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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

September 27, 2026

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Rector's Rambling

For many years we had an Adult Education class between the 8 and 10 AM Services, which went on hiatus when Sunday School was moved out of the same time slot and into the 10 AM Service. We began having classes after the 10 AM Service, but that meant an 8 AM Mass attender had to come back to participate.

Since Sunday School is back to in between Services at 9:15 AM we have restarted the Adult Education Series at the same hour and last week was our first class. We had 16 people participating! That's a great start. The series from now until Thanksgiving is Comparative Denominations - why do we believe as we do, and what to other believe. Even if you missed the class last week and this, you can still jump in at any time.

Recently a question was asked about church polity. Here is a basic summary for St. John's.

St. John's was founded in 1858 as a parish of the Diocese of Michigan. They and our national church have Canons that govern operations, and they meet in Convention every year at the diocesan level, and nationally every three years. Legislation is passed at both levels by a bi-cameral house model based loosely on our US constitution. Nationally there is a House of Bishops and a House of Deputies which is made up of clergy and lay members of each diocese. At the Diocesan level the clergy comprise one House, and parish lay delegates the other. In addition to the bishop there is a

Standing Committee elected at Convention and governs between conventions.

Here at St. John's we have a Rector who is a priest elected by the vestry and approved by the bishop, and serves according to the canons as the head of the parish with tenure.

The vestry is the elected board of the parish. Ours has nine members so three rotate off every year and three new ones elected each year. After a three year term you have to be off the vestry for a year before being re-elected for another term. This is quite different from the early years of the parish where vestry members served in some cases for decades, such as Henry Porter Baldwin from 1858 to 1892.

That Vestry then elects a Senior Warden who has charge of the parish in the absence of a priest, a junior warden who is usually head of the property committee, a secretary to record minutes and sign documents, and a treasurer. Those four are unpaid volunteer positions. The Vestry then approves the hiring of an outside professional accountant to help with bookkeeping and preparation for reports and audits, which are done by yet another outside firm. The vestry nominates candidates for the vestry and presents a slate to the Annual Parish Meeting in January. If you are interested in serving contact the office for information. The vestry does the business of the parish in accordance with Church Canons and State Corporation laws.

Vestry meetings generally occur on the 3rd Wednesday of the month but sometimes have to be moved to another date due to schedule conflicts. The parish office has that schedule.



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 SEPTEMBER 27—OCTOBER 4

Sunday 9/27 SEVENTEENTH 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 9/28 St. Wenceslas, d. 938 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Tuesday 9/29 ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Wednesday 9/30 St. Jerome, B.C.D. d. 420 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Thursday 10/1 St. Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, 533 A.D.	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Friday 10/2 Holy Guardian Angels	7:00 A 11:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting AA Meeting
Saturday 10/3 Episcopate of the Anglican Church in America	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 10/4 EIGHTEENTH 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 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 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent
and follow us, and make us continually to be given to
all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)***Morning Prayer**

SUNDAY	25	Jer. 13:15–21 Mark 10:35–45
Monday	18:1–20	1 Kings 12:1–11 1 Thess. 5:12
Tuesday	20, 23	1 Kings 12:12–20 2 Thess. 1
Wednesday	21:1–6 & 28	1 Kings 12:25 2 Thess. 2:1–12
Thursday	27	1 Kings 16:29 2 Thess. 2:13–3:5
Friday	37:1–24	1 Kings 17:1–16 2 Thess. 3:6
Saturday	37:26	1 Kings 17:17 James 1:1–11

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	36:5 & 130	Mal. 2:1–10 Luke 13:10–17
Monday	7	Job 3:1–10, 13–20 Matt. 12:1–13
Tuesday	11, 12	Job 4:12 Matt. 12:14–30
Wednesday	29, 30	Job 5:8–18 Matt. 12:31
Thursday	31	Job 10:1–9, 12–18 Matt. 13:1–23
Friday	22	Job 11:7 Matt. 13:24–30, 36–43
Saturday	145	Job 12:1–10 Matt. 13:31–35, 44–52

* If there is no “ending” verse listed, then read to the end of the chapter.

WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS

Reprinting Parish Brochures for Tract Rack
250 color glossy brochures—\$200
Need 4 titles reprinted
“Why Jesus? Booklets for Tract Rack
25 pack for \$100
Need 2 packs

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

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

September 27

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Sarah Jean Babcock
Helene Waters

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Chelsea Hutchins

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
Libby Schudel
George Waters
Terry Donnelly
Darren Savage
Elijah Buxo
Isaac Reed

Coffee Hour

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October 4

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
Suzanne Nicholson

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
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 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

Tithing

When discussing stewardship the word “tithe” comes up frequently. What is a tithe, and how does it apply to your spiritual life?

The tithe is an offering to God of the FIRST 10% of your incoming. In the Old Testament God requires this, saying the first 10% of your fields, flocks or vineyards are to be given as an offering to the Lord. (Leviticus 27:30) It is a sign and symbol of gratitude that the Lord has provided for you. One of the offertory sentences for the Holy Communion Service sums this up saying, “All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee” (1 Chronicles 29:14). With the offering we show gratitude because it is 100% God's and He has blessed us with the provision of it. It is also a sign that we trust that God will continue to provide for us in the future as well. (Malachi 3:10).

In the New Testament Jesus mentions the tithe in reference to those who are doing it for appearances or self-righteousness, not with a joyful heart. Rather than saying the Pharisees are wrong for tithing, he says our righteousness must EXCEED that of the scribes and Pharisees. (Matthew 5:20) We should be giving and doing so with a right heart.

But throughout the New Testament there is reference to the support of the ministry and need to not be so attached to one's possessions that they become a distraction or even an idol. Giving with a cheerful heart is a great antidote to such a malady.

In the Book of Common Prayer we read in the Offices of Instruction, *My bounden duty is the follow Christ, to worship God every Sunday in his Church; and to work and pray and give for the spread of the kingdom.* (p. 291) The support of your parish church, working toward a tithe, is an important aspect of that duty. And to do so with a cheerful heart is a spiritual treasure.

If you are not tithing now pray the Lord to help you to move toward that level of giving to His Greater Honor and Glory, and your sanctification.

~ Fr. Kelly

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 September 27:

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

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity: The Church of Bangladesh; The Diocese of Central Buganda—The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of West Buganda—The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of Buhiga—The Anglican Church of Burundi; The Diocese of Bujumbura—The Anglican Church of Burundi; The Diocese of Bukavu—Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; The Diocese of Bukedi—The Church of the Province of Uganda

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Detroit—St. Peter's

Ypsilanti—St. Luke's

Carreton, DR—Holy Name

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**September 28**

Brian DeGiulio

September 30

Greg Lewis

October 1

Jean Brace

October 2

Louie Adams

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES**September 30**

Jimmie & Amy Baber

**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:

Louise May Beck	September 27, 1940
David J. Griffith	September 27, 1957
Vivian Eaton	September 28, 1954
Vera Clare Frisby	September 28, 1982
Jacqueline Harris	September 29, 1979
Margaret Wallis	September 29, 1986
William E. Guinness	September 30, 1952
Douglas Ferguson Roby, III	September 30, 2023
Jane Neil Jones	October 1, 1953
Felicia R. Leed	October 1, 1971
Luaretta McArthur	October 2, 1952
Louis W. Plies	October 2, 1961
John Gilbert Edwards	October 3, 1981
Norris Octave Mottley	October 3, 2009