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St. John's Church

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Rector's Rambling

This morning we hear of the healing of the man who was deaf, and had an impediment of speech. Jesus performs the healing with the command *Ephphatha*, which means "be opened".

This reading, and that phrase, holds a special place in the heart of St. John's. For over 100 years, St. John's was the host of the Ephphatha Episcopal Mission of Detroit.

According an article in the February, 1919, edition of the magazine, "The Silent Worker: a magazine for the deaf by the deaf", the mission to the deaf at St. John's began in 1877. Originally meeting at Grace Church on Jefferson (now closed), by summer of 1877, the mission moved to St. John's, and continued her ministry here until the 1970s.

By the 1920s St. John's had seven Sunday services, two of which were held in sign language. At 11:00 AM, while the rest of the congregation worshipped in the main sanctuary, the Ephphatha Mission worshipped in the chapel. In the afternoon there was also a 3:00 PM Evening Prayer service. Many of the staff and members were graduates of the Michigan School for the Deaf in Flint, which continues to this day.

By the 1970s, the mission's congregation size had dwindled, and those few remaining members attended the larger congregational service with a sign language interpreter instead of having a separate service. In 2001, the last remaining

member of the congregation, Elizabeth Prescott Weber Walker, died. She had been wife and granddaughter of two of St. John's Senior Wardens.

Guild of Ephphatha Episcopal Mission of Detroit



The above picture is a group of the new officers of the Guild of Ephphatha Episcopal Mission elected April 2nd, 1920. All of the above ladies are graduates of the Michigan State School for the Deaf at Flint, except Mrs. R. Jones, who comes from Columbus, Ohio. They are: President, Mrs. R. Stark; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Menzie; Secretary, Mrs. A. K. Schneider; Treasurer, Mrs. P. Polk; Treasurer of the Holiday Fund, Mrs. R. Jones; Board of Trustees, Mrs. G. E. M. Nelson, Chairman; Mrs. J. Henderson, Mrs. R. H. MacLachlan. On March 28th, the Mission also elected new officers for the ensuing year. They are: President, Walter Carl; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Nelson; Secretary, Fred Ryan; Treasurer, J. Henderson; Board of Trustees, Rion Hoel, Chairman; J. Menzie, Peter McNulty.

Today we have a Welcome Back Fellowship Luncheon in the Undercroft after the 10 AM Service. The Full Choir and the Sunday School are back in session for the academic year.

Next Sunday, God willing, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross, and the following Sunday is the Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, with the baptism of Victor Morley Stevenson.



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 SEPTEMBER 7—SEPTEMBER 14

Sunday 9/7 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour Evening Prayer
Monday 9/8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Tuesday 9/9 St. Peter Claver, d. 1654 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
Wednesday 9/10	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Thursday 9/11	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion and Benediction Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Friday 9/12	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
Saturday 9/13	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 9/14 FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) 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 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

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

SUNDAY	139	Ecclus. 15:11 Phil. 2:12–18
Monday	107:1–16	2 Sam. 6:12–15, 17–19 Luke 23:13–25
Tuesday	115	2 Sam. 7:1–11, 16–17 Luke 23:26–38
Wednesday	125, 127, 130	2 Sam. 7:18 Luke 23:39–49
Thursday	137:1–6 & 138	2 Sam. 9:1–9, 13 Luke 23:50–24:12
Friday	142, 143	2 Sam. 11:1–13 Luke 24:13–35
Saturday	147	2 Sam. 11:14 Luke 24:36

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	27	Tobit 13:1b–5, 7–11 Rom. 15:14–21
Monday	111, 114	Zeph. 1:2–3, 7, 14–18 Rom. 12
Tuesday	116	Zeph. 3:1–8 Rom. 13
Wednesday	121, 123, 124	Zeph. 3:9 Rom. 14:1–12
Thursday	144	Ecclus. 1:1–10 Rom. 14:13
Friday	145	Ecclus. 1:11–20, 26–27 Rom. 15:1–16
Saturday	148, 150	Ecclus. 2 Rom. 15:17

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

WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS**ST. JOHN’S backlit signs -**

need 1 more at \$7500 each

(will be on the sides of the ministry center, visible from the freeway and by those walking to/from Comerica Park.)

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.

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

September 7

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
Adrian 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

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September 14

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

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

Not just for worship!

In 1925, the Annual Parish Report notes that during a week's time the old Parish Hall building hosted over 800 people for Sunday School for Youth and Adults, classes for a local Armenian congregation, sports groups (it had a gym) and even the YWCA was founded at and hosted in our building.

This tradition continues today. Our building is used for meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous four days a week. Local Homeowners Associations meet here as do some of our Outreach Giving partners such as Keep Growing Detroit, who has meetings here and uses our kitchen to prepare meals for events at their location.

Various college "alternative spring break" groups use our building for housing as they do social service work in the community. The 13th District Republican Committee meets here and we hosted the 13th District Democrats here in the recent past as well.

Some outside groups have come and gone. Pro-literacy Detroit met here for years until they moved into a new larger office space with room for training. There was a home school co-op meeting here for a period of time, as well as an autism support group.

Other groups that have used the building have included NFL films – as their offices during the Super Bowl, various movie and TV commercial crews – for feeding and preparations, and local elected officials for town hall meetings.

Also of note is that due to its outstanding acoustics, the sanctuary was used a few years ago to record a portion of the gospel choir background music vocals for the highly successful Chrysler "Imported from Detroit" commercials. We also host concerts for a variety of performing arts groups such as the Detroit Concert Choir and Cass Tech High School Chorus.

We maintain our buildings not only for our use for worship, education, and fellowship on Sundays, but also as an outreach ministry and service tool to the community around us.

We are grateful for the goodly heritage of our facilities, and for your generous support of their upkeep.

~ 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 7:

Diocese of Southern Malawi: The Rt Revd Alinafe Kalemba; Diocese of the Upper Shire: The Rt Revd Brighton Vitta Malasa, The Rt Revd Jackson C. Biggers, assisting; St. Luke's Hospital

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; The Diocese of Okinawa—The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; The Diocese of Oklahoma—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Okrika—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Oleh—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Olo—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Olympia—The Episcopal Church

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Lansing—St. Paul's

Jimani, DR—St. Paul the Apostle

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., Gail W., Gordon D., George W., Helene W., Jessica W., Jim Z., Julie B., Lawrence A., MJ B., Michael Z., Michael P., Paul M., Rexina M., Robert H., Sabrina H., Sandra Z., Sandy D., Carl P., 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:

Sarah Jane Laing	September 7, 1937
Nellie M. Jankowski	September 7, 1955
Margaret Ethel Broker	September 8, 2019
Harold G. Murray	September 8, 1962
Ralph E. Keller	September 9, 1964
Christopher Brian Clements	September 9, 1981
Roy W. Rundell	September 10, 1953
Margaret P. Snyder	September 10, 1998
Charles A. Bray	September 11, 1956
Margaret J. Cook	September 11, 1998
Susan Gibson Raisch	September 12, 2022
Eleanor Jackson Tuttle	September 12, 2021
Helen Martin	September 13, 1956
Catherine R. Kaiser	September 13, 1961

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

September 8

Grayson Brock

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

September 8

Henry & Stella Heatley

