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Rector's Rambling

Fr. Ben DeHart of St. John's Park Slope (Brooklyn, New York) recently posted this on Facebook.

"Not sure if this is a city thing, but over the past few years I've noticed St. John's gets as many or more newcomers on Sundays during the summer than we do in the fall, winter, or spring. Someone told me today it's because so many people move in the summer. Have you noticed the same? Clergy definitely need seasons to slow down, recharge, and get away. But this pattern has changed how I think about summer. Instead of turning everything off, we slow things down while still offering fun, low-key ways to connect. The goal is to stay "sticky" for newcomers, and to keep enough going so that our regulars don't face a yearly "decision" about whether to come back in the fall.

We have seen a similar pattern here at St. John's in Detroit. The choir goes down to quartets, Sunday School goes on hiatus, and the organizations don't have their regular meetings during the summer. But not only does Sunday and weekday worship continue (weekdays being dependent on whether I might be at the St. Michael's Conference or away a few days), but we continue to have guests and visitors on a regular basis.

Some of this is because we are a city parish. Being here in the middle of the entertainment district we have visitors to worship and the open building at other times attracts people walking but or going to events in the neighborhood. More

people are discovering they can come her to worship on Sunday and then walk over to the baseball game or a matinee show across the street at the Fox theatre. And I meet guests who are in Detroit for business meetings or conventions and look us up on line to join us for worship while here. And we even find tourists who wander their way into the building because the building is open.

I think Fr. DeHart is spot on when he talks about having summer ways to stay connected in addition to worship, which we have done with special events like our Outreach Sunday, DOK new member institution, Independence Day Celebration, lunches/enhanced coffee hour, and next week's Founders Day and Ice Cream Social.

Although many of our members are away for periods of time for the summer, we have had several people from other parishes and denominations in the last few weeks stop by to worship with us to experience for themselves what they have heard about St. John's from others, or discovered through our social media sources.

Your being here to welcome the visitor and newcomer is a blessing to the parish, and I am grateful for the gracious way that so many introduce themselves to visitors and encourage their returning to be with us again.





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 JULY 19—JULY 26

Sunday 7/19 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour Evening Prayer
Monday 7/20 St. Margaret of Antioch, Virgin and Martyr d. 304 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Tuesday 7/21 St. Vincent de Paul 1660 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Wednesday 7/22 St. Mary Magdalene	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Thursday 7/23	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Friday 7/24 Thomas a' Kempis, Priest 1471 A.D.	7:00 A 11:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting AA Meeting
Saturday 7/25 ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 7/26 EIGHTH 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 Seventh Sunday after Trinity

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

SUNDAY	18:1–20	Hosea 14 Rom. 6:12–18
Monday	75, 76	1 Sam. 8:4 Luke 13:1–9
Tuesday	77	1 Sam. 9:1–10 Luke 13:10–21
Wednesday	80	1 Sam. 9:11–21 Luke 13:22
Thursday	85	1 Sam. 9:22 Luke 14:1–14
Friday	86	1 Sam. 10:1–11 Luke 14:15–24
Saturday	90	1 Sam. 10:17 Luke 14:25

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	50	Dan. 5:1–9, 13–30 Rom. 1:17–21, 28–32
Monday	73	Dan. 4:4–5, 10–18 Acts 22:30–23:11
Tuesday	74	Dan. 4:19–27 Acts 23:12–24
Wednesday	81	Dan. 4:28 Acts 23:25–24:9
Thursday	89:1–19	Dan. 5:1–9 Acts 24:10–23
Friday	91	Dan. 5:10–16 Acts 24:24–25:12
Saturday	96, 98	Dan. 5:17–30 Acts 25:13

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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

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 10:30 AM

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

July 19

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
Cindy Edwards

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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July 26

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Sarah Jean Babcock
Helene Waters

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Isaac Reed

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
Libby Schudel
George Waters
Terry Donnelly
Darren Savage
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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 *Alcoholics Anonymous*

In 1935 a remarkable event occurred in the history of the treatment of alcoholism; the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous. It was in this year that a New Yorker, Bill Wilson, met with Dr. Bob Smith in Akron, Ohio. Bill had achieved some time of sobriety through the support of a group of other recovering drunks using the principles of a religious organization called the Oxford Group.

Tempted to drink while on a business trip to Akron, he called a local minister to ask if he had any alcoholics in his congregation that he could speak with. The minister recommended Dr. Bob. Together they not only practiced the Oxford Group principles, but began to discuss how they could be expanded to specifically help the suffering and recovering alcoholics. From this was born Alcoholics Anonymous.

With the help of his Episcopal Priest, Dr. Sam Shoemaker, Wilson (with Smith's input) expanded the six principles of the Oxford Group into the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. These 12 steps have also become the foundation for recovery groups for numerous addictions, from gambling to overeating, and everything in-between.

Rather than a "self-help" group, Alcoholics Anonymous is a spiritual program based on turning one's life over to God, staying sober by "working the steps" and by service to the still suffering alcoholic.

The 12 Steps are: 1) *We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.* 2) *Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.* 3) *Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.* 4) *Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.* 5) *Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.* 6) *Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.* 7) *Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.* 8) *Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.* 9) *Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.* 10) *Continued to take personal inventory, and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.* 11) *Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.* 12) *Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.*

Alcoholics Anonymous (which is taken from the title of their book known as "The Big Book") spread slowly at first, but exploded in size after the publication of an article about the group in *The Saturday Evening Post* in 1941.

St. John's has hosted meetings of the group since it came to Detroit in the 1940s. Alcoholics Anonymous now meets here five days a week: Monday through Friday at 5:00 PM, and Friday at 11:00 AM.

For more information, go to www.AA.org, call the local AA hotline at (313) 831-5550.

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 July 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

Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; The Diocese of the Arctic—The Anglican Church of Canada; The Diocese of Argentina—The Anglican Church of South America; The Diocese of Northern Argentina—The Anglican Church of South America; The Diocese of Argyll and The Isles—The Scottish Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Arizona—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Arkansas—The Episcopal Church

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Detroit—Church of the Messiah

Sal Salcedo, DR—Nativity Church

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

July 19

Suzie Schafer

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

July 25

Robert & Sally Hudson

**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:

Kathleen M. Schaffer	July 19, 1992
Bette Ann Hart	July 19, 2009
Kathleen Anita Phillips	July 20, 1992
John N. Barge	July 20, 2018
Edwin (Mera) Lyon	July 21, 1979
Maxine Carpenter	July 21, 1990
Robert Jones	July 22, 1940
Eugenia Caluya	July 22, 1954
David John Stewart	July 23, 1928
Willa Mae Ducombe	July 23, 2003
Shirley Sullivan	July 24, 2002
Mary Elizabeth Bedford	July 24, 2014
Patricia Pike	July 25, 2023
Catherine Morgan	July 25, 2024