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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

March 29, 2026

EASTER DAY



Rector's Rambling

Alleluia!

Christ is Risen!

The Lord is Risen indeed!

Alleluia!

This is our Easter Proclamation as we celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death. What a wonderful statement of faith, which is absolutely essential and central to who we are as members of the Body of Christ, the Church. His Resurrection is an absolute basic requirement for belief, along with our statement that Jesus Christ is Lord!

This past week we have had a glorious journey, starting with Palm Sunday. There we celebrated Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, being welcomed with cries of "Hosanna to the Son of David." Surely this would be the great king who would throw off the yoke of Roman oppression. But his kingship was not to be of this world. On Thursday he had his Passover celebration with the apostles where he took that meal and with it instituted the Blessed Sacrament of His own Body and Blood. From there he is

arrested, tried, and as we commemorated on Good Friday, was put to death.

Today we celebrate His Resurrection!

Welcome to St. John's Church. We give thanks for the many people who make St. John's their High Holy Day destination, and for those worshipping with us for the first time. Easter is a grand day, especially with the brass accompanying the choir. The flowers are glorious, and it is always wonderful to see the Easter joy on each other's faces!

The other 51 Sundays a year are also a celebration of the Resurrection—the reason we worship on Sundays! Although we won't have the brass each week, the choir leads us in sublime worship as we work our way through the Liturgical Year. We work our way through Eastertide, Trinitytide, Advent, Christmastide, Epiphanytide and then back to pre-Lent and Lent! Each season and each week has a different emphasis, teaching us about Our Lord and His Will for us.

He is Risen! Let us rejoice today, and each week of this 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 APRIL 5—APRIL 12

Sunday 4/5 EASTER DAY	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Sunday School Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour
<i>No Evening Prayer today</i>		

Monday 4/6 MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK	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 4/7 TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK	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 4/8 Of the Octave	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 4/9 Of The Octave	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 4/10 Of the Octave	7:00 A 11:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting AA Meeting
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Saturday 4/11 Of the Octave	7:00 A 6:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Easter Vigil Service
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Sunday 4/12 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 9:30 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Brass Prelude Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour Evening Prayer
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*NOTE: The Chronicle went to the printer last Tuesday. Calendar **updates or changes** can be found at www.StJohnsDetroit.org*

The Collect for Easter Day

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

¶ This Collect is to be said daily throughout Easter Week

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

EASTER DAY	93, 111	Isa. 25:1–9 Matt. 28:1–10, 16–20
Easter Monday	2	Isa. 61:1–3, 10–11 Luke 24:1–12
Easter Tuesday	30	Dan. 12:1–4, 13 1 Thess. 4:13
Wednesday	97, 99	Micah 7:7–9, 18–20 1 Tim. 6:11–19
Thursday	149, 150	Ezek. 37:1–14 Phil. 3:7
Friday	124, 125, 126	Isa. 65:17 Rev. 1:4–18
Saturday	145	Isa. 25:1–9 Rev. 7:9

Evening Prayer

EASTER DAY	98, 114	Isa. 51:9–16 Luke 24:13–35
Easter Monday	103	Exod. 15:1–13 John 20:1–10
Easter Tuesday	115	Isa. 30:18–21 John 20:11–18
Wednesday	148	Isa. 26:12–16, 19 John 20:19–23
Thursday	147	Isa. 52:1–10 John 20:24
Friday	110, 114	Zeph. 3:14 John 21:1–14
Saturday	18:1–20	Jer. 31:10–14 John 21:15

* 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

No Evening Prayer today. but resumes next week. 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

Next week Thursday Mass moves to 9 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 5

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
Tom Edwards

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

April 12

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Melody Huffer

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Suzanne Nicholson
Pam Beeghly
Elizabeth Savage

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 Teach Notes

Seven Stanzas at Easter

Make no mistake: if He rose at all
it was as His body;
if the cells' dissolution did not reverse, the molecules
reknit, the amino acids rekindle,
the Church will fall.

It was not as the flowers,
each soft Spring recurrent;
it was not as His Spirit in the mouths and fuddled
eyes of the eleven apostles;
it was as His Flesh: ours.

The same hinged thumbs and toes,
the same valved heart
that — pierced — died, withered, paused, and then
regathered out of enduring Might
new strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with metaphor,
analogy, sidestepping transcendence;
making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the
faded credulity of earlier ages:
let us walk through the door.

The stone is rolled back, not papier-mache,
not a stone in a story,
but the vast rock of materiality that in the slow
grinding of time will eclipse for each of us
the wide light of day.

And if we will have an angel at the tomb,
make it a real angel,
weighty with Max Planck's quanta, vivid with hair,
opaque in the dawn light, robed in real linen
spun on a definite loom..

Let us not seek to make it less monstrous,
for our own convenience, our own sense of beauty,
lest, awakened in one unthinkable hour, we are
embarrassed by the miracle,
and crushed by remonstrance.

*John Updike
1932—2009
Episcopalian Layman*

**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 5:

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

Easter Day: La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico; The Diocese of Southwestern Virginia—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of West Virginia—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Wad Medani—Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; The Diocese of Waiapu—The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; The Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki—The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; Te Pihopatanga o Te Waipounamu—The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Jackson—St. Paul's
San Marcos, DR—St. Simon's
San Cristobal, DR—St. Michael's

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



April 7

Henry Heatley

April 9

Dennis Lennox

April 12

Alan Nealley, Sr.

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:

Claude J. Trace	April 5, 1962
Donald R. Wilson	April 5, 2007
Marie Sutton	April 6, 1969
Marshall E. Taylor	April 6, 1975
Standon Redding	April 7, 1971
Donald R. William	April 7, 2005
Ethel May Bond	April 8, 1977
John McKenzie	April 8, 1979
George Goggill	April 9, 1988
Elizabeth Ann Turner	April 9, 2015
Herbert Spicer	April 10, 1968
Harvey Allan Jackson	April 10, 1979
Clara M. Doty	April 11, 1962
Robert Earl Delaney	April 11, 2016