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## St. John's Church

# The Parish Chronicle

December 7, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



### Rector's Rambling

Last week we got Advent off to an rough start with a Saturday night, Sunday morning snow storm. In my 25th Advent here at St. John's we most often find issues with snow on the 3rd Sunday in Advent. I am grateful for those who were able to make it last week, especially those from the city and east side where accumulations were much lower. Several people contacted me about how nice it was to be able to watch the livestream since they were unable to attend. The forecast for today gives me hope that we will see a better attendance this week.

Today we are beginning our class on Anglican Christianity. Using Fr. Louis Tarsitano's book *An Outline of an Anglican Life* we will look into topics such as the church, sin, salvation and grace, the sacraments, the Bible and the Prayer Book. We have copies of the text book available but you can attend, there will be outlines distributed each week, even if you are not reading the text book. We are planning on meeting this week and next, and then take off two weeks before resuming January 4th. We will begin

after a short period of socializing at the coffee hour after the 10 AM Service.

Thanks be to God for yesterday's Advent Tea sponsored by the Daughters of the King here at St. John's. Next Sunday evening we are having our 5:30 Service and lighting of the new Garden Tree, with a cookie reception to follow. Friday the 21st we will have the pre-greening of the church, and on Sunday we will finish decorating it after the Advent Soup Luncheon after the 10 AM Service.

Mark your calendars.

And of course now is the time to start thinking about who you are inviting for Christmas.





## 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 DECEMBER 7—DECEMBER 14

<b>Sunday</b> 12/7 <b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>	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
<b>Monday</b> 12/8 Conception 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
<b>Tuesday</b> 12/9 St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b> 12/10	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
<b>Thursday</b> 12/11	7:00 A 10:30 A  4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion and Benediction Evening Prayer AA Meeting
<b>Friday</b> 12/12	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
<b>Saturday</b> 12/13 St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr 304 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
<b>Sunday</b> 12/14 <b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>	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](http://www.StJohnsDetroit.org)



**Collect for the Second Sunday in Advent**

**B**LESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

SUNDAY	25	Isa. 52:1–10 Luke 1:26–56
Monday	33	Isa. 8:5–8, 11–20 Mark 2:23–3:6
Tuesday	48	Isa. 9:18–10:4 Mark 3:7–19
Wednesday	50	Isa. 11:1–10 Mark 3:20
Thursday	62, 63	Isa. 13:1–5, 17–22 Mark 4:1–20
Friday	73	Isa. 24:16b Mark 4:21–29
Saturday	80	Isa. 28:1–13 Mark 4:30

**Evening Prayer**

SUNDAY	119:89–104	Amos 3:1–8 1 Thess. 2:1–13
Monday	42, 43	Isa. 9:8–17 Rev. 11:15
Tuesday	46, 47	Isa. 10:5–7, 13–21 Rev. 12:1–12
Wednesday	49	Isa. 12 Rev. 13:1–10
Thursday	66	Isa. 13:6–15 Rev. 14:1–13
Friday	77	Isa. 26:11–19 Rev. 15
Saturday	65	Isa. 28:14–22 Rev. 18:1–10

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

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

5 new Holy Water Stoops for Church and Chapel  
\$200 each

**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

Thursday @ 10:30 AM

**Evening Prayer**

Monday through Wednesday @ 4:00 PM

**Christian Education** – Sunday School 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.

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

### December 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  
Chelsea Hutchens

#### 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

### December 14

#### Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz  
S – C. Stevenson

#### Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock  
Denise Grime

#### 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

*Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.*

¶ This Collect is to be repeated every day, after the other Collects in Advent, until Christmas Day.

The “Collects” are those collected prayers of the Church, gathered and ordered over the centuries, that express the intentions of the people to God. Some Collects, such as the Collect for Purity said at the beginning of every Communion Service (“Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known...”) are very ancient. The Collects appointed for each Sunday of the year in the Propers (the appointed prayers and readings for Sundays and Holy Days) in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer are English translations of those of the ancient Western Liturgies codified in the old Latin Mass. Other newer Collects are added and supplemented as necessary. The Collects appointed for the day set the theme or tone for the worship of that day.

Some Collects not only set the tone for the day, but for an “octave” – that day and the seven days following for major Feasts such as All Saints’ Day. Other collects set the tone for an entire season.

The Collect for the First Sunday in Advent is one of those “All Season” Collects. It is intended to be said daily between that first Sunday and until Christmas (the next season). At Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Communion services, this Collect is said after the collect that might be appointed for that day. It is a daily reminder that, for the Season of Advent, we are to put away darkness (sin) and put on the armor of light (God’s righteousness), in preparation for the upcoming celebration of his Nativity (Christmas), *and* we are to do this in anticipation of his return in glorious majesty to judge the quick (the living) and the dead.

Even if you do not pray Morning and/or Evening Prayer every day from the prayer book (you can and are encouraged to do so) you may still recite this Collect every day in your own personal moments of prayer.

~ 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 December 7:**

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**

*Second Sunday in Advent: The Church of Bangladesh; The Diocese of Ruwenzori—The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of East Ruwenzori—The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of South Ruwenzori—The Church of the Province of Uganda; The Diocese of Sabah—Church of the Province of South East Asia; The Diocese of Sabongidda—Ora—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Sacred Circle—The Anglican Church of Canada*

**Episcopal Diocese of Michigan**

Bloomfield Hills—Christ Church Cranbrook

Nizao, DR.—St. Matthew's

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS****December 7**

Durene Brown

**This Week's ANNIVERSARIES****December 10**

John & Tracy McAllister

**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:**

Lawrence M. Upham	December 7, 1970
Ralph V. Burke	December 7, 1972
Tunis Edwin Stinson	December 8, 1961
Gladys Samples	December 8, 1978
Mary A. Selig	December 9, 1955
John W. Cherry, Jr.	December 9, 1958
Lucretia A. Berdan	December 10, 1986
Mary Maybury Weber	December 10, 1998
Clinton M. Ripley	December 11, 1943
Katherine Speaker	December 11, 1943
Doris Marie Graham	December 12, 2013
Daniel Bateman	December 12, 2017
Rufus Perry	December 13, 1970
Kathleen Duncan McNab	December 13, 2004