



St. John's Church

# The Parish Chronicle

April 26, 2026

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

## Directory

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Fr. Steven J. Kelly, SSC

## Assisting Priest Emeritus

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Dr. Huw R. Lewis, FRCO

## Edwards Organ Scholar

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## Ministry & Staff

### Office Manager

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### Senior Warden

Peter Grim

### Junior Warden

Pat Walter

### Treasurer

Jared Moody

### Acolyte Master

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### Altar Guild Directress

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### Armitage Men's Club

Pat Walter

### Daughters of the King

Lena Nealley

### Episcopal Church Women

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### Lectors Guild

Brian Campbell

### Outreach Committee Chair

Debbie Swain and Chris Golembiewski

### Usher Captains

John Barge & Peter Grim



## Rector's Rambling

In addition to our continuing celebration of The Resurrection of Jesus Christ during this 40 day season we call Eastertide, we have a special celebration today. Today we celebrate the 97th birthday of our beloved Fr. Michael Bedford!

1929 will most likely be remembered for the great stock market crash on October 29th. At that momentous time in our history Fr. Mike was 6 months old! He spent time in his childhood in England, we we have been privy to his wonderful presentation on living there during the bombing during World War II, including being evacuated to the countryside along with his schoolmates for their safety.

Returning to the United States, he met Mary and married her in 1951. He made his way to Metro Detroit where he had secular employment, and he and Mary raised seven children. In 1976, Fr. Mike was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church, and in 1982 was ordained a priest. He served as the Rector of St. Elizabeth's Church in Redford until 1996. After his retirement there, he and Mary began attending St. John's and helping at the altar. After the retirement of Fr. Kim, Fr. Mike served in various roles assisting the interim priest and also being the supply priest before and after Fr. Leovy's time here.

My first 'encounter with Fr. Mike was when I was in seminary at Nashotah House and his parish sent money to my bishop to support seminarians, of which I

was one of the recipients. Afterwards we met as fellow members of the Society of the Holy Cross (SSC).

When I arrived in 2001 at St. John's, Fr. Mike called to ask if I thought it was okay for he and Mary to continue attending St. John's. It is customary for interim or supply clergy to step back when the new priest arrives. Not only was it okay with me, but I asked him to vest and help at the altar, which he did for many years! He retired again several times, but we are so happy that he has continued with us throughout!

Mary passed away in 2014 at the age of 91, and she is deeply missed. Shortly before Mass I always do a quick check to make sure my vestments aren't discombobulated in the back, something Mary always did for Fr. Mike and I on our way into church for Mass.

Happiest of birthdays to Fr. Mike! Be sure to join us downstairs for a luncheon celebration!





## 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 26—MAY 3

<b>Sunday</b> 4/26 <b>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER</b>	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

<b>Monday</b> 4/27	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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<b>Tuesday</b> 4/28 S	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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<b>Wednesday</b> 4/29	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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<b>Thursday</b> 4/30 St. Catherine of Siena 1380 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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<b>Friday</b> 5/1 ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES, APOSTLES	7:00 A 11:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting AA Meeting
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<b>Saturday</b> 5/2 St. Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria d. 373 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
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<b>Sunday</b> 5/3 <b>FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER</b>	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](http://www.StJohnsDetroit.org)*

## Collect – The Third Sunday after Easter

**A**LMIGHTY God, who showest to them that are in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)\*

#### Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	36:5 & 138	2 Sam. 12:15b–23 John 14:1–14
Monday	85	Exod. 25:1–11, 17–22 Heb. 9:15
Tuesday	86	Exod. 28:1–4, 29–38 Heb. 10:1–14
Wednesday	89:1–19	Exod. 32:1–7, 15–20 Heb. 10:15–25
Thursday	91	Exod. 32:21–24, 30–34 Heb. 10:26
Friday	94	Exod. 33:7 Heb. 11:1–16
Saturday	99, 100	Exod. 34:1–10, 29–35 Heb. 11:17–31

#### Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	68:1–20	Isa. 26:12–16, 19 2 Cor. 5
Monday	77	Isa. 45:20 Eph. 1:1–14
Tuesday	84, 117	Isa. 46:3–4, 9–13 Eph. 1:15
Wednesday	90	Isa. 48:12–21 Eph. 2:1–10
Thursday	97, 98	Isa. 49:1–12 Eph. 2:11
Friday	103	Isa. 49:13–23 Eph. 3:1–12
Saturday	23, 30	Isa. 50:4–10 Eph. 3:13

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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 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 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  
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

Coffee Hour

### May 3

#### 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  
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

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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

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#### *Terms expire January 2027*

Jared Moody                      Pat Walter  
Helene Waters

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#### *Terms expire January 2028*

Cynthia Edwards              Peter Grim  
Morley Stevenson

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#### *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 Ministry Notes

### Support for Malawi

For over 30 years St. John's has been active in supporting the ministry of the Anglican Church in Malawi, Central Africa.

Begun as support of Bishop Jackson Biggers and the Diocese of Northern Malawi, we have also been active in supporting the ministry of the Community of St. Mary and their work with orphans, and with the direct support of widows through the ministry of Bishop Biggers. Now we are supporting the Bishop Biggers School.



Regular gifts and offerings are made to support this ministry, as well as designated gifts. Twice a year, the St. Catherine's Guild of the Episcopal Church Women have dedicated their Thankfulness Ingathering to the work of the Church in Malawi. Generally about Mothers Day and All Saints Sundays these are dedicated to these two special collections.

Please be generous in your support of this worthy cause to further the faith in Central Africa. Your donation goes a long way to educate and house the students and, care for the widows, orphans, and poor, and the other needs of the Church.



**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 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 Third Sunday after Easter: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Windward Islands—The Church in the Province of the West Indies; The Diocese of Wondurba—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Worcester—The Church of England; The Diocese of Wulu—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Wusasa—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Wyoming—The Episcopal Church*

**Episcopal Diocese of Michigan**

Brooklyn—All Saints'

Cambridge Junction/Onsted—St. Michael & All Angels

Bonao, DR—St. John the Baptist

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**



**April 26**

Fr. Mike Bedford

**April 27**

Libby Schudel

**April 28**

Adrian Leskiw  
Sally Werenski

**April 29**

Denise Grim

**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:**

Nora Hoyt	April 26, 1986
Albert C. Toland	April 26, 1993
Ernest W. Boulton	April 27, 1988
Thomas J. Frisby +	April 27, 1998
Robert G. Henrion	April 28, 1955
Arthur G. Crocker	April 28, 1965
August M. Stocker	April 29, 1947
Clara M. Zabrinskie	April 29, 1952
Jessie Salmon	April 30, 1970
Fred Weber	April 30, 1970
Dwight Wtkins	May 1, 2006
Carl Ray Balduf	May 1, 2023
James D. Standish, Jr.	May 2, 1961
Marguerite Browning	May 2, 1976