



St. John's Church

# The Parish Chronicle

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QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

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## Rector's Rambling

Today is our last Sunday of the pre-Lenten season, and on Wednesday we jump right into the thick of our Lenten Season.

On Wednesday we will have three opportunities for you to start Lent off with an outward sign of your mortality and penitence. At the Holy Communion Service at 12:15 and 6 PM, or at Evening Prayer at 5 PM, we will be praying the Penitential Office found on page 60 in the Book of Common Prayer, and you will have the opportunity to receive the imposition of Ashes. The ashes are from burned palms from previous years.

As the ashes are placed on your forehead the priest says, "remember O man that thou art dust, and unto dust shalt thou return". It is a most solemn remind-

er that we will in fact die, and what we do here on earth has eternal consequences. Left to our own devices we are fallen as a result of original sin and the actual sins we commit. Unrepented of, we merit eternal separation from God.

But thanks be to God for His Mercy and forgiveness through the Blood of Jesus Christ. Even though our mortal bodies will decay and return to dust, we will live eternally with God through the forgiveness and propitiation accomplished on the Cross!

Be sure to start Lent off right!

The picture above was published in the Detroit Free Press several years ago. In it is a multi-chinned Fr. Kelly with then college student Dr. Leia Zorome. Her son Rahim will be baptised today after the 10 AM Service, God willing!



## 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

**Every Sunday:** *Food or clothing* may be deposited in the basket at the entrance of the church to aid the neighborhood ministry to the poor through **Crossroads**.

**First Sunday of the month:** The *loose offerings* collected are given to support the mission work of the Church in Malawi, Central Africa. Please add a cash gift or extra check in the collection plate every first Sunday of the month!

**Third Sunday of the month:** The *loose offerings* collected are given to support the ministry of the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 6

<b>Sunday</b> 2/27 QUINQUAGESIMA	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
	10:00 A	Choral Holy Communion Sunday School
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer

<b>Monday</b> 2/28 George Herbert (trans.) d 1633	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	5:00 P	Evening Prayer AA Meeting

<b>Tuesday</b> 3/1 St. David of Wales c. 549 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	5:00 P	Evening Prayer

<b>Wednesday</b> 3/2 ASH WEDNESDAY	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion with Ashes
	5:00 P	Evening Prayer with Ashes AA Meeting
	6:00 P	Holy Communion with Ashes

<b>Thursday</b> 3/3 ST. AELRED, ABBOTT 1167 AD	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
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<b>Friday</b> 3/4 St. Chad, Bishop 672 AD	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
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<b>Saturday</b> 3/5	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
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<b>Sunday</b> 3/6 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
	8:00	Holy Communion (chapel)
	10:00 A	Choral Holy Communion Sunday School
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer

*Want to stay in touch during the week?  
To join the newsgroup, e-mail a request to  
Webmaster@stjohnsdetroit.org*

#### *Social Media*

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[www.YouTube.com/StJohnsPriest](http://www.YouTube.com/StJohnsPriest)

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**The Collect for Quinquagesima**

**O**LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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

**Morning Prayer**

SUNDAY	103	Wisdom 7:7–14 John 15:1–17
Monday	18:1–20	Gen. 18:1–16 Mark 9:38
Tuesday	18:21–36	Gen. 18:20 Mark 10:1–16
ASH WEDNESDAY	32, 143	Isa. 58:1–12 Heb. 12:1–14
Thursday	27	Gen. 19:1–3, 12–17, 24–28 1 Cor. 1:1–17
Friday	95 & 40:1–16	Gen. 21:9–21 1 Cor. 1:18
Saturday	28	Gen. 22:1–14, 19 1 Cor. 2

**Evening Prayer**

SUNDAY	119:33–48	Lev. 19:1–2, 9–18 1 John 4
Monday	20, 21:1–6	Hosea 5:10–6:6 Gal. 6:1–10
Tuesday	25	Hosea 11:1–4 & 13:5–16a Gal. 6:11
ASH WEDNESDAY	102, 130	Jonah 3 & 4 Luke 15:10
Thursday	29, 30	Jer. 1:4–10, 13–19 John 8:1–11
Friday	31	Jer. 2:1–9, 13 John 8:12–20, 31–36
Saturday	34	Jer. 3:11–18 John 8:45

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

In the place of the Psalms listed above, you are welcome to use the Psalm cycle listed in the Book of Common Prayer according to the days of the month.

**WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS**

**NEW CARRILLON BELL SYSTEM .....\$16,500**

*Our current system, which was lovingly and frequently repaired by the late Chris Sayers the last 4 years or so, stopped working completely in the summer of 2021, and the parts for that type unit are not longer available. These are the bells that play outside and inside on the quarter hour, and can play hymns outside as well. This is a great way to*

**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.

**Ash Wednesday - March 2** - Services at 12:15PM (Communion), 5PM (Evening Prayer), and 6PM (Communion) . All Services are with Ashes.

**Weekday Services This Week** – JOIN US IN PERSON or FOR THE LIVESTREAM at [www.youtube.com/stjohnspriest](http://www.youtube.com/stjohnspriest)

**Morning Meditation**

◆ Streamed daily at 7:00 AM

**Holy Communion**

◆ Monday & Tuesday 12:15 PM

◆ Ash Wednesday 12:15 PM and & 6 PM

**Evening Prayer**

◆ Monday through Thursday 5 PM

**Special Lenten Masses and Devotions (Stations of the Cross, etc.) begin NEXT WEEK.**

**Christian Education** – Sunday School meets downstairs in the undercroft during the 10 AM Service

**Alcoholics Anonymous** – Meetings have once again resumed on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 5:00 PM. The Tuesday and Friday meetings at 11:00 AM will resume at a later date to be decided by that group.

## LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### February 27

#### Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz  
S – Langmuir

#### Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock  
Sarah Jean Babcock  
Helene Waters

#### Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell  
Morley Stevenson

#### Ushers 10:00 AM:

Peter Grim  
Bryan Monaco  
Thomas Nash  
William Porter

#### Coffee Hour

No Coffee Hour

### March 6

#### Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz  
S – Langmuir

#### Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Jane Burton  
Elisabeth Johnson  
Carolyn Ricca

#### Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell  
Morley Stevenson

#### Ushers 10:00 AM:

Peter Grim  
Bryan Monaco  
Thomas Nash  
William Porter

#### Coffee Hour

No Coffee Hour

**Ushers in reserve:** David Boulton, Morley Stevenson

### The Vestry and Officers of St. John's

Peter Grim, Senior Warden  
Morley Stevenson, Junior Warden  
Rod Gillespie, Secretary  
Glenn Burton, Interim Treasurer  
Cathy Morgan, Assistant Treasurer

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#### *Terms expire January 2023*

Sarah Babcock	John Barge
Jimmie Baber	Rod Gillespie
Peter Grim	Tracy McAllister

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#### *Terms expire January 2024*

Glenn Burton	Morley Stevenson
Cathy Morgan	Tristan Williams

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#### *Terms expire January 2024*

Durene Brown	Charles Roby
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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

### ASH WEDNESDAY

In the Western Christian calendar, Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and occurs forty days before Easter (excluding Sundays). It falls on a different date each year, because it is dependent on the date of Easter; it can occur as early as February 4 or as late as March 10.

Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance. The ashes used are gathered after the Palm Crosses from the previous year's Palm Sunday are burned. In the liturgical practice of some churches, the ashes are mixed with the Oil of the Catechumens (one of the sacred oils used to anoint those about to be baptized), though some churches use ordinary oil. This paste is used by the clergyman who presides at the service to make the sign of the cross, first upon his own forehead and then on each of those present who kneel before him at the altar rail. As he does so, he recites the words: "Remember (O man) that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The ashes used in the service of worship or Mass are sacramentals, not a sacrament. The ashes are blessed according to various rites proper to each liturgical tradition, sometimes involving the use of Holy Water. In some churches they are mixed with light amounts of water or olive oil, which serve as a fixative.

In most liturgies for Ash Wednesday, the Penitential psalms are read; Psalm 51 (LXX Psalm 50) is especially associated with this day. The service also often includes a corporate confession rite.

Ash Wednesday is a day of repentance and it marks the beginning of Lent. Ashes were used in ancient times, according to the Bible, to express mourning. Dusting oneself with ashes was the penitent's way of expressing sorrow for sins and faults. An ancient example of one expressing one's penitence is found in Job 42:3–6. Job says to God: "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." (vv. 5–6, KJV) Other examples are found in several other books of the Bible including, Numbers 19:9, 19:17, Jonah 3:6, Matthew 11:21, Luke 10:13, and Hebrews 9:13.

~ Edited by Fr. Kelly from Wikipedia's *Ash\_Wednesday* entry

**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.

**Cycles of Prayer for the week of February 27**

**Diocese of Northern Malawi**

The Rt Rev'd Fanuel Emmanuel Magangani

**Sisters of St. Mary**

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

Pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Kericho - The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Kahlamba - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; The Diocese of Khartoum - Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; The Diocese of Kibondo - The Anglican Church of Tanzania; The Diocese of Kibungo - Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; The Diocese of Kigali - Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

**Episcopal Diocese of Michigan**

Dearborn – *Christ Church*  
Hamburg – *St. Steven's*  
San Pedro, DR – *St. John the Evangelist*

**BIRTHDAY  
GREETINGS**

**February 28**

Sandra Tischer

**March 1**

Jimmie Baber

**March 3**

Sarah Jean Babcock

**March 4**

Jeremy Dreslinski



**This Week's  
ANNIVERSARIES**

Have you given us your anniversary date?



**OUR PRAYER LIST**

**Healing and Comfort:** Alice B., Al F., Betty L., Bonnie B., Brianna W., Cathy M., Christopher B., Daria R., Doug R., Durene B., Elaine D., Gail W., Gordon D., George W., Helene W., Jimmy J., Jim Z., Johny C., Julie B., Lawrence A., MJ B., Michael B., Michael P., Paul M., Rexina M., Robert H., Sabrina H., Sandra Z., Sandy D., Virginia 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; Chapel Hill, 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, Jessica Walter, Jonathan Walter, Kurt Helfrich, Nick Myers, Nick Norville, Steven Campbell, Joseph J. Sharpe, Ted Decker and Zachary Livingston.

**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:**

Harold G. Bates. Sr.	Feb. 27, 2017
Robert R. Dundas	Feb. 27, 1960
Blanche H. Hulme	Feb. 28, 1978
Arthur W. King	Feb. 28, 1961
Lucy Bates	March 1, 1986
Vivian P. Bischoff	March 1, 1973
Daniel B. Smith	March 2, 1971
Clarence P. Fisken	March 2, 1953
Robert S. Fenkell	March 3, 1965
Charles B. Wilder	March 3, 1950
Millard Earl Jackson	March 4, 1987
Lillian J. Taylor	March 4, 1972
Belle R. Mayne	March 5, 1978
Nathan J. Thomas	March 5, 1970