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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

October 12, 2025

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Rector's Rambling

Welcome to Homecoming Sunday at St. John's! I am so glad that folks are here to worship and for the fellowship of a good meal following the 10 AM Service.

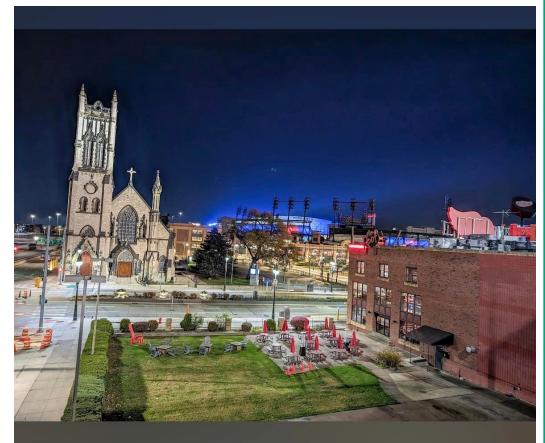
Recently I have been musing on what the Church (not just St. John's but the larger Church) looks like now that we are about 5 years post-Covid shut downs. What an interesting time that was with closed parishes and reopening restrictions based initially on what we thought might be best practices. The fact that St. John's was the only parish in the city limits to open for a full year continues to confound me, as does that period of time that we were limited back to "9 people plus the priest" for a Service due to a rise in infections in society (but not a St. John's). Having 10 weekend Services so that all who wanted to come to church (3 Saturday evening, 7 on Sunday) is an adventure I hope we never have to repeat.

Since then society has changed. Many people who were locked out in March 2020 never returned to public worship. At first many did this out of an abundance of caution. Unfortunately not coming to church became the habit, a most unfortunate habit. The devil has a way of taking our best of intentions and instill fear to keep us from making the commitment to return to our obligation to worship God every Sunday in His Church. There is nothing the devil wants more than for us to find any reason to keep us from worshipping the living God

and receiving the Blessed Sacrament. This change has been reflected across society with church attendance still struggling to reach pre-pandemic levels.

The good news is that God is not done with us, and not only is He moving hearts to return to Him, and that people are starting to hear and obey, but also new people are coming to know Jesus Christ as Lord. Here at St. John's we are welcoming new people to worship who are exploring, trying to figure out what God might be doing in their lives. Some new folks grew up in the church, or with no church background at all. But God the Holy Ghost is busy moving hearts and minds to learn more about God and His Church. We welcome this movement of the Spirit.

Today for Homecoming we welcome old friends and new, as well as our regular parishioners. Everyone is welcome to join us in this exploration in the Faith that God will change our hearts, and help us to deeper conversion to His Will for us as members of the Church!





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 OCTOBER 12—OCTOBER 19

Sunday 10/12 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Holy Communion Sunday School Coffee Hour Evening Prayer
Monday 10/13 St. Edward, King and Confessor, 1066 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Tuesday 10/14 St. Callistus, Pope and Martyr, d. 223 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
Wednesday 10/15 St. Theresa of Avila 1582 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Thursday 10/16 St. Wilfrid, B.C. d. 709 A.D.	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion and Benediction Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Friday 10/17 St. Ethelreda, Queen and Abbess, 679 A.D.	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
Saturday 10/18 SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 10/19 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Sunday School Choral Holy Communion 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	116	Isa. 12 John 11:21–44
Monday	103	1 Kings 8:1–11 1 Thess. 1
Tuesday	118	1 Kings 8:12–21 1 Thess. 2:1–13
Wednesday	119:113–128	1 Kings 8:22–30 1 Thess. 2:17–3:13
Thursday	126, 128	1 Kings 8:54–63 1 Thess. 4:1–12
Friday	102	1 Kings 9:1–9 1 Thess. 4:13
Saturday	143, 149	1 Kings 11:26–31, 34–37 1 Thess. 5:1–11

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	90	Ezek. 33:1–9 Matt. 24:37
Monday	104	Ecclus. 43:13–19 Matt. 9:18–35
Tuesday	111, 113	Ecclus. 43:20 Matt. 9:36–10:15
Wednesday	119:129–144 & 117	Ecclus. 44:1–15 Matt. 10:16–31
Thursday	121, 122, 138	Job 1:1–12 Matt. 10:32–11:1
Friday	139	Job 1:13 Matt. 11:2–19
Saturday	97, 98	Job 2 Matt. 11:20

* 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 to come 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, and Wednesday @ 12:15 PM
Thursday @ 10:30 AM

Evening Prayer

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

Christian Education – Sunday School resumes today at 10 AM in the Undercroft.

