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## St. John's Church

# The Parish Chronicle

September 6, 2026

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



### Rector's Rambling

This year Labor Day falls late on the calendar, the first Monday of September being the 7th. And Summer held on to the very end as the hot weather lingered this past week as well to make it all a festive last hurrah of outside activity.

After taking time to pray and give thanks on Labor Day for Labor and Industry in our country, we move forward on Tuesday into the start of autumn, at least mentally. Most of the children return to school (although a few got a head start) and here at St. John's we look forward to the return of our wonderful full choir next Sunday. **Our Sunday School begins next week at it's new time 9:15 AM**, which is actually a return to its former time slot. Adult Education programming resumes on the following Sunday, September 20 also at 9:15 AM. The first class series will be Comparative Denominations.

Next week's kick off includes a luncheon and an opportunity to learn about various ministries in the parish.

Although I write this column on Monday or Tuesday beforehand, I anticipate that many will be away today, getting in that last holiday vacation. The last few weeks people have told me about anticipated travel, and brought back reports of parishes visited.

But I also hope that next week will bring a renewed emphasis on being regular about Sunday worship attendance. I know that people travel dur-

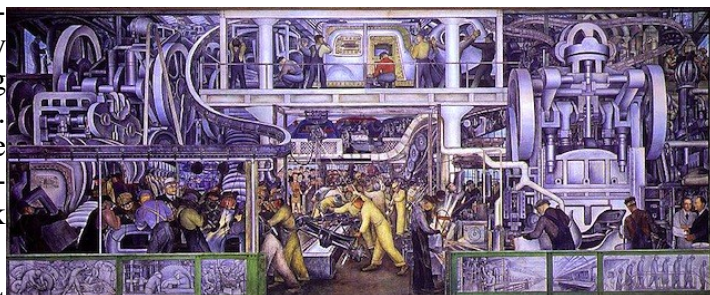
ing the summer, and that for a few with health issues the heat prevents them from being with us during the summer.

We have to make the commitment to make attending worship the #1 priority on your Sunday morning schedule. The world is pressing on and scheduling alternative activities on Sunday morning, a time-slot that even secular society respected as sacrosanct even a few years ago.

Stand up! Be counted for Christ!  
Come to Church on Sunday!

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who declarest thy glory and showest forth thy handiwork in the heavens and in the earth; Deliver us, we beseech thee, in our several callings, from the service of mammon, that we may do the work which thou givest us to do, in truth, in beauty, and in righteousness, with singleness of heart as thy servants, and to the benefit of our fellow men; for the sake of him who came among us as one that serveth, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

~ 1928 Book of Common Prayer, p. 44



Diego Rivera's Detroit Industry Murals  
at the Detroit Institute of Art



## 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 6—SEPTEMBER 13

|                                                                                           |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>9/6</b><br><b>FOURTEENTH</b><br><b>SUNDAY AFTER</b><br><b>TRINITY</b> | 7:00 A<br>7:30 A<br>8:00 A<br>10:00 A<br>11:15 A<br><br>5:30 P | Morning Meditation (online)<br>Morning Prayer (chapel)<br>Holy Communion (chapel)<br>Choral Holy Communion<br>Coffee Hour<br><br>Evening Prayer   |
| <b>Monday</b><br><b>9/7</b>                                                               | 7:00 A<br><br>5:00 P                                           | Morning Meditation (online)<br><b>OFFICE CLOSED FOR</b><br><b>LABOR DAY</b><br>AA Meeting                                                         |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><b>9/8</b><br>Nativity of the<br>Blessed Virgin<br>Mary                 | 7:00 A<br>12:15 P<br>4:00 P<br>5:00 P                          | Morning Meditation (online)<br>Holy Communion<br>Evening Prayer<br>AA Meeting                                                                     |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><b>9/9</b><br>St. Peter Claver,<br>d. 1654 A.D.                       | 7:00 A<br>4:00 P<br>5:00 P                                     | Morning Meditation (online)<br><b>NO MASS TODAY</b><br>Evening Prayer<br>AA Meeting                                                               |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><b>9/10</b>                                                            | 7:00 A<br>10:30 A<br>4:00 P<br>5:00 P                          | Morning Meditation (online)<br>Holy Communion<br>Evening Prayer<br>AA Meeting                                                                     |
| <b>Friday</b><br><b>9/11</b>                                                              | 7:00 A<br>11:00 A<br>5:00 P                                    | Morning Meditation (online)<br>AA Meeting<br>AA Meeting                                                                                           |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><b>9/12</b>                                                            | 7:00 A                                                         | Morning Meditation (online)                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>9/13</b><br><b>FIFTEENTH</b><br><b>SUNDAY AFTER</b><br><b>TRINITY</b> | 7:00 A<br>7:30 A<br>8:00 A<br>10:00 A<br>11:15<br><br>5:30 P   | Morning Meditation (online)<br>Morning Prayer (chapel)<br>Holy Communion (chapel)<br>Holy Communion (church)<br>Coffee Hour<br><br>Evening Prayer |

