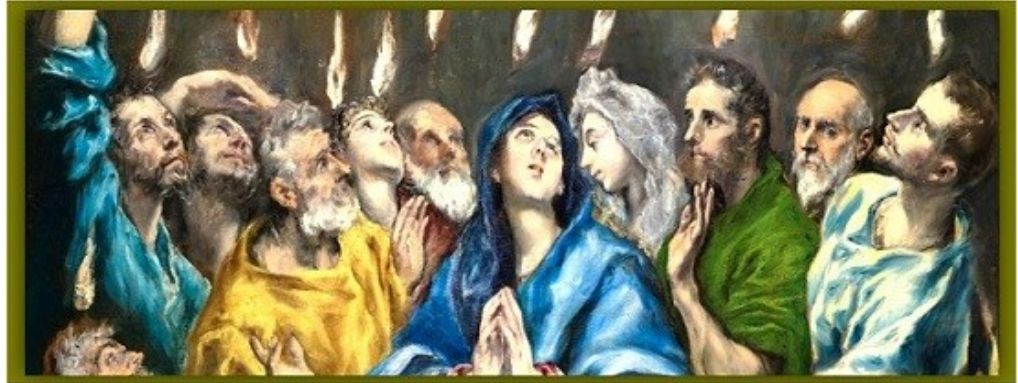


St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

May 24, 2026

PENTECOST, COMMONLY CALLED WHITSUNDAY



The Pentecost by El Greco (1596)

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Rector's Rambling

I had the opportunity in seminary to get to know the then Archbishop of Canterbury's special advisor on evangelism, Bishop Michael Marshall. When consecrated, he was the youngest bishop in England, who then subsequently spent some time in the United States at the Anglican Institute before returning to England to serve under the Archbishop. He was adjunct faculty at Nashotah House and came to lecture us periodically.

One of the lectures that has stuck with me was when he spoke about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and in particular how we often begin to exercise them without realizing it. In fact, Bishop Marshall said, it is other people who begin to recognize how these gifts are being made manifest through our faithfulness and desire to serve.

He harkened this observation back to the day of Pentecost itself. The disciples, receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, would not have seen or recognized at first in themselves what was going on, but they would recognize it in others. As the bishop described the scene in his proper English accent, "excuse me love, but you

seem to have a bit of flame up on your head."

We should certainly be praying and asking God to make manifest in us the gifts of the Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (as we have been praying for in our Novena the last nine days). And we should also pray that we may begin to manifest the fruits of the Spirit as well: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. (Some ancient translations of Galatians 5:22-23 break down "temperance" into self-control, modesty and chastity, which are all aspects of it).

The world wants to reject much of this, or try to redefine the terms into its distorted own image, but God's plan for us is to live in these gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. It often takes a loving word from a fellow member of the church for us to realize that these things are in fact beginning to be made manifest in us even if we don't see it. And we should press on in faith and hope, relying on God's grace, to continue to grow in all these attributes.

It is only by His most gracious favor that the world will be changed. And it starts with our cooperation with Him!



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 24—MAY 31

Sunday 5/24 WHITSUNDAY	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

Monday 5/25 MONDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK	7:00 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Evening Prayer AA Meeting
OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY		

Tuesday 5/26 TUESDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK	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 5/27 EMBER WEDNESDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK	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 5/28 THURSDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK	7:00 A 9:00 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
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Friday 5/29 EMBER FRIDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK	7:00 A 11:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting AA Meeting
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Saturday 5/30 EMBER SATURDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
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Sunday 5/31 TRINITY SUNDAY	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 Whitsunday

O GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

¶ This Collect is to be said daily throughout Whitsun Week.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

WHITSUNDAY	68 or 18:1–20	Wisdom 1:1–7 John 4:19–26
Whit Monday	139	Wisdom 9:1–6 1 Cor. 3:9–17
Whit Tuesday	148	Ezek. 36:22–28 1 Cor. 12:1–13
Ember Wednesday	132	Ecclus. 39:1–8 1 Cor. 2
Thursday	48	Isa. 44:1–8, 21–23 Gal. 5:16–25
Ember Friday	122, 125	Isa. 61:1–9 2 Cor. 3
Ember Saturday	19	Micah 3:5–8 2 Tim. 1:1–14

