Lenten Matins Hymn

From the Anglican Breviary, published by the Frank Gavin Liturgical Foundation in 1955, and currently in reprint from www.AnglicanBreviary.net. This hymn is prayed daily at Matins during Lent.

The fast, as taught by holy Lore,
We keep in solemn course once more,
The fast to all men known, and bound
In forty days of yearly round.

The Law and seers that were of old
In divers ways this Lent fortold,
Which Christ, all seasons' King and Guide,
In after ages sanctified

More sparing therefore let us make
The words we speak, the food we take,
Our sleep and mirth; yea closer barred
Be every sense in holy guard.

In prayer together let us fall,
And cry for mercy, one and all,
And weep before the Judge's feet,
And his avenging wrath entreat.

Thy grace have we offended sor
By sins, O God, which we deplore;
But pour upon us from on high,
O pardoning One, thy clemency.

Remember thou, though frail we be,
That yet thine handiwork are we;
Nor let the honor of thy Name
Be by another put to shame.

Forgive the sin that we have wrought,
Increase the good what we have sought;
That we at length, our wanderings o'er,
May please thee here and evermore.

Grant, O thou blessed Trinity,
Grant, O essential Unity,
That this our fast of forty days
May work our profit and thy praise.
Amen.

~ *The Anglican Breviary, p. 13*

**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 March 1:

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 in Lent: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; The Diocese of Toamasina—The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; The Diocese of Tohoku—The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; The Diocese of Tokyo—The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; The Diocese of Toliara—The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; The Diocese of Tonj—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Torit—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Novi—Holy Cross
Hamburg—St. Stephen's
Angelina, DR—James the Apostle

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



March 1
Jimmie Baber

March 3
Sarah Jean Babcock

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:

Vivian P. Bischoff	March 1, 1973
Lucy Bates	March 1, 1986
Clarence P. Fisken	March 2, 1953
Daniel B. Smith	March 2, 1953
Charles B. Wilder	March 3, 1950
Robert S. Fenkell	March 3, 1965
Lillian J. Taylor	March 4, 1972
Millard Earl Jackson	March 4, 1987
Nathan J. Thomas	March 5, 1970
Belle R. Mayne	March 5, 1978
Mae Johnson	March 6, 1965
Betty Ione McIntosh	March 6, 2004
Francis J. Carmichael	March 7, 1977
Ella M. Merrill	March 7, 1979