*NOTE: The Chronicle went to the printer last Tuesday. Calendar updates or changes can be found at [www.StJohnsDetroit.org](http://www.StJohnsDetroit.org)*

**Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

|           |                |                                     |
|-----------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| SUNDAY    | 19, 24         | Micah 6:1–8<br>Phil. 4:4–13         |
| Monday    | 39             | 2 Sam. 16:23—17:14<br>2 Cor. 6:1–10 |
| Tuesday   | 40:1–16        | 2 Sam. 17:15–23<br>2 Cor. 6:11—7:1  |
| Wednesday | 45             | 2 Sam. 18:1–17<br>2 Cor. 7:2        |
| Thursday  | 56             | 2 Sam. 18:19<br>2 Cor. 8:1–15       |
| Friday    | 69:1–22, 30–37 | 2 Sam. 19:1–10<br>2 Cor. 8:16       |
| Saturday  | 68:1–19        | 2 Sam. 19:11–23<br>2 Cor. 9         |

**Evening Prayer**

|           |           |                                              |
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| SUNDAY    | 50        | Jer. 7:1–11<br>Luke 13:18–30                 |
| Monday    | 33        | Ecclus. 19:20<br>Matt. 5:1–16                |
| Tuesday   | 36:5 & 47 | Ecclus. 20:9–20<br>Matt. 5:17–26             |
| Wednesday | 62, 63    | Ecclus. 24:1–9, 18–22<br>Matt. 5:27–37       |
| Thursday  | 66        | Ecclus. 28:13<br>Matt. 5:38                  |
| Friday    | 51        | Ecclus. 31:12–18,<br>25—32:2<br>Matt. 6:1–18 |
| Saturday  | 67, 93    | Ecclus. 34:1–8<br>Matt. 6:19                 |

\* 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**

Tuesday, @ 12:15 PM

Thursday 10:30

**Evening Prayer**

Tuesday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

**Christian Education** – Sunday School is on Summer Hiatus until September.

**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 6

**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

### September 13

**Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:**  
E – Richard Moritz

**Altar Guild 10:00 AM:**  
Sarah Babcock  
Meloday Huffer

**Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:**  
Brian Campbell  
Morley Stevenson  
Chelsea Hutchins  
Pam Beeghly  
Brian Campbell

**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 Labor Day

*Come Labor on! Who dare stand idle, on the harvest plain; while all around us wave the golden grain? And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today." ~ Hymn 576*

This weekend Summer makes its last "hurrah" as we celebrate the Labor Day weekend. There are plenty of things to do this weekend as we bring summer to an unofficial close. On Tuesday school begins and society gets back into its fall/winter/spring routine.

Of course, all of the above activities, as fun as they may be, have nothing to do with the holiday itself. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, "Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country." ([www.DoL.gov](http://www.DoL.gov)) And, in fact, many labor unions will hold rallies this weekend to celebrate the American worker, the unions themselves, and their various causes. This grand old stone edifice on the corner of Woodward and Fisher Freeway has seen many a labor parade and rally pass by its doors.

Labor unions have evolved over the years, and our economy has certainly changed in the last 125 years! Membership in unions has declined as employment in manufacturing and other "labor intensive" industries has automated or moved away.

As we celebrate Labor Day this year, let us remember in our prayers that our common good is dependent upon each other. The creation and sustaining of gainful employment is a recognition of each other's basic humanity and dignity. As the Department of Labor says, "The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership – the American worker."

*~ Reprinted from the Parish Chronicle, 09-02-07*

**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 6:**

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 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity: The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria; The Diocese of Bermuda—(Extra Provincial); The Diocese of Bethlehem—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Bhopal—The Church of North India (United); The Diocese of Bida—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Biharamulo—The Anglican Church of Tanzania; The Diocese of Birmingham—The Church of England

**Episcopal Diocese of Michigan**

Lansing—St. Paul's

Jimani, DR—St. Paul the Apostle

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS****September 8**

Grayson Brock  
Emilia Kelly

**September 11**

Alexa Korpai

**This Week's ANNIVERSARIES****September 8**

Henry & Stella Heatley

**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:**

|                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Edna L. Wright             | September 6, 1957  |
| Florence White             | September 6, 1970  |
| Sarah Jane Laing           | September 7, 1937  |
| Nellie M. Jankowski        | September 7, 1955  |
| Harold G. Murray           | September 8, 1962  |
| Margaret Ethel Broker      | September 8, 2019  |
| Ralph E. Keller            | September 9, 1964  |
| Christopher Brian Clements | September 9, 1981  |
| Roy W. Rundell             | September 10, 1953 |
| Margaret P. Snyder         | September 10, 1998 |
| Margaret J. Cook           | September 11, 1987 |
| Virginia Burton            | September 11, 2024 |
| Susan Gibson Raisch        | September 12, 2022 |
| Eleanor Jackson Tuttle     | September 12, 2021 |