St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

November 1st, 2026

All Saints' Day

With a Commemoration of the 22nd Sunday after Trinity

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Rector's Rambling

Thank you to all who pitched in last week to lead worship while I was away. It is a great blessing to me to know that the parish is assembled and worshipping, and it was almost surreal to listen along with the livestream of the 10 AM Service while driving back from Philadelphia on Sunday morning after attending the 8 AM service at All Saints Church in Wynnewood, PA.

This week we celebrate a wonderful feast day. The hymns, reading and minor propers (chants by the choir) all point us to the glorious reality that we are a part of something so much larger than just St. John's Church in 2026. The saints are those who have lived lives here on earth and are now in the presence of God, and worship Him day and night. The Church holds them up as examples of how to live lives of virtue and sanctity, that we may grow in holiness and reflect the image of God in our lives.



I like to read the hagiographies (holy biographies) of the saints for a couple of reasons. First, I am a history buff and like to read about the people in the context of the history of the Church. Secondly, I am always inspired by the fact that the saints are not all alike. They start out with different backgrounds, have various stories about their conversion to following Jesus more closely, and the multitude of ways that they live out their vocations in life!

The saints radically give their lives to the Lord, He equips them by grace, and uses them to serve others in His Name.

The Saints' lives are certainly not cookie cutter alike: men and women, rich and poor, educated or not, extroverted or introverted, hidden or in positions of public leadership. All serve as He wills, and we read the hagiographies to be assured that who we are now is what God can use as a starting point to greater holiness.

But I am also struck as I read about them of just of how far I have to go to be a saint! I don't have to be St. Francis, St. Dominic, St. Benedict, or Blessed Solanus Casey (they had unique vocations within in the framework of their lives, times, and religious orders), but I do have a way to get to be holy as God desires for me.

Prayer, Worship, Sacraments, and Scripture are foundational in how we live this journey toward greater sanctity. And as I have said many times the only person preventing me from being a saint is me! God wills it for all of us, and we need to throw ourselves completely at His service. And when we fail, repent and start again! As we sing "There is not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too."

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
November 1—November 8

Sunday	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
11/1	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
All Saints Day	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
	9:15 A	Sunday School/Adult Ed
	10:00 A	Choral Holy Communion
	11:15 A	Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer
Monday	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
11/2	12:15 P	Holy Communion
All Souls' Day	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
11/3	12:15 P	Holy Communion
St. Winifred,	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
Virgin and Martyr	5:00 P	AA Meeting
660 A.D.	6:30 P	Vestry
Wednesday	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
11/4	12:15 P	Holy Communion
St. Charles	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
Borromeo, B.C., D.	5:00 P	AA Meeting
1584 A.D.		
Thursday	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
11/5	10:30 A	Holy Communion
Richard Hooker	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
Priest	5:00 P	AA Meeting
1600 A.D.		
Friday	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
11/6	11:00 A	AA Meeting
St. Leoanrd, Abbot	5:00 P	AA Meeting
c. 559		
Saturday	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
11/7		
St. Willibrord,		
Archbishop of		
Utrect, 739 A.D.		
Sunday	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
11/8	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
Twenty-Third	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
Sunday after	9:15 A	Sunday School/Adult Ed
Trinity	10:00 A	Holy Communion (church)
	11:15	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*

Collect for the Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	32, 43	Ecclus. 27:30—28:7 Matt. 18:7–20
Monday	18:21–36	2 Kings 17:6–8, 12–18 Titus 1
Tuesday	25	2 Kings 21:1–3, 10–18 Titus 2
Wednesday	28	2 Kings 22:3–13 Titus 3
Thursday	30	2 Kings 22:14 Philemon
Friday	40:1–16	2 Kings 23:1–4, 11–14, 21–23 2 John
Saturday	31	2 Kings 23:24–30 3 John

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	51	1 Kings 8:46–53 Luke 7:36
Monday	20, 24	Deut. 4:1–9 Matt. 24:15–28
Tuesday	29, 36:5	Deut. 4:15–24 Matt. 24:29–41
Wednesday	34	Deut. 4:25–31 Matt. 24:42
Thursday	37:1–24	Deut. 4:32–40 Matt. 25:1–13
Friday	37:26	Deut. 5:1–21 Matt. 25:14–30
Saturday	27	Deut. 5:22 Matt. 25:31

** 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 and Adult Education at 9:15.

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.

