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## St. John's Church

# The Parish Chronicle

November 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



### Rector's Rambling

Welcome to the Church New Year. Since our Lord has not returned in the past 12 months, we begin once again the cycle of the liturgical calendar, which starts with the season of Advent.

This is not a season of pre-Christmas, although there is an theological aspect of looking at the prophecies foretelling the coming of a Saviour. I have come to accept that the local radio channels will start playing Christmas Music on November 1, whether I agree or not, and even that some of that music may leak into my house as well. But theologically the church is not there yet.

We begin the year with what, I am sure I will mention in the sermon, is the observance of the "already and not yet". We are looking back at that which has already happened, the fulfillment of God to the people of Israel to send a Saviour. That Saviour, of course, is Jesus Christ. We know that God is faithful in fulfilling his promises, and looking back we can

see that He has done just that.

Convinced that God is faithful in keeping His promises, we will also be looking at the "not yet" of Jesus' return in glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead (as we say every week in the Nicene Creed). Jesus is coming back, as He promised, and a part of the Advent observance is making sure that we are both convinced that He is Lord, and more personally that He is our own Lord, and that we are prepared spiritually to meet him. That means we are striving to be in a "state of grace" by repenting of our sins and seeking to follow Him and live as He would have us live.

So Happy New Year! Perhaps a resolution or two are in order? More disciplined about daily prayer, attendance at Church every Sunday unless hindered by illness or only the most urgent matter, attending a Mass during the week or Evening Prayer on Wednesday at St. John's, reaching out to others to share your love for Our Lord and His Church – these are all great ways to get off to a good start in the new Church year!



## 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 NOVEMBER 30—DECEMBER 7

<b>Sunday</b> 11/30 <b>FIRST 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> 12/1 ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> 12/2	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b> 12/3 St. Francis Xavier 1552 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
<b>Thursday</b> 12/4 St. Clement of Alexandria B.C.D. 215 A.D.	7:00 A 10:30 A  5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion and Benediction AA Meeting
<b>Friday</b> 12/5 St. Sabas, Archbishop 532 A.D.	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
<b>Saturday</b> 12/6 St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, 342 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
<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) 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)



**The Collect for the First Sunday in Advent**

**A**lmighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor 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 DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)\*****Morning Prayer**

SUNDAY	50	Mal. 3:1–6 & 4:4–6 Luke 1:5–25
Monday	1, 3	Isa. 1:1–9 Mark 1:1–13
Tuesday	7	Isa. 1:21–28 Mark 1:14–28
Wednesday	9	Isa. 2:6–19 Mark 1:29–39
Thursday	10	Isa. 4:2 Mark 1:40
Friday	22	Isa. 5:8–29 Mark 2:1–12
Saturday	28, 29	Isa. 7:1–9 Mark 2:13–22

**Evening Prayer**

SUNDAY	48, 126	Isa. 62 Matt. 25:1–13
Monday	4, 8	Isa. 1:10–20 Rev. 3:14
Tuesday	11, 12	Isa. 2:1–5 Rev. 4
Wednesday	15, 19	Isa. 3:1–3, 8–15 Rev. 5
Thursday	24, 30	Isa. 5:1–7 Rev. 6:1–11
Friday	6, 13	Isa. 6:1–11 Rev. 7:1–4, 9–17
Saturday	27	Isa. 7:10–20 Rev. 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

### November 30

#### Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz  
S – C. Stevenson

#### Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock  
Elizabeth Savage

#### Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell  
Morley Stevenson  
Suzanne Nicholson

#### 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 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

### 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

### *How to pray the Daily Office*

There is no better habit to start than that of praying the Daily Office! The Daily Office was designed so that *everyone* could be praying at home or at Church. You will need a 1928 Book of Common Prayer (BCP, available from the ushers) and a Bible, and optionally a copy of each week's Chronicle to follow the appointed daily lessons (called a Lectionary, which is also in the BCP).

Items with \* are optional.

The Lectionary is the front of the prayer book and also in *The Parish Chronicle*

MP=Morning Prayer page EP=Evening Prayer page

*The Sentences* (choose one or two)\*

MP 3–5      EP 22, 23

*Confession, Absolution\**

MP 5–7      EP 23, 24

Lord's Prayer (\*if said later)

MP 7      EP 24

Preces ("O Lord, open thou our lips...")

MP 7      EP 25

Venite (MP only)

MP 9

Psalm – See Lectionary

*First Reading* – See Lectionary

*First Cantic* – Choose one

MP 10–4      EP – The Magnificat, 26

*Second Reading* – See Lectionary

*Second Cantic* – Choose another

MP 10–14      EP – Nunc Dimittis, 28

*Apostles Creed*

MP 15      EP 29

Lord's Prayer (if not said earlier)

MP 16      EP 30

*Versicles and Responses*

MP 16      EP 31

*Collect from Sunday* – See bulletin

*Collect for Peace and Grace/Aid*

MP 17      EP 31

Any other Collects you would like\*

*General Thanksgiving\**

MP 19      EP 33

*The Grace*

MP 20      EP 34



**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 November 30:**

Retired Bishops of Malawi: Bishop Biggers, Bishop Tengatenga, Bishop Arden, Bishop Boyle; Diocese of Zomba

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

*First Sunday in Advent: The Anglican Church of Australia; The Diocese of Ruaha—The Anglican Church of Tanzania; The Diocese of Rumbek—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Rumonge—The Anglican Church of Burundi; The Diocese of Rupert's Land—The Anglican Church of Canada; The Diocese of Rutana—The Anglican Church of Burundi; The Diocese of Ruvuma—The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

**Episcopal Diocese of Michigan**

Ann Arbor—Canterbury House

Mendoza, DR—St. Ann's

San Francisco, DR—Good Samaritan

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

**December 3**  
James Burton

**This Week's ANNIVERSARIES**

**Have you given us your  
Anniversary date?**

**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:**

Theodore Peck	November 30, 1964
Dr. William Doss, Jr.	November 30, 1982
Ada Gray Williams	December 1, 1955
Alfred L. Williams	December 1, 1955
Clara H. Murray	December 2, 1972
William Priestman Thorpe, Jr.	December 2, 2012
Gertrude Johnson	December 3, 1987
Bertine Kane	December 3, 1996
Enid E. Towar	December 4, 1973
Joanne Theresa Biscorner	December 4, 2020
Edward W. Klein	December 5, 1968
Elizabeth Reynolds	December 5, 1970
Laura J. Doremus	December 6, 1975
Gail Seitz	December 6, 1996