



St. John's Church

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THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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Rector's Rambling

Last week we had the wonderful occasion of the baptism of five of the Wilson children; Leonardo, Lot, Levi, Luke, and Leah. And what a great moment of grace it was. I got pretty emotional seeing their faces all aglow as they held their candles, smiles from ear to ear! We are grateful to have them, as well as mom and day Leo and Shay and daughter Kiylah as members of St. John's



Last week in this column I wrote about welcoming newcomers into our midst. We get a lot of visitors to St. John's who come to us out of curiosity because they have seen the building, read something online, or follow us on social media. It is always interesting when I meet someone at the end of the service visiting from out of state who say that they have watched our worship and Daily Morning Meditations online and wanted to visit while in town for another reason. Others, as I mentioned, find us via google because they are looking for a specific kind of traditional Anglican/Episcopal/Anglo-catholic church that uses the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. This is that place in Metro Detroit.

Liturgy, how we worship, is a vital part of our identity. And St. John's is unique in its continued use of the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. Newer liturgies have been published since then and are in use around the rest of the denomination. We are now the only parish left in this diocese using the traditional form.

In my first interview with the Search Committee for this parish, I asked them why they continued to use the old prayer book. I was looking for a specific type of answer, and Libby Schudel, on the other end of the phone with the committee, gave that answer. "It best expresses the faith that we believe at St. John's.". That was the answer I was looking for! Not a litany of the deficiencies of the newer liturgies, but a positive affirmation of the faith once delivered to the saints and expressed in the prayer book tradition as embodied in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

In addition to the faith that is expressed in the Prayer Book Tradition, our worship is best classified at Anglo-catholic. Every Sunday we profess during the Nicene and Apostles Creed that we believe the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. Our worship supports and highlights the catholic teaching that we profess to believe and is embodied in the traditional Anglican formularies. There is an old adage *Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi*—the Law of Prayer is the Law of Belief. In other words it's prayer (and worship) that forms and encourages our belief system.

Being regular in the use of the Prayer Book for worship and prayer helps to form us in right belief!



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 AUGUST 9—AUGUST 16

Sunday 8/9 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour Evening Prayer
Monday 8/10 St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr, 258 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Tuesday 8/11 St. John Vianney d. 1859 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Wednesday 8/12 St. Clare of Assisi d. 1253 A.D..	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Thursday 8/13 Jeremy Taylor, B.C. d. 1667 A.D.	7:00 A 9:00 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion <i>note time</i> Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Friday 8/14	7:00 A 11:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting AA Meeting
Saturday 8/15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 8/16 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Holy Communion (church) Coffee Hour Evening Prayer

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

Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and, that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

SUNDAY	145	<i>Ecclus.</i> 1:1–10 John 8:25–36
Monday	40:1–16	1 Sam. 18:1–9 Luke 19:29–40
Tuesday	41	1 Sam. 20:1–7, 12–23 Luke 19:47–20:8
Wednesday	44	1 Sam. 20:24–39 Luke 20:9–26
Thursday	49	1 Sam. 22:6 Luke 20:27–40
Friday	51	1 Sam. 23:7–18 Luke 20:41–21:4
Saturday	66	1 Sam. 28:3–19 Luke 21:5–19

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	15, 46	Isa. 44:1–8, 21–23 Rom. 12:1–9
Monday	37:1–14	Micah 4:1–8 Rom. 4:13
Tuesday	37:26	Micah 4:9–5:1 Rom. 5
Wednesday	39	Micah 6:1–8 Rom. 6
Thursday	50	Micah 6:9 Rom. 7:1–13
Friday	54, 57	Micah 7:1–9 Rom. 7:14
Saturday	65, 67	Micah 7:14 Rom 8:1–17

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

WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS

Check back again for more items to come.

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 9:00 AM *note earlier time this week*

Evening Prayer

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

Christian Education – Sunday School is on Summer Hiatus until September

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.

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

August 9

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Melody Huffer

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Suzanne Nicholson
Tom Edwards
Pamela Beeghly

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
Libby Schudel
George Waters
Terry Donnelly
Darren Savage
Elijah Buxo
Isaac Reed

Coffee Hour

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August 16

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Nancy Donnelly
Suzanne Porter
Denise Grim

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Pamela Beeghly

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
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 Ministry Notes

The St. John's Altar Guild

A very important ministry at St. John's is that of the Altar Guild. Women are invited to serve in this group (and we are always looking for people to be invited), helping once a month to prepare the altars for services and to clean up afterwards, or to be involved in a variety of other ways, such as helping at weddings and funerals, or doing occasional tasks, such as cleaning and re-filling the votive candle holders or caring for the metalware.

According to the Altar Guild's by-laws...

The purposes and objectives of the Altar Guild are as follows:

Section 1. Primary purposes and objectives.

- Prepare the Altars of St. John's Church for religious Services as they are scheduled.
- Preserve, protect and beautify the Altars of St. John's Church, and other areas committed to its charge, and keep them ready for use.
- Provide, preserve and maintain the dressings, furnishings, vessels, vestments, missals and books used by clergy and ministers in the conduct of religious Services.
- Provide and maintain sufficient stocks of consumable items associated with religious Services, such as candles and the elements needed for Services of Holy Communion.

Section 2. Secondary purposes and objectives.

To participate in the wider life of the parish, supporting those activities, programs and/or projects with its resources and those of its membership, as deemed worthy and approved by the membership.

Sarah Babcock is the Directresses of the Altar Guild. Any woman who is interested in membership should speak with them or any other member of the guild.

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 August 9:

Primate of the Province of Central Africa—The Most Rev'd Albert Chama; The Mother's Union of Malawi; Diocese of Chikwawa; Diocese of Dedza

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity: The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Aweil—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Aweril—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Awgu / Aninri—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Awka—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Awori—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Ayod—Province of the Episcopal Church

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

DeWitt—Christ United

Santo Domingo, DR—Cathedral of the Epiphany

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**August 9**

Ellen Pfadt

August 15

Morley Stevenson

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES**August 15**

Andrew & Alice Baetz

**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., Rudy

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:

Frances H. Vernor	August 9, 1950
Cyril E. Green	August 9, 1972
Wilmoth Golding	August 10, 1978
Agnes L. Martin	August 10, 1979
Robert Hannigan	August 11, 1962
Marilyn Moorewood Jones Walker	August 11, 2021
George Lee Dickens	August 12, 1986
Suzanne Clippint Hicks	August 12, 2017
Leo B. Robert	August 13, 1946
Charles H. Culver	August 13, 1949
Bessie D. Matiland	August 14, 1971
Marion M. Molesky	August 14, 1996
Baby William F. Bopp	August 15, 1985
Margaret A. Curtis	August 15, 1996