HOME COMING—Lunch will be served after the 10 AM Service next week October 12. Be sure to invite your friends and family!

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.

Parking Note - being a member of St. John’s does not mean that we can park in our side lot for free for Tigers, Lions games, shows at the Fox, etc. The lot is leased to Olympia Development, and we have use of it only for our church related events

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.



LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

October 12

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Denise Grim

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Adrian Leskiw
Tom Edwards
Cindy Edwards

Ushers 10:00 AM:

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

Coffee Hour

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October 19

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Nancy Donnelly
Suzanne Porter
Melody Huffer

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Brian Campbell

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
William Porter
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 2026

Elizabeth Butler David Gawrych
Bryan Monaco

Terms expire January 2027

Jared Moody Pat Walter
Helene Waters

Terms expire January 2028

Cynthia Edwards Peter Grim
Morley Stevenson

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

What are we doing this morning? Morning Prayer and Communion

One of the glorious achievements of Archbishop Thomas Cranmer in compiling the Book of Common Prayer was the development of the Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer. Other than those in the convents and monasteries, there were few who had the time to pray all seven Monastic Offices, not to mention being able to understand the complicated instructions. In combining all the Offices into Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer, Cranmer made accessible the ability for all to pray the Offices of the Church.

The original rubrics for Sunday Morning Worship in the Church of England was for Morning Prayer (which was to be prayed every day anyway), the Litany, AND Holy Communion. In the next 450 years the practices of the Church have changed back and forth. One phenomena that occurred was the saying of just Morning Prayer, or Morning Prayer with Litany alone, which originally was only permissible to parishes without a priest to celebrate the Holy Communion regularly. In some places this practice spread to parishes with full-time clergy as well. Although most Anglican parishes and dioceses around the world never deviated from the traditional practice of Communion every Sunday, others did, and most have recently reclaimed that heritage.

Archbishop Michael Ramsey, the 100th Archbishop of Canterbury (1961–1974) recommended the combination of Morning Prayer and Holy Communion to those parishes desiring to preserve the Morning Prayer tradition, while being obedient to the apostolic tradition of receiving Communion every Sunday.

This morning's service is that combination. We will be doing Morning Prayer as the "ante-communion", which is the technical name for the portion of the Holy Communion service from the opening Collect for Purity through the Confession, Absolution, and Comfortable Words. We will then continue the Holy Communion Service from the Sursum corda ("Lift up your hearts") through the end. Although it may make the service a few minutes longer, it is a good way to both honor the morning prayer tradition, as well as being able to receive Communion EVERY Sunday.

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 October 12:

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 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity: The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of Patheine—The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma); The Diocese of Patna—The Church of North India (United); The Diocese of Pelotas—Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; The Diocese of Pennsylvania—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania—The Episcopal Church

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Farmington Hills—Trinity Church

Santo Domingo, DR—Holy Trinity

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**October 12**

Christopher Baetz

October 14

Alexa & Kevin Korpai

October 16

Henry Aldridge

October 17

Kathy DeGiulio

October 18

Terrence Donnelly

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES**October 16**

Ralph & Malinda Madison

Everyn & Debbie Swain

**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., Eleanore S., 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.

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:

Florice Schenck	October 12, 1967
Christopher L. Sayers	October 12, 2021
Alice A. Hawk	October 13, 1978
Sidney Hulme	October 13, 1995
Orville H. Foster, Jr.	October 14, 1963
Frances A. Taland	October 14, 1984
Frederick R. Edwards	October 15, 1967
Joseph Dandridge Jackson	October 15, 2024
Dr. Julius C. Clippert	October 16, 1960
Florence Callely	October 16, 1973
Betty L. Davies	October 17, 1966
David Robert Kays	October 17, 1969
Joseph Michael Hadrian	October 18, 1976
Hazel Hye Taylor	October 18, 1983