



St. John's Church

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THE EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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Rector's Rambling

Today is one last great hurrah before we enter fully into the long season of green vestments known as Trinitytide.

Today we celebrate Corpus Christi. The actual Feast Day was Thursday, but it is important enough, like All Saints Day, that we also keep it on the Sunday following.

In the summer of 1990 I experienced my first Solemn High Mass for Corpus Christi. It was at S. Clement's Church in Philadelphia. Three things that I remember most poignantly 36 years later is 1) that it was so hot and humid I felt like I was melting into a puddle, 2) that I had never heard a Mass setting performed at a Mass (it was Schubert's Mass in G), and 3) that I had never experienced something so sublimely beautiful as the Mass and procession of the Blessed Sacrament that day. It was a glorious day that deepened my own faith and devotion in a way that continues to this day.

The Sacrament of our Lord's own Body and Blood is such an important part of the life of Christians. Jesus said that unless we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood we have no life in us, and he has provided that under the species of bread and wine. (See John

Chapter 6 and all the Last Supper narratives in the other three Gospels).

Back in Holy Week we celebrated the institution of this Sacrament at the Last Supper, the night before Jesus died for our sins. In all the focus on the cross of that week, this very important aspect of our Faith seems to get lost in the shuffle. The Church, in her wisdom, celebrates this day outside of Lent and Eastertide so that we can kick off the new season with the important reminder of this powerful assurance of Grace! May we take advantage of if this gift by receiving often...at least once a week if not more!



Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays after Mass



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 MAY 31—JUNE 7

Sunday 6/7 CORPUS CHRISTI	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Sunday School Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour Evening Prayer
Monday 6/8 Thomas Cranmer, Abp. Of Canterbury, 1st Book of Common Prayer 1549 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Tuesday 6/9 St. Columba, Abbot of Iona, 597 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Wednesday 6/10 St. Margaret Queen of Scotland 1093 A.D.	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Thursday 6/11 ST. BARNABAS THE APOSTLE	7:00 A 9:00 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
Friday 6/12 Sacred Heart of Jesus	7:00 A 11:00 A 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting AA Meeting
Saturday 6/13 St. Anthony of Padua OFM, P.C.D., 1231 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 6/14 SECOND 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) 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 First Sunday after Trinity

O GOD, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee; Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	73	Jer. 23:23–32 Matt. 7:13–14, 21–29
Monday	28	Num. 22:2–14 Luke 2:21–40
Tuesday	32	Num. 22:15–21, 36–40 Luke 2:41
Wednesday	37:1–24	Num. 22:41—23:12 Luke 3:1–22
Thursday	37:26	Num. 23:13–26 Luke 4:1–13
Friday	40:1–16	Num. 23:27—24:13, 25 Luke 4:14–30
Saturday	44	Deut. 34 Luke 4:31–41

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	119:33–48	Deut. 30:11 John 13:1–17, 34–35
Monday	31	Ezra 5:1–2, 6–17 Acts 9:1–19
Tuesday	33	Ezra 6:1–12 Acts 9:20–31
Wednesday	34	Ezra 6:13–18 Acts 9:32
Thursday	39	Zech. 7:8 Acts 10:1–23
Friday	41, 54	Zech. 8:1–13 Acts 10:24–33
Saturday	46, 47	Zech. 8:14 Acts 10:34

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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

Two Restaurant High Chairs for Undercroft - \$163

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

Thursday @ 9:00 this week.

Evening Prayer

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

Christian Education – Sunday School at 10 AM

Banns of Marriage - I publish the Banns of Marriage between Brendan Childress and Alyssa Hogan. If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why these two person should not be joined together in holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it. This is the second time of asking.

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

June 7

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
Pam Beeghly

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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June 14

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:

Cindy Edwards
Tom Edwards
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 Ministry Notes

The Confraternity

of the Blessed Sacrament

“The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament (CBS) was founded in 1862 as part of the Catholic Revival in the Church of England. Its aim was to be, first of all, a confraternity (brotherhood) of men and women praying and working for a greater devotion to Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Today it is no longer confined to England alone, but has spread to many places within the Anglican Communion of churches, especially in Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Europe and parts of Africa. There is a separate, self-governing CBS in the USA.

Wherever possible members of CBS meet together in local Wards for prayer, worship, and mutual support under the guidance of a priest as Ward Superior.

We honour Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in other ways too: Mass is said daily, Holy Hours are prayed, and Benediction is celebrated regularly in many of our churches.

There is an increasing emphasis on mission in CBS's work: “We have a Gospel to proclaim”, says the famous hymn, and there are many ways to proclaim it in Word and Sacrament.

We need more priests to celebrate Mass, but we also need to promote the mission of the Church through the whole people of God by equipping them (you) for service.

Please pray for our work for, at heart, we remain a devotional society, focusing on Christ's very own gift to us of His Body, the Blessed Sacrament, the sacrament of Unity.”

~ From the Confraternity Web site: www.Confraternity.org.uk



The St. John's Chapter of the Confraternity gathers on Thursday for Holy Communion and Benediction beginning at 10:30 AM (9:00 AM on days when the Tigers play at 1 PM)

All are welcome to join us in the chapel, or in spirit.

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 June 7:

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Corpus Christi: The Scottish Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Accra—The Church of the Province of West Africa; The Diocese of Adelaide—The Anglican Church of Australia; The Diocese of Afiko—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of North Africa—The Episcopal /Anglican Province of Alexandria; The Diocese of Agra—The Church of North India (United); The Diocese of Aguata—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Troy—St. Stephen's

Dearborn—Mother of the Savior (Arab-American Christian Ministry)

Dajabon, DR—Holy Comforter

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



June 10

John McAllister

June 13

Amy Proctor

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

June 12

Thomas Mullin &
Sandra Zahrfeld



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:

Harriet Walker	June 7, 1963
Annie E. MacLeod	June 7, 1974
Clayton Frank Atwater	June 8, 1995
Henrietta Kehrig	June 8, 2020
Ruth Evangeline Wood	June 9, 1987
John Harvey, Sr.	June 9, 1989
Deborah Swartwood	June 10, 1936
Howard Westphal	June 10, 1945
Margaret Fordon	June 11, 1966
Clayton Frank Alaster	June 11, 2011
Alexander Meisch	June 12, 1942
Grace Ainsworth	June 12, 1949
Geradine A. Buehler	June 13, 2013
Frank Cusumano	June 13, 2022