St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

November 8th, 2026

Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity

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Rector's Rambling

The celebration of All Saints continues tomorrow at St. John's at 12:15 PM with All Anglican Saints and Worthies. Technically the feast day is today, November 8, which is the Octave Day of All Saints. Since it is not the same major feast as All Saints was, we will celebrate it tomorrow.

A saint is a saint, but since we are Anglicans, it is nice to spend some time giving thanks to God for the saints within our own international Communion of Churches. The Anglican Communion is made up of the churches that began as missions of the Church of England, and now are loosely configured national churches using a relatively common Prayer Book-type liturgy derived from the English Book of Common Prayer. We are also churches that are recognized to be in Communion with the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Anglican Consultative Council.

Although we certainly recognize the saints from other denominations who have led lives of heroic virtue, it is nice to give thanks for those who have been so recognized in our affiliated churches since the Reformation in the 16th Century.

In the Episcopal Church we have a book called Lesser Feasts and Fasts. Unlike the longer and more complicated system of declaring saints in the Roman Church, which involves miracles attributed to the person's intercession after their death, the Episcopal Church adds commemorations to our calendar after the person/people have been voted upon for trial use at one General Convention, and then confirmed for addition three years later at the next General Convention.

Some Anglican additions to the calendar include Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, his fellow reformation-era bishop Hugh Latimer, and Nicholas Ridley, who composed the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549. Great lights of the Oxford Movement to restore catholic doctrine and worship in our Communion, men such as John Keble and Edward Pusey, are included as are their American counterparts in Jackson Kemper, James Lloyd Breck, and James DeKoven (all three of whom preached here at St. John's Church at one point in their ministry).

More recent people added include Florence Nightingale and C. S. Lewis, as well as Bill Wilson, Dr. Bob Smith, and Fr. Sam Shoemaker who are the founders of Alcoholics Anonymous.



The key in making decisions about how to put on the calendar is to discern their faithfulness and love of Jesus, rather than just their good works. Sanctity is about relationship to Jesus that produces the good works, not a celebration of the good works themselves!

The Lord is glorious in His Saints!

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 8—November 15

Sunday **11/8** **Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity**	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 9:15 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Sunday School/Adult Ed Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour Evening Prayer
Monday **11/9** Anglican Saints and Worthies	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Tuesday **11/10**	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P 6:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting Vestry
Wednesday **11/11** St. Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Thursday **11/12**	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Friday **11/13** St. Britius, Bishop of Tours, 444 A.D.	7:00 A 11:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting AA Meeting
Saturday **11/14** Consecration of Samuel Seabury, First American Bishop, 1789 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday **11/15** **Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity**	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 9:15 A 10:00 A 11:15 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Sunday School/Adult Ed Holy Communion (church) Coffee Hour 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-third Sunday after Trinity

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness; Be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	33	Jer. 29:1, 4–14 Titus 3:1–8
Monday	41	Jer. 35:1–11 Col. 1:1–17
Tuesday	44	Jer. 35:12 Col. 1:18—2:5
Wednesday	50	Jer. 36:1–8 Col. 2:6–19
Thursday	52, 53	Jer. 36:11–19 Col. 2:20—3:11
Friday	54, 61	Jer. 36:20–26 Col. 3:12–17
Saturday	55	2 Kings 25:8–11, 22, 25–26 Col. 3:18—4:6

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	19, 67	Ezek. 33:30 1 Cor. 4:8–16
Monday	42, 43	Deut. 6:1–9 Matt. 26:1–16
Tuesday	46, 85	Deut. 6:10–16, 20–25 Matt. 26:17–30
Wednesday	47, 48	Deut. 7:6–13 Matt. 26:31–46
Thursday	49	Deut. 8:1–10 Matt. 26:47–56
Friday	51	Deut. 8:11 Matt. 26:57
Saturday	93, 98	Deut. 9:7–17, 25–29 Matt. 27:1–10

** 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 8	November 15
Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:	**Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:**
E – Richard Moritz	E – Richard Moritz
Altar Guild 10:00 AM:	**Altar Guild 10:00 AM:**
Sarah Babcock	Sarah Babcock
Melody Huffer	Nancy Donnelly
	Suzanne Porter
	Denise Grim
Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:	**Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:**
Brian Campbell	Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson	Morley Stevenson
Brian Ccampbell	Suzanne Nicholson
Chelsea Hutchins	
Adrian Leskiw	
Ushers 10:00 AM:	**Ushers 10:00 AM:**
John Barge	John Barge
Peter Grim	Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco	Bryan Monaco
Libby Schudel	Libby Schudel
George Waters	George Waters
Terry Donnelly	Terry Donnelly
Darren Savage	Darren Savage
Elijah Buxo	Elijah Buxo
Isaac Reed	Isaac Reed
Coffee Hour	**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 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

Veterans' Day—November 11

Begun as a holiday to commemorate the ceasing of combat in World War I on November 11, 1918, this day was originally know as Armistice Day. It was a day when people stopped to remember those who gave their lives in that awful conflict. Know also as Remembrance Day, after World War II it became known in the U. S. as Veterans' Day to broaden the commemoration.

In the United States the Memorial Day holiday began as a commemoration of the Civil War dead and continues to be the primary celebration in this country. Veterans' Day seems to have morphed into a more general holiday to commemorate not only those who died in the service of our country, but also all those who served in the Armed Forces, our Veterans.

One particular poem, written in 1915 by Lt. Col. John McCrae after the battle of Ypres, summed up the sense of Remembrance, and poppies mentioned in the poem have become a symbol of this day.

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

We give thanks to Almighty God for all those who served our country in the Armed Forces, and for those who gave their lives we pray,

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

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 8:

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; The Diocese of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory—The Church of Ireland; The Diocese of Chandigarh—The Church of North India (United); The Diocese of Chelmsford—The Church of England; The Diocese of Chester—The Church of England; The Diocese of Chhattisgarh—The Church of North India (United); The Diocese of Chicago—The Episcopal Church

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Madison Heights—St. Patrick's

Santana, DR—St. Martha's

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



November 9
Lena Nealley

November 10
Robert Siffermann

November 11
David Scott
Gillian Thompson

November 13
Christopher Smith

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

November 9
George & Helene Waters

November 12
Bruce & Jane Burton

November 13



Jeffrey & Loretta Smith

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:

Luther S. Hyde	November 8, 1949
Stanley G. Poat	November 8, 1961
Charles P. Spicer	November 9, 1961
Dora M. Hedges	November 9, 1968
Gordon R. Bartell	November 10, 1961
Elizabeth Weber Walker	November 10, 2001
Freeman Wallace Brown	November 11, 2007
Dolores Jeane Mosser	November 11, 2009
Edwin Christian Schwimmer	November 12, 1959
Sarah Louvenia Campbell Vaughn	November 12, 2006
Ella Macadam Wood	November 13, 1947
Elizabeth D. Fiske	November 13, 1967
George W. McAllister	November 14, 1957
Adelaide Grace Sutter	November 14, 1968