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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

March 29, 2026

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER, COMMONLY CALLED
PALM SUNDAY



Rector's Rambling

This is the most important week of the year! Holy Week begins today, and between now and next Sunday you will have 14 opportunities to be at St. John's for the public worship of the Church.

Three of those worship opportunities actually happen most weeks of the year here at St. John's: Holy Communion on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 12:15 PM and Evening Prayer will be prayed in the Ministry Center Monday through Thursday.

For Holy Week we add several important opportunities for worship and devotion. On Wednesday evening we have a service of psalms and lessons at 7:00 PM called Tenebræ. On Maundy Thursday the one celebration of the Holy Communion will be at 7:00 PM (no 10:30 AM Mass this day), which is followed by the stripping of the altar and an opportunity to spend time at the Garden Watch in the chapel.

Good Friday starts with the opportunity to spend time at the Garden Watch (beginning at 9:00 AM) before the Good Friday Liturgy, which takes place from Noon to 3:00 PM.

On Holy Saturday [Easter Eve] the great Vigil Service of Easter begins at 6:00 PM, which includes the first Communion service of the Easter Feast, and on Sunday we will have the grand celebration of the Resurrection at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM (Brass Prelude at 9:30 AM).

Information about these various services can be found in the insert in today's Order of Service called *Holy Week Explained*.

More importantly, I cannot stress more strongly that **we need you to attend these services!** This is the most important week of the year, and I would love to see a larger percentage of parishioners avail themselves of one or more of these services that lead up to Easter Day.

I understand that we are a busy people, and that many of us live very far away from the church facility. But it is important for your spiritual life to participate in this holiest of weeks, and your presence will also be an encouragement to those others who have taken time and distance to be here, especially our visitors.

God willing, see you in Church!



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 MARCH 22—MARCH 29

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| Sunday 3/29 PALM SUNDAY | 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 3/30 John Keble, Priest 1866 A.D. | 7:00 A 12:15 P 5:00 P | Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion AA Meeting |
| Tuesday 3/31 | 7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P | Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting |
| Wednesday 4/1 | 7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P 5:00 P 7:00 P | Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting Tenebrae |
| Thursday 4/2 MAUNDY THURSDAY | 7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P 7:00 P | Morning Meditation (online) NO MORNING MASS Evening Prayer AA Meeting Holy Communion and Garden Watch |
| Friday 4/3 GOOD FRIDAY | 7:00 A 11:00 A Noon to 3 PM 5:00 P | Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting Good Friday Liturgy AA Meeting |
| Saturday 4/4 Holy Sunday | 7:00 A 6:00 P | Morning Meditation (online) Easter Vigil Service |
| Sunday 4/5 EASTER DAY | 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 and Egg Hunt Evening Prayer |

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

The Collect for Palm Sunday

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

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|---------------------|-----------------|---|
| SUNDAY | 24, 97 | Zech. 9:9–12 Mark 11:1–11 |
| Mon. before Easter | 71 | Isa. 42:1–7 John 14:1–14 |
| Tues. before Easter | 6, 12 | Hosea 14 John 15:1–16 |
| Wed. before Easter | 94 | Zech. 12:9–10 & 13:1, 7–9 John 16:1–15 |
| Maundy Thursday | 116 | Jer. 31:31–34 John 13:18 |
| GOOD FRIDAY | 22, 40:1–16, 54 | Gen. 22:1–18 or Wisdom 2:1, 12–24 John 18 |
| Easter Even | 14, 16 | Job 14:1–14 John 19:38 or Heb. 4 |

Evening Prayer

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| SUNDAY | 130, 138 | Jer. 8:9–15, 18–9:1 1 Cor. 1:17 |
| Mon. before Easter | 42, 43 | Lam. 1:7–12 John 14:15 |
| Tues. before Easter | 51 | Lam. 2:10, 13–19 John 15:17 |
| Wed. before Easter | 74 | Lam. 3:1, 14–33 John 16:16 |
| Maundy Thursday | 142, 143 | Lam. 3:40–58 John 17 |
| GOOD FRIDAY | 69:1–22 & 88 | Isa. 52:13–53:12 1 Pet. 2:11 |
| Easter Even | 27 | Job 19:21–27a Rom. 6:3–11 |