Evening Prayer

WHITSUNDAY	104	Wisdom 7:22–8:1 1 Cor. 2
Whit Monday	103	Jer. 31:31–34 Acts 4:13–22
Whit Tuesday	145	Num. 11:16–17, 24–30 Acts 4:23
Ember Wednesday	84	Wisdom 9:9–11, 17–18 Acts 5:12–28
Thursday	18:1–20	Wisdom 11:21–12:2 Acts 5:29
Ember Friday	43, 134	Isa. 52:1–10 Acts 6
Trinity Eve	111, 113	Num. 6:22 2 Cor. 13:5

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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

Tuesday, Wednesday @ 12:15

Thursday @ 9:00—note earlier time this week.

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 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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Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Elizabeth Savage

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Brian Campbell
Suzanne Nicholson
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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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 Ministry Notes

Excerpt of a sermon by St. Augustine of Hippo on Pentecost

The Lord commends to the Apostles the unity of the Church. He shows Himself; and they think they are seeing a spirit. They are frightened. He gives them courage, when He says to them: Why are you troubled, and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? See my hands: handle and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as you see me to have. And see how as they wondered for joy He takes food; not from necessity, but for His purpose. He eats it before them. In the face of the unbelieving He commends to them the reality of His Body; He commends the Unity of the Church.

Lo, this is now come to pass; already we have seen Him. Tell us, O Lord; tell us Thou, Lord, lest we fall into error. And that penance and remission of sins should be preached. in his name unto all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. It began at Jerusalem, and it has reached unto us. It is there, and it is here. For it did not cease there to come to us. It has grown forth not changed places. He commended this to us immediately after His Resurrection. He passed forty days with them. About to ascend to heaven, He commended the Church to them again. The Bridegroom now about to depart entrusted His Bride to the care of His friends: not that she should love one among them, but that She might love Him as Her Spouse, and them as friends of the Bridegroom; but none of them as the Bridegroom.

The Church therefore has been entrusted to them (the friends of the Bridegroom). And when He was about to ascend into heaven, He said so to those who thus asked Him about the end of the world: Tell us when shall these things be? And when shall be the sign of thy coming? And He said: It is not for you to know the times which the Father hath put in his own power. Hear, O disciple, what you have learned from your Master: But you shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you. And it has come to pass. On the fortieth day He ascended into heaven, and behold, coming upon this day, all who were present are filled with the Holy Ghost, and speak in the tongues of all nations. Once more unity is commended; by the tongues of all nations. It is commended by the Lord rising from the dead; it is confirmed this day in the Coming of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

~ *The Anglican Breviary, p. 648-9*

**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 24:

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

Whitsun: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines; The Diocese of Zanzibar—The Anglican Church of Tanzania; The Diocese of Zaria—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Zimbabwe—The Church of the Province of Central Africa; The Diocese of Ziwa Rukwa—The Anglican Church of Tanzania; The Diocese of Zonkwa—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Zululand—The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Howell—St. John's
Santo Domingo, DR—St. John the Evangelist
San Francisco, DR—Jesus of Nazareth

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



May 25
Suzie Decker

May 26
Lisa Kay Adams
Robert Schafer

May 28
Marleine Ricca

May 29
Steven Kelly+
Debbie Swain

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

May 25
Gerald & Sandra
Dreslinski
Hans & Ellen Pfadt



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:

Thomas G. Hewson	May 24, 1958
Edwin Beckett	May 24, 1959
Philip Mastrovilo	May 25, 1968
Viola Gazvoda	May 25, 1969
Myrtle Walsh	May 26, 1964
Edward A. Dixon	May 26, 1971
Mabel H. Thom	May 27, 1970
Gavis Lucille Walker	May 27, 1975
Peter Hanson	May 28, 1965
Clio Dickens	May 28, 1993
John D. Alexander	May 29, 1973
Warren McNab	May 29, 1979
Russell M. Cliff	May 30, 1989
Ellis Ottilia	May 30, 1989