



St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

May 10, 2026

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, COMMONLY CALLED ROGATION SUNDAY

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Rector's Rambling

As I write this column it is once again raining. Back in 2020 at this time lake/river levels were at unprecedented high water marks, with flooding on area creeks leading to the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair. Last fall they dropped pretty low and thankfully this wet spring is helping to restore the levels. As a rower I keep an eye of these things, fearful to scrap my boat on not-so-deeply submerged rocks!.

Why do I write this? Because today, in addition to being the 5th Sunday after Easter, is known as Rogation Sunday. Today, at the 10:00 AM service (weather permitting), we will process around the perimeter of the building, singing the litany hymn in a symbolic "beating of the boundaries" of the parish. It is an opportunity for us to implore God's mercy upon us and our community as we begin the planting season. Our common welfare is tied up with the ability for

crops to be planted, grow, and be harvested so that we can be nourished. The Church this weekend acknowledges that all things are a part of God's providence, including the temperate weather and the ability for us to grow and harvest.

Today is also the secular celebration of Mother's Day. Although not a part of our liturgical calendar, we do honor our mothers, past and present, with the singing of our Mother's Day Hymn. We thank God for the moms in our congregation and all the moms in our own lives who give of themselves for the good of those they raise.

And a reminder that this Thursday is the 40th Day of Eastertide and a major feast day! We celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. Holy Communion will be celebrated on Thursday morning at 10:30 AM to keep the Feast.

On Friday we begin our preparation for Whitsunday (May 24) with our daily Holy Ghost Novena.



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 MAY 10—MAY 17

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| Sunday 5/10 ROGATION SUNDAY | 7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A | Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Sunday School Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour |
| | 5:30 P | Evening Prayer |

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| Monday 5/11 ROGATION DAY | 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 5/12 ROGATION DAY | 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 5/13 St. Robert Bellarmine, B.C.D., d. 1621 AD | 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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| Thursday 5/14 THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST | 7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P | Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting |
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| Friday 5/15 St. Boniface, Martyr d. 306 AD | 7:00 A 11:00 A 5:00 P | Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting AA Meeting |
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| Saturday 5/16 Of the Octave | 7:00 A | Morning Meditation (online) |
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| Sunday 5/17 SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION | 7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 9:30 A 10:00 A 11:15 A | Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Morning Prayer (chapel) Brass Prelude Morning Prayer 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

The Collect for Rogation Sunday

O LORD, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

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| SUNDAY | 65, 67 | Ezek. 34:25 Luke 11:1-13 |
| Rogation Mon. | 104 | Deut. 8:1-11, 17-20 Matt. 6:5-15 |
| Rogation Tue. | 80 | Deut. 11:10-17 Matt. 6:24 |
| Rogation Wed. | 144 | Jer. 14:1-9 1 John 5:5-15 |
| ASCENSION DAY | 96 | Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14 Eph. 4:1-16 |
| Friday | 15, 108:1-5 | Micah 4:1-7 Rom. 8:31 |
| Saturday | 45 | Gen. 49:1-2, 8-10 2 Thess. 2:13 |

Evening Prayer

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| SUNDAY | 147 | Isa. 48:12-21 Rev. 5 |
| Rogation Mon. | 34 | Deut. 28:1-14 James 1:1-17 |
| Rogation Tue. | 65, 67 | 1 Kings 8:22-30 James 4:8 |
| Ascension Eve | 93, 99 | Three Children 29-37 Luke 24:44 |
| ASCENSION DAY | 24, 47 | Isa. 33:5-6, 17, 20-22 Heb. 4:14-5:10 |
| Friday | 20, 29 | Isa. 12 Acts 1:12 |
| Saturday | 8, 98 | Jer. 23:5-8 Acts 2:1-21 |

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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

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

Evening Prayer

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

Christian Education – Sunday School at 10 AM

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

May 10

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Melody Huffer

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Adrian Leskiw
Elizabeth Savage
Brian Campbell

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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May 17

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sara Babcock
Nancy Donnelly
Suzanne Porter
Denise Grim

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Brian Campbell

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 Ministry Notes Society of Mary

The month of May has traditionally been dedicated to honoring St. Mary. One Episcopal organization dedicated to spreading this honor is the Society of Mary.

From their Web site www.SoMAmerica.org:



The Society of Mary is one of several Catholic devotional societies within the Anglican tradition, honoring Her whom God has honored, the Virgin Mother of His incarnate Son, Jesus; thus bearing witness to His holy incarnation.

This witness to and emphasis on the dogma of the Incarnation, is expressed in devotional and liturgical practices, designed to enrich and enhance the discipleship and spiritual lives of our members, and the worship and mission of the Church.

The place and role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the life of the Church, and the economy of salvation is demonstrated in the liturgy and liturgical arts of the Church, in chapels and shrines dedicated to Her, in stained glass and icons, in hymnody and church music.

Many members share the Rule of life and their devotion to our Lady, in Wards and cells, which develop ways to promote Her honor, teach the faith, and celebrate Her glory. And with other devotional societies, we uphold and promote the fullness of Catholic Faith, Order, and Morals, hopefully with apostolic zeal and ecumenical witness.

Several members of St. John's are individually members of the Society, enough to form a cell. And if we have 10 members we could form a ward of the Society.

Please see Fr. Kelly if you are interested in membership, or go to the Web site listed above for more information and an application form.

**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 May 10:

Primate of the Province of Central Africa—The Most Rev'd Albert Chama; The Mother's Union of Malawi; Diocese of Chikwawa; Diocese of Dedza

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Rogation Sunday: The Church of Pakistan (United); The Diocese of Yokohama—The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; The Diocese of Yola—The Church of Nigeria (Angoican Communion); The Diocese of York—The Church of England; The Diocese of New York—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Western New York—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Ysabel—The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Grosse Pointe Woods—St. Michael's
Chelsea—St. Barnabas'
Boca Chica, DR—St. Joseph's

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



May 10
Ashton Crockett

May 13
Cindy Edwards

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., 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:

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| Norman L. Upper | May 10, 1968 |
| John W. Foster | May 10, 1972 |
| Eugene Clark Ecclestone | May 11, 1976 |
| Henry W. Carmeron | May 11, 1981 |
| Mary Ann Curtis | May 12, 1956 |
| Ruth Elliott | May 12, 1982 |
| Harry B. Simmons | May 13, 1939 |
| Richard (David) Walker | May 13, 2000 |
| Clara Matilda Bescanon | May 14, 1979 |
| Dorothy Brinson | May 14, 2000 |
| Bertha G. Seaton | May 15, 1967 |
| Frederick A. Mosser | May 15, 2003 |
| Willard Mapes | May 16, 1944 |
| Frank H. Beall | May 16, 1951 |