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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

May 3, 2026

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER



Rector's Rambling

Today is our Malawi Ingathering, and there is information about this in the Teaching Notes on Page 3 of today's Chronicle. Thank you to CANON Bedford for his good work over the years with this ministry. If you haven't heard yet, last week Fr. Mike was named an honorary Canon of St. Peter's Cathedral on Likoma Island in the Diocese of Northern Malawi!

Occasionally I hear from parishioners that they like the idea of praying, but are uncomfortable in doing so. Recently one person said to me, "I am afraid I am somehow doing it wrong". It led to a very fruitful conversation about praying as a conversation with God, and I assured the person that it would be much worse for them to not talk to God than to perhaps get something wrong.

One great gift of our Anglican/Episcopal heritage is the Book of Common Prayer. Morning and Evening Prayer, or the shorter forms for prayer beginning on page 587, are good starting points for our prayer time. The Prayer Book is grounded in Scripture, and tested

by the generations of saints who have been aided by it to become holy. But once you have spent time praying formally, be sure to make time to just talk to God. Thank Him for blessings. Confess your failings and ask forgiveness. Tell Him your needs, desires, and fears. And pray for others who have asked your prayers, or anyone you would like to offer up in prayer. And be sure to pray for St. John's Church, for her members and her clergy.

A good intention for these Easter Season days is for us to pray that more people come to know Jesus as Lord. You can do that both by praying in general, as well as by making a list of people you would like to see come into a relationship with Jesus, and then praying for them by name every day.

One caveat is to make sure that as we are praying, we are open to how God the Holy Ghost may want to guide and direct us as we pray, and always to pray, "Thy will be done" – acknowledging that the results of our prayer will be His doing, not always our desired result.

Keep praying! The more you pray the more you will learn to pray!



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 3—MAY 10

Sunday 5/3 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER	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 5/4 St. Monica, Mother of St. Augustine of Hippo, 387 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 5/5 Conversion of St. Augustine of Hippo 387 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 5/6 St. John Before the Latin Gate C. 95 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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Thursday 5/7 St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr 1079 A.D.	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 5/8 Finding of the Holy Cross	7:00 A 11:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting AA Meeting
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Saturday 5/9 St. Gregory of Nazianzus, B.C.D. d. 390 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
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Sunday 5/10 ROGATION SUNDAY AFTER EASTER	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 9:30 A 10:00 A 11:15 A	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Brass Prelude Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer

*NOTE: The Chronicle went to the printer last Tuesday. Calendar **updates or changes** can be found at*

Collect – The Fourth Sunday after Easter

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	116	Job 19:21–27a John 12:44
Monday	110, 114	Num. 10:29 Heb. 11:32
Tuesday	124, 126	Num. 11:4–6, 10–15, 23, 31–32 Heb. 12:1–17
Wednesday	128, 129	Num. 12 Heb. 12:18
Thursday	132	Num. 13:17–26, 30–33 Heb. 13:1–8
Friday	143	Num. 14:1–10 Heb. 13:9–16
Saturday	146, 149	Num. 14:11–25 Heb. 13:17

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	18:1–20	Dan. 12:1–4, 13 1 Thess. 4:13
Monday	111, 113	Isa. 51:1–11 Eph. 4:1–16
Tuesday	121, 122	Isa. 51:12–16 Eph. 4:17
Wednesday	135	Isa. 52:1–2, 7–12 Eph. 5:1–14
Thursday	145	Isa. 54:1–10 Eph. 5:15
Friday	130, 138	Isa. 54:11 Eph. 6:1–9
Saturday	148, 150	Isa. 55 Eph. 6:10

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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 3

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
Suzanne Nicholson

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 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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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

Support for Malawi

For over 30 years St. John's has been active in supporting the ministry of the Anglican Church in Malawi, Central Africa.

Begun as support of Bishop Jackson Biggers and the Diocese of Northern Malawi, we have also been active in supporting the ministry of the Community of St. Mary and their work with orphans, and with the direct support of widows through the ministry of Bishop Biggers. Now we are supporting the Bishop Biggers School.



Regular gifts and offerings are made to support this ministry, as well as designated gifts. Twice a year, the St. Catherine's Guild of the Episcopal Church Women have dedicated their Thankfulness Ingathering to the work of the Church in Malawi. Generally about Mothers Day and All Saints Sundays these are dedicated to these two special collections.

Please be generous in your support of this worthy cause to further the faith in Central Africa. Your donation goes a long way to educate and house the students and, care for the widows, orphans, and poor, and the other needs of the Church.



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 3:

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

The Fourth Sunday after Easter: The Church of Pakistan (United); The Diocese of Yokohama—The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; The Diocese of Yola—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican 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

Walled Lake—Emmaus
Southfield—St. David's
Azusa, DR—St. George's

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



May 4

Chris Walters

May 5

Samuel Kelly
Sarah Pyszora

May 9

Melissa Hedges
James Phillips

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:

Florence Hoey	May 3, 1968
John Spicer	May 3, 1968
Arthur Kissell Stimson	May 4, 1937
Dionisio (Danny) Cadena Casing	May 4, 2003
Walter E. McGillicuddy	May 5, 1968
Margaret Wells	May 5, 1985
Bertha Peltke	May 6, 1991
Sheila Grier	May 6, 2001
Arnold E. Hague	May 7, 1951
Paul R. Irwin	May 7, 2007
Amy Shaw	May 8, 1955
Essie M. Kirkpatrick	May 8, 1961
Robert George O'Brien	May 9, 1976
Karen Alyda Mullin	May 9, 2008