* 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. There will be no Evening Prayer next week on Easter Day

Weekday Services This Week –

Daily Morning Meditation

Streamed daily @ 7:00 AM

Holy Communion

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday @ 12:15 PM
Thursday @ 7:00 PM (no morning Mass)
Easter Vigil Service Saturday at 6:00 PM

Evening Prayer

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

Good Friday Service—Noon to 3:00 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

March 29

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Elizabeth Savager

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Cindy 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 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

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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 Teaching Notes

An Invitation...

There is no better time to invite people to join us for worship at St. John's than Holy Week and Easter! God is calling more and more people to come and worship Him, and **you** might be the vehicle He is using to drive them into our fellowship (figuratively and literally).

Let us be like the sower in the gospels who takes the seed and scatters it in all places regardless of what soil it might be. Let us sow our invitations to all we meet and with whom we interact.

This can be done simply by saying, "do you have a place to go to Church on Easter?" If they say "no", or hesitate, then be quick with an invitation to join you for services at St. John's. Offer a ride if they seem leery about coming downtown! And then pray for them as they decide.

Continue to pray for them, even if your invitation is declined. You may never know when that invitation today may find fruit in coming years. Remember, you are just scattering the seed. Another may water, but God will give the growth. We have members of the parish who were invited to St. John's by someone years before, but did not come for the first time until a few years later – and have been coming regularly ever since. Others in our pews were absent for a period of time, but have come back into regular attendance. The church is always here welcoming new parishioners and welcoming back those who return after a period of non-attendance. We are grateful to have everyone with us.

We will be advertising our Holy Week and Easter Services on Facebook, Instagram, and X. Our listing on Google is already highly trafficked. Some years we have tried radio ads and longer ago we had ads in the Free Press and News. Postcards will be mailed to our mailing list (800+ addresses) and to houses and apartments around the church (another 1000 or so). We found the radio and newspaper ads expensive with little return. The social media ads have been more productive, and a fair number of parishioners in the pews can tell you that they found St. John's through a Google search, or through social media.

But national polling shows that most people find their church not through advertising or promotional material. Most people find a church home because somebody invited them!

Be the vehicle that God is using to bring others into (or back into) relationship with himself by inviting them to 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 March 29:

Retired Bishops of Malawi: Bishop Biggers, Bishop Togatenga, Bishop Arden, Bishop Boyle; Diocese of Zomba

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Palm Sunday: The Anglican Church of Melanesia; The Diocese of Venezuela—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Vermont—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Victoria Nyanza—The Anglican Church of Tanzania; The Diocese of Virgin Islands—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Virginia—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Southern Virginia –The Episcopal Church

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

- Southgate—Grace Church
- Clarkston—Church of the Resurrection
- Bani, DR—Church of the Transfiguration

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



March 31

Sarah Campbell

April 1

Pamela Beeghly

April 3

Lana Gawrych

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:

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| Ernest M. Hapke | March 29, 1950 |
| Frank. H. Wolf | March 29, 1952 |
| Henry A. Montgomery | March 30, 1957 |
| Walter A. Johnson | March 30, 1987 |
| Joseph Charles Likas | March 31, 1982 |
| Arlene Jackson | March 31, 2019 |
| Anna Brown | April 1, 1968 |
| Charles Clippert Nesbitt | April 1, 2006 |
| Alice Atkinson | April 2, 1988 |
| Frank Sullivan | April 2, 1989 |
| Robert F. Paul | April 3, 1982 |
| Betty I. Buehler | April 3, 1999 |
| Edith L. Skinner | April 4, 1964 |
| James Dunn | April 4, 1990 |