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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

CHRIST THE KING

Rector's Rambling



"We have no king but Caesar"
John 19:15



The phrase above is recorded for us from the mouths of the religious authorities of Jesus' earthly time. Having brought Jesus before the governor of Judea, Pontius Pilate, they accused him of all sorts of sedition mainly centered in religious disagreement. Pilate seems to know better than to meddle in such matters, and looks for a way to let Jesus off with a scourging and admonition.

But the religious authorities were set that Jesus must be put to death for having declared himself the Son of God, in their ears a blasphemy. In one last attempt at relief Pilate asks why he should crucify their king (they had tried to trip up Pilate with a political charge that Jesus was trying to usurp Rome's earthly authority with a claim to be an earthly king).

When asked, the Sanhedrin, no friends or admirers of their Roman overlords, reject Jesus and claim Caesar as their own. A full apostasy on their part.

Today we have a secondary observance of Jesus as Christ the King. Not an earthly kingdom, as many expected, but King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Although it is primarily the nineteenth Sunday after Trinity it is important to also honor our Lord's Kingship in this way.

Jesus is King, and where he desires

to rule is in our hearts and in our lives. His Kingdom is among us as his faithful people, and we worship and adore him as Sovereign over us. And yet he is also an intimate friend who dwells in hearts, feeds us in His Word and Sacrament, and loves us so much that he died on the cross for us. So let us submit in love to his most gracious rule!

I am most grateful that Fr. Geoffrey Piper could be with us today at St. John's while I am in Philadelphia for my annual rowing races yesterday with alumni friends from college, in a Father/Son double with Andrew, as well as a race in our single shells as well.

Fr. Piper served in the Diocese of Quebec, then in the Diocese of Michigan at Church of the Advent, Orchard Lake and Christ Church, Detroit before moving on to the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. He retired back to the area to be near children and grandchildren and I am grateful!

God willing I will be back in Detroit this evening.



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 26—NOVEMBER 2

Sunday 10/26 NINETEENTH 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 10/27 Alfred the Great, King of England, 899 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Tuesday 10/28 ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE, APOSTLES	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
Wednesday 10/29 Martyrs of Uganda 1885 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Thursday 10/30	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion and Benediction Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Friday 10/31 Vigil of All Saints (All Hallows Eve)	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
Saturday 11/1 ALL SAINTS DAY	7:00 A 9:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) Diocesan Daughters of the King
Sunday 11/2 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Of the Octave	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 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

SUNDAY	72	Job 24:1–17 Titus 2
Monday	89:1–19	1 Kings 21:11–22 James 4:13–5:11
Tuesday	90	1 Kings 22:1–12 James 5:12
Wednesday	94	1 Kings 22:13–28 1 Tim. 1:1–11
Thursday	100, 110	1 Kings 22:29–40 1 Tim. 1:12
Friday	119:145–160	2 Kings 1:2–8, 17a 1 Tim. 2:1–10
Saturday	120, 122, 123	2 Kings 2:1–15 1 Tim. 3:1–13

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	80	Jer. 5:7–19 2 Cor. 13
Monday	92	Job 28:12 Matt. 16:13
Tuesday	104	Job 38:1–11, 16–18 Matt. 17:1–13
Wednesday	113, 114	Job 38:19–30 Matt. 17:14
Thursday	116	Job 38:31–38 Matt. 18:1–14
Friday	119:161–176 & 117	Job 39:19 Matt. 18:15
Saturday	144	Job 42:1–9 Matt. 19:1–15

* 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, Wednesday @ 12:15 PM

Evening Prayer

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

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

All Souls Day—November 3 this year

Although All Souls is usually November 2, this year that is a Sunday so it will be kept the day after. 10 AM Requiem Mass at Elmwood Cemetery, 12:15 Mass at St. John's with reading of names submitted.

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.



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

October 26

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Sarah Jean Babcock
Helene Waters

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Huw Lewis

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

Coffee Hour

November 2

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Jane Burton
Elisabeth Johnson
Carolyn Ricca

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

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 income. 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 to follow Christ, to worship God every Sunday in his Church; and to work and pray and give for the spread of his kingdom.* (p. 291) The support of your parish church, working toward a tithe of 10%, is an important aspect 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 October 26:

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 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity: The Church in Wales; The Diocese of Northern Philippines—The Episcopal Church in the Philippines; The Diocese of Phulbani—The Church of North India (United); The Diocese of Pittsburgh—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Polynesia—The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; The Diocese of Popondota—The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Milford—St. George's

San Cristobal, DR—St. Bartholomew

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:

Marguerite A. Hart	October 26, 1982
John Oliver Jackson	October 26, 1989
Evelyn LaVaune Casing	October 27, 1981
Harry Cloke	October 27, 1989
Beatrice Ann Hulme	October 28, 1996
Alexandria Elizabeth Hughes McAllister	October 28, 2019
Charles F. Maddox	October 29, 1969
Ralph J. Burton	October 29, 1973
Arthur M. Hinkley	October 30, 1965
Wilford Flemore	October 30, 1977
Mary M. Collins	October 31, 1969
Wave Dawn Lowe	October 31, 1973
Lee S. DeLaud	November 1, 1975
James F. Stone	November 1, 1983

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**October 27**

Joan Burton

October 31

Andre Smith

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES**October 26**

William & Jenny Chope

November 1

Christopher & Stephanie Smith