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

November 1

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:
E – Richard Moritz

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:
Jane Burton
Elisabeth Johnson
Carolyn Ricca

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:
Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Elizabeth Savage

Ushers 10:00 AM:
John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
Libby Schudel
George Waters
Terry Donnelly
Darren Savage
Elijah Buxo
Isaac Reed

Coffee Hour
Coffee Hour

November 8

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:
E – Richard Moritz

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:
Sarah Babcock
Melody Huffer

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:
Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Brian Ccampbell
Chelsea Hutchins
Adrian Leskiw

Ushers 10:00 AM:
John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
Libby Schudel
George Waters
Terry Donnelly
Darren Savage
Elijah Buxo
Isaac Reed

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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 2029
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

Saints and St. John's

The Roman Catholic Church has a very detailed system for discerning whether someone should be declared and venerated as a saint of the church, someone who has led a life of heroic virtue and whose manner of life is worth emulating, and whose intercession for us is efficacious.

The Episcopal Church and the larger Anglican Communion does not have such a thorough system. The closest we have in the Episcopal Church in the USA is those added to the calendar and recorded for us in what is known as the book of Lesser Feasts and Fasts. People are proposed for inclusion in the list to a committee of the Triennial General Convention and if recommended they have a three year trial use while feedback is solicited from the wider church. Some recent additions are noteworthy for what they have done to glorify God in their lives: CS Lewis, and the founders of Alcoholics Anonymous, to name just two. Others have been proposed and removed.

There are three members of that august list that have a connection to St. John's! Bishop Jackson Kemper was the great missionary bishop to the Midwest and founder of Nashotah House Seminary. He preached here in 1860, and returned again in 1866 to consecrate our first Rector as his successor in the Diocese of Wisconsin. Fr. James Lloyd Breck was the first dean of Nashotah House, founder of two more seminaries/schools, and missionary to California. He preached here in the 1860s to raise money for his seminary in Minnesota. Fr. James DeKoven preached here twice. The first time was to raise money for Racine College, an Episcopal school in Wisconsin where he was Dean after being on faculty at Nashotah House. He returned in 1873 to preach the funeral sermon for our first Rector/second Bishop of Wisconsin William Armitage. DeKoven was elected Bishop Armitage's successor in Wisconsin but his election blocked by the larger church because of his promotion of the doctrines of the ancient universal church as found in the Anglo-catholic movement.

Bishop Kemper is commemorated the church calendar on May 24, Fr. Breck on April 2, and Fr. DeKoven on March 22. Their hagiography (holy biography) is read at the weekday Masses on those days at the Holy Communion Service.

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 November 1:

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

All Saints' Day: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; The Diocese of Carlisle—The Church of England; The Diocese of East Carolina—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of North Carolina—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Diocese of South Carolina—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Upper South Carolina—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Western North Carolina—The Episcopal Church

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Waterford—St. Andrew's

Santo Domingo, DR—St. Margaret's

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



November 2
Patrick Walter

November 3
Webster Burton

November 4
Sally Hudson

November 5
Everyn Swain
Helene Waters

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

November 5
Steven & Jennifer Kelly



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., Rudy

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:

Lee S. DeLand	November 1, 1975
James F. Stone	November 1, 1983
Anne Wood	November 2, 1983
George Alfred Weedon	November 2, 2005
Charles B. Calven, Jr.	November 3, 1958
Frank L. Hollinger	November 3, 1979
Ethel Gleghorn	November 4, 1951
Florence M. Reithard	November 4, 1952
Florence Fedderman	November 5, 1964
Marry Porter	November 5, 2018
Roberto James Bruno	November 6, 1996
Edna Delaney	November 6, 2016
Ellis Ottilia	November 7, 1989
William C. Porter	November 7, 1998