



St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

(LÆTARE/ROSE SUNDAY)



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Rector's Rambling

Today we take the opportunity to 'lighten up' a bit with the celebration of Laetare Sunday, also known as Rose Sunday because of the rose colored vestments used at today's Masses. After six weeks of the heavy purple of the three pre-Lenten gesimas and first three Sundays in Lent, we get to lighten up just a bit before going head-long into the much deeper next two weeks of Passiontide and Holy Week!

To help with lightening things up, we will be having a Corned Beef luncheon downstairs following the 10 AM Service. I hope you can join us!

Recently a friend noted on social media that he was having the "Lentiest of Lents he could possibly be having. I immediately thought back to the last time I heard someone say that! It was this week, six years ago, that the Covid Shutdowns began! As I wrote in the Chronicle for that Sunday in 2020 (which was only published online for people to see since we couldn't actually be here in Church)

"On Tuesday, March 17, (2020) the bishops of the four Episcopal Church dioceses in Michigan issued a Pastoral Directive, stating,

In addition to continuing to forgo all public, in-person worship services, we direct

you to cease all other Sunday, Saturday and weekday in-person gatherings, including weddings, funerals, memorial services, bible studies, prayer meetings, and non-emergency baptisms, and place all of the groups that gather at your congregation on hiatus for the CDC's recommended eight weeks, or until May 10th, including both Holy Week and Easter."

Those eight weeks of mandated shutdown were extended into over fifteen weeks as we went from trying to slow the spread to trying to stop the spread. Reopening happened July 1 with all sorts of restrictions over the next year. St. John's was the only parish of the diocese in the city of Detroit to open for an entire year, and did so without a single outbreak in the parish.

In some ways it seems like ages ago, and other times the pain of it quite fresh. Some parishioners never returned from the shut down, and the addition of regular livestreaming and the morning meditations allowed for others to join us electronically. Just last week I got an email from another person in England thanking us for our YouTube channel.

I am so grateful for the faithfulness of this parish, for the many people who wanted to get back to worship, to being with each other, and to receive The Blessed Sacrament. May we never find ourselves in this situation again!.



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 MARCH 15—MARCH 22

Sunday 3/15 FOURTH 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
Monday 3/16	7:00 A 12:15 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion AA Meeting
Tuesday 3/17 St. Patrick, Bishop of Ireland 462 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Wednesday 3/18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem d. 386 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Thursday 3/19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion and Benediction Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Friday 3/20 St. Cuthbert, B.C. D. 687 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
Saturday 3/21 St. Benedict, Abbot d. 543 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 3/22 PASSION SUNDAY	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 – The Fourth Sunday in Lent

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	25	Deut. 6:1–9, 20–25 1 Cor. 3
Monday	68:1–19	Gen. 37:3–28, 36 1 Cor. 9:15
Tuesday	74	Gen. 40 1 Cor. 10:1–13
Wednesday	75, 76	Gen. 41:1a, 8, 14–24 1 Cor. 10:14–22
Thursday	85	Gen. 41:25–40 1 Cor. 10:23—11:1
Friday	95 & 79	Gen. 42:1–26, 29a, 35–38 1 Cor. 11:17
Saturday	89:1–19	Gen. 43:1–5, 11–16, 26–34 1 Cor. 12:1–11

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	119:113–128 & 143	Amos 5:4–15 Gal. 5:16–24
Monday	71	Jer. 7:1–15 Mark 10:17–31
Tuesday	73	Jer. 7:21–29 Mark 10:32–45
Wednesday	77	Jer. 8:4–13 Mark 10:46
Thursday	80	Jer. 9:2–16 Mark 11:12–26
Friday	86	Jer. 9:17–24 Mark 12:1–12
Saturday	103	Jer. 10:1–13 Mark 12:13–17

* 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

Tuesday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

Stations of the Cross - Friday at Noon.

Christian Education – Sunday School at 10 AM and Anglican Christianity 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 15

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
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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March 22

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
Adrian Leskiw

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

Techniques of Personal Prayer

Speaking in general terms, private, or personal, prayer, is by nature “free-flowing”. It is a loving conversation with the God who loves you so much that He sent His Son to die for you. In it you pour out expressions of your love and faithfulness, and “remind” Him of your needs and the needs of others by offering your prayers and intercessions.

Although we are bidden to “pray at all times”, what we are talking about here is setting apart a time, or two (or more?) a day to pray. Find a quiet place (Jesus said to go into your room and shut the door). Take a few deep breaths to try to stop the noise of the day in your head. And then begin praying.

Some people find it helpful to start with some written prayers. Personal Prayer after one of the Daily Offices is always a good time. Or devotional books such as the St. Augustine's Prayer Book offer many options for “getting the juices following”.

Ascetical Theologians (those who study the Art of Prayer) recommend a 5-fold prayer form to help guide personal prayer. They form the acronym **ACTIP**.

Adoration – this is worship, acknowledging God as God. It is here that we spend a little time praising him for His goodness. As one writer said, adoration is like goopy love between newlyweds.

Confession – admitting failing in light of God's expectations for us. This doesn't have to be daily wailing and breast-beating, but rather a daily inventory of failings, seeking God's forgiveness and help in avoiding such pitfalls again.

Thanksgiving – The old adage of “counting your blessings” is a good one. It helps to put us into an Attitude of Gratitude for the blessings and mercies God has show to us.

Intercession – praying for others. Keep a list of people's prayer requests, make notecards of people and ministries you want to pray for regularly. Pray for St. John's and her clergy.

Petition – Praying for you own needs. This order is not random. If we start off concentrating on Him, and then others, putting ourselves last, we will find this will aid our struggle to be humble as well. But be sure you remember to add your needs too!

**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 15:

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Fourth Sunday in Lent: The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Udi—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Northern Uganda—The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of Ughelli—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Ukwa—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Umuahia—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Te Pihopatanga o Te Upoku o Te Ika—The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Pleasant Lake—Christ Church
Ecorse—Church of the Resurrection
Barahona, DR—Jesus the Pilgrim

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



March 15
Scott Russell

March 16
Stella Heatley

March 17
Brian Finocchiaro

March 20
Sarah Burton
Elaine Didier
Judy Lees

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:

Harvey Cook Jackson	March 15, 1957
Chester MacFarlane Martin	March 15, 1958
Hilda Rockseth	March 16, 1977
Frances Alma Fairchild Calhoun	March 16, 1994
Benjamin Nelson Arnold	March 17, 1957
Gordon Culvemell	March 17, 1978
Eleanor L. Williams	March 18, 1961
Roland Bischoff	March 18, 1968
Harriet Thomas	March 19, 1981
Hertha Brede Wegener	March 19, 1987
Mabel C. Brown	March 20, 1970
Mary McDonald Harris	March 20, 1989
Josephine A. Johnson	March 21, 1933
Estella Gertrude Stewart	March 21, 1969