



St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

April 19, 2026

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
(GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)

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Rector's Rambling

Although we are primarily focusing on the Resurrection this Eastertide, we also have the opportunity to look at a variety of Saints this month particularly some notable ones this week.

Today, if it weren't Sunday in Eastertide, we could be commemorating the Feast of St. Alphege. An Archbishop of Canterbury during the time of the viking invasions in the 10th and 11th centuries, he negotiated a peace treaty between King Aethelred and the Norse King Olaf Tryggvason in 994. In 1011 he was captured by the invading Danes. According to the Episcopal Church's Lesser Feasts and Fasts, St. Alphege refused to allow the people to collect money to ransom him. The Danes beat him to death, eventually dispatching his soul to heaven with a blow to the head with an axe-iron in 1012.

April 21 is the Feast of St. Anselm, another Archbishop of Canterbury about a century later. Italian by birth, he became a monk in France (Normandy) and eventually Archbishop of Canterbury. He is best known for his disagreements with the King over the rights of the Church in England, and for what is known as the Ontological Argument for the existence of God. In a nutshell, "God is that than which nothing greater can be thought." and that God can be said to exist in reality as well as in the intellect, but not dependent upon the material world for verification." (LFF, p. 224). He is also known for the phrase "faith seeking understanding" "I do not

seek to understand that I may believe, but I believe in order that I may understand. For this, too, I believe, that unless I first believe, I shall not understand" (LFF . 224).

On Thursday the 23rd we celebrate the Feast of St. George, the Holy Protector of England (Edward the Confessor being the Patron Saint of England). Little is known historically about St. George other than his martyrdom in Palestine about the year 303. to him was deeply held in the East as a patron protector of soldiers, and the knights from the west brought that cultus back to the west as a result of the crusades.



The Flag of St. George, a white field with a red cross, is the flag of England, and the basis of the heraldry of our denomination. One flies this week on the flagpole behind the ministry center.

Saturday is the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist. Author of the Gospel in his name, it is attributed as the teaching of St. Peter. Mark appears in several places in the New Testament, including Acts of the Apostles and St. Paul's letter to the Colossians and St. Peter's 1st Epistle.

He is believed to have been the bishop of Alexandria in Egypt and there was martyred for the faith.



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 APRIL 19—APRIL 26

Sunday 4/19 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Sunday School Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer

Monday 4/20 St. Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1012 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
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Tuesday 4/21 St. Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
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Wednesday 4/22	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
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Thursday 4/23 St. George, Martyr, c. 303 A.D.	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
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Friday 4/24	7:00 A 11:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting AA Meeting
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Saturday 4/25 ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
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Sunday 4/26 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 9:30 A 10:00 A 11:15 A	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Brass Prelude Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer

*NOTE: The Chronicle went to the printer last Tuesday. Calendar **updates or changes** can be found at www.StJohnsDetroit.org*

Collect – The Second Sunday after Easter

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	23, 146	Isa. 40:1–11 John 10:1–10
Monday	49	Exod. 17:8 Heb. 6:1–12
Tuesday	50	Exod. 18:1–12 Heb. 6:13
Wednesday	63	Exod. 18:13 Heb. 7:1–11
Thursday	66	Exod. 19:1–7, 16–20 Heb. 7:12
Friday	51	Exod. 20:1–21 Heb. 8
Saturday	72	Exod. 24:1–11, 16–18 Heb. 9:1–14

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	145	Ezek. 34:11–16, 30–31 John 21:1–19
Monday	47, 48	Isa. 43:8–13 1 Pet. 3:13
Tuesday	61, 62	Isa. 43:15–21 & 44:1–3 1 Pet. 4:1–6
Wednesday	65	Isa. 44:6–8, 21–23 1 Pet. 4:7–11
Thursday	71	Isa. 44:9–20 1 Pet. 4:12
Friday	73	Isa. 44:24–45:4 1 Pet. 5:1–7
Saturday	33	Isa. 45:5–12, 15* <i>If there is no “ending” verse listed, then read to the end of the chapter.</i>

WISH LIST – PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS

New items coming 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
Thursday @ 10:30 AM

Evening Prayer

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

Christian Education – Sunday School at 10 AM

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 - The lot next to St. John’s is leased to Olympia Development, and we have use of it only for our church related events. We do not have the ability to give permission to park there for events at Comerica Park, Little Caesars Arena, Ford Field, or the local theatres.

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

April 19

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Nancy Donnelly
Suzanne Porter
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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April 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
Chelsea Hutchins

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 2027

Jared Moody Pat Walter
Helene Waters

Terms expire January 2028

Cynthia Edwards Peter Grim
Morley Stevenson

Terms expire January 2028

Durene Brown Charles Roby
Renee Peck

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

Good Shepherd Sunday

Continuing our Easter celebration (Easter is 40 days, just like Lent was 40 days), we have now come to Good Shepherd Sunday.

As a city/suburban boy, the idea of a shepherd is not an every day reality for me. But it certainly was for Jesus and for most living in Palestine during the time of Jesus' earthly ministry. Even those who lived in a big city like Jerusalem (which compared to today's big cities was quite small) would have experienced shepherds, or even had members of the family who were shepherds.

Journalist and historian Paul Johnson published a book called *Jesus: A biography from a believer* (Viking Press, 2010). I heard a



radio interview with him in which he engages in some speculative history. Musing about those years between ages 12 and 30, when we have no gospel account of Jesus' life, Johnson hypothesizes that perhaps Jesus himself spent some time as a shepherd.

Although I have heard some awful theories about those hidden years (the worst being that he went to India to learn tantric magic to use for healing ministry), Johnson's thoughts are backed up with some loving care and discernment. The tender way that Jesus speaks of shepherds, and their care and concern for their flocks, leads Johnson to theorize that Jesus speaks from some experience with caring for the sheep.

Whether or not Paul Johnson is correct about those hidden years, we do know that Jesus holds up the shepherd as an example of one who cares for his sheep, and is willing to even give his life for them. Jesus himself is the Good Shepherd, and the word "pastor" comes from the Latin word for shepherd. It is a fine reminder to those of us who are clergy that we are called to not be hirelings (who care not for the sheep), but to be shepherds to the congregations committed to our care.

~ 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 April 19:
Diocese of Lake Malawi—The Rt Revd Francis Kaulanda; Leonard Kamungu Theological College; Diocese of Karonga; St. Ann's Hospital

Anglican Cycle of Prayer
The Second Sunday after Easter: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma); The Diocese of Wau—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Wellington—The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; The Diocese of Wernyol—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Wiawso—The Church of the Province of West Africa; The Diocese of Willochra—The Anglican Church of Australia; The Diocese of Winchester—The Church of England

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

- Lansing—St. Michael's
- Brighton—St. Paul's
- Puerto Plata, DR—Christ the King 8,

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



April 20
Greg Oates

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., 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:

Clarence Charles Green	April 12, 1966
Evelyn Hanson	April 12, 1977
Baby Cherian	April 13, 1975
Mary H. Lewis	April 13, 1985
Marie Isabel Kloty	April 14, 1981
Robin Blaine Dalby	April 14, 2021
John DePalma	April 15, 1962
George R. Penniman	April 15, 1970
Alton C. Gibov	April 16, 1955
Phyllis E. Likas	April 16, 2006
Harold McAllanon	April 17, 1980
William J. Frisby, Jr.	April 17, 1990
Lotta Parrish	April 18, 1962
Joseph P. Frisby	April 18, 1972