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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

May 17, 2026

SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION



Former Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey at St. John's, Sunday after Ascension, 2015



Rector's Rambling

As you've noticed by now I am away this week with some of the family and extended family, and God willing will be back on Saturday. Thank you to everyone who pitched in to make sure worship is happening today here at St. John's while I am away.

Eastertide has now come and gone, and in a few weeks we will be back in the "green" of ordinary time, also known as Trinitytide.

Easter is certainly the primary feast of the Church calendar. It is by Jesus' death and resurrection that we have the price of our sins paid, and death conquered by Jesus himself.

Ascension Day, which was last Thursday, is the culmination of Jesus' earthly ministry. Jesus takes his human body, resurrected, with Him back into the Godhead to intercede for us.

Today we are between times. Like the disciples, we are preparing for the promise of the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter. We have been praying since Friday a novena for the gifts of the Holy Ghost, just as the disciples spent those nine days between Ascension and Pentecost in prayer. You are most wel-

come to join this novena – there are forms for it at the back of the church, and it is being sent daily to the St. John's e-mail list.

Sunday, May 24, is Whitsunday, also known as Pentecost. On this day we celebrate the birthday of the Church, by the coming of the Holy Ghost to empower the followers of Jesus to continue His work and propagate the Gospel.

The following week we have Trinity Sunday, when the Rector feebly tries to explain this vital dogma about God being one God in three persons.

The following Thursday, June 7, we have our celebration of Corpus Christi – the Body of Christ – at our 10:30 AM Mass. We rejoice and give thanks that Jesus feeds us with his own body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar. We will also keep the Feast of Corpus Christi as the external Solemnity on Sunday, June 6.

After that we are in green vestments, with the exception of two Sundays in October and one in November, for the remainder of the liturgical year known as Trinitytide. The liturgical new year resets and begins again with the First Sunday in Advent on November 29th.



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 17—MAY 24

Sunday 5/17 SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION	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) Sunday School Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour Evening Prayer
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Monday 5/18 Of the Octave	7:00 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Evening Prayer AA Meeting
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Tuesday 5/19 Of the Octave St. Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury 988 A.D.	7:00 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Evening Prayer AA Meeting
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Wednesday 5/20 Of the Octave St. Bernadine of Sienna, c.d. 1444 AD	7:00 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Evening Prayer AA Meeting
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Thursday 5/21 Octave of the Ascension Bl. Alcuin, Deacon and Abbot of Tours, 804 A.D.	7:00 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Evening Prayer AA Meeting
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Friday 5/22	7:00 A 11:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting AA Meeting
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Saturday 5/23	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
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Sunday 5/24 WHITSUNDAY	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 9:30 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Morning Prayer (chapel) Brass Prelude Morning Prayer 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*

The Collect for the Sunday after Ascension

O GOD, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	21:1-6 & 24	Isa. 33:5-6, 17, 20-22 John 17
Monday	2	1 Sam. 2:1b-10 Rev. 5
Tuesday	92	2 Sam. 7:18 Rev. 11:15
Wednesday	21:1-6 & 23	Isa. 4:2 Rev. 19:11-16
Thursday	66	2 Kings 2:1-15 Rev. 21:1-8
Friday	115	Isa. 35 Rev. 21:9
Saturday	81	Zech. 8:1-8, 20-23 Rev. 22:1-17

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	93, 96	Wisdom 9 Eph. 1
Monday	147	Isa. 66:1-2, 10-13 Acts 2:22-36
Tuesday	57, 138	Isa. 26:1-7 Acts 2:37
Wednesday	33	Isa. 25:1-9 Acts 3:1-10
Thursday	72	Isa. 9:2-7 Acts 3:11
Friday	116, 117	2 Sam. 22:32-34, 44-51 Acts 4:1-12
Whitsun Eve	46, 133	Deut. 16:9-12 Rom. 8:12-18

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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

Weekday Masses return next week, God willing.

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 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

Coffee Hour

May 24

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
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

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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

Lesson One in Prayer By Dr. Peter Kreeft

Let's get very, very basic and very, very practical about prayer. The single most important piece of advice I know about prayer is also the simplest: *Just do it!*

How to do it is less important than just doing it. Less-than-perfect prayer is infinitely better than no prayer; more perfect prayer is only finitely better than less perfect prayer.

Nancy Reagan was criticized for her simple anti-drug slogan: "Just say no." But there was wisdom there: the wisdom that the heart of any successful program to stop anything must be the simple will to say no. ("Just say no" doesn't mean that nothing else was needed, but that without that simple decision nothing else would work. "Just say no" may not be sufficient but it is necessary.)

Similarly, no program, method, book, teacher, or technique will ever succeed in getting us to start doing anything unless there is first of all that simple, absolute choice to do it. "Just say yes."

The major obstacle in most of our lives to just saying yes to prayer, the most popular and powerful excuse we give for not praying, or not praying more, or not praying regularly, is that we have no time.

The only effective answer to that excuse, I find, is a kind of murder. You have to kill something, you have to say no to something else, in order to make time to pray. Of course, you will never find time to pray, you have to make time to pray. And that means unmaking something else. The only way to install the tenant of prayer in the apartment building of your life is to evict some other tenant from those premises that prayer will occupy. Few of us have any empty rooms available.

Deciding to do that is the first thing. And you probably won't decide to do it, only wish to do it, unless you see prayer for what it is: a matter of life or death, your lifeline to God, to life itself.

~ An excerpt, reprinted with permission.

Original source:
<http://www.peterkreeft.com/topics/lesson-one.htm>

The entire lesson is in a brochure in the tract rack in the narthex at the rear of the church or in the undercroft.

**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 17:

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Sunday after the Ascension: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; The Diocese of Yukon—The Anglican Church of Canada; The Diocese of Zaki-Biam—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Missionary Diocese of Zambezia—Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola; The Diocese of Central Zambia—The Church of the Province of Central Africa; The Diocese of Eastern Zambia—The Church of the Province of Central Africa; The Diocese of Northern Zambia—The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

St. Clair Shores—Trinity Church

Los Conucos, DR—St. Peter's

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



May 18

Vercina Alexander-Hollis
Chris DeGiulio

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

May 22

Gordon and Elaine Didier



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:

Inez L. Marschke	May 17, 1977
Winfield T. Dillow	May 17, 1978
Francis Carlyle Cross	May 18, 1922
May Chirite	May 18, 1950
D. Fiske Reasoner	May 19, 1951
Thomas F. Frisby	May 19, 2015
Louise A. Ripley	May 20, 1978
Earl H. Thorsly	May 20, 1981
Adeline Winters	May 21, 1986
Dr. Clarence Benjamin Vaughn	May 21, 2021
Nova R. Halm	May 22, 2971
Robert B. Hart	May 22, 2024
Julia Williams	May 23, 1993
Raymond Hugh Rennekamp	May 23, 2012