

St. John's Church

# The Parish Chronicle

May 31, 2026

TRINITY SUNDAY

## Directory

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Morley Stevenson

### Altar Guild Directress

Sarah Babcock

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Pat Walter

### Daughters of the King

Lena Nealley

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Debbie Swain

### Lectors Guild

Brian Campbell

### Outreach Committee Chair

Debbie Swain and Chris Golembiewski

### Usher Captains

John Barge & Peter Grim



## Rector's Rambling

Today we get to recite one of the great statements of belief. In addition to the Apostles

Creed and Nicene Creed, there is the Athanasian Creed, also known as the *Quicumque Vult* (the opening phrase in Latin).

Ultimately, the great mystery of God is unknowable on this side of heaven. We will only fully understand Him in eternal life. But God has revealed what we need to know about Himself to us through the Scriptures, particularly in the teachings of Jesus (second person of the Trinity). By the guidance of the Holy Ghost (third person of the Trinity) the scriptures were written and compiled for us, and the Church, meeting in Councils, have "separated the wheat from the chaff" when it comes to the teachings of who God is in Trinity.

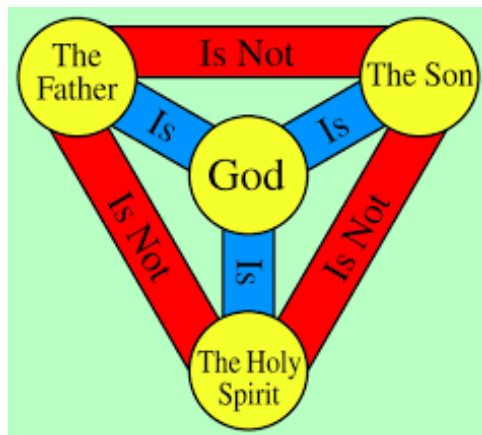
We have three creeds because each successive one (Apostles, then Nicene, then Athanasian) were compiled to answer questions arising from previous



creeds, or from honest inquiry by the Church. While the Apostles Creed (also known as the Baptismal Creed) is recited during Morning and Evening Prayer, and the Nicene Creed during celebrations of The Holy Communion, the Athanasian Creed has generally been reserved for public recitation on major Holy Days.

Interestingly, the Episcopal Church is the only branch of our world-wide Anglican Communion that has not included the Athanasian Creed in our locally adapted version of the 39 Articles of Religion or Prayer Books until 1979. But as members of the "One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church" in Communion with Anglicans worldwide, we recite it today with thanksgiving for the gift of this knowledge of God in Trinity.

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## 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

<b>Sunday</b> <b>5/31</b> <b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
	10:00 A	Sunday School
	10:00 A	Choral Holy Communion
	11:15 A	Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer

<b>Monday</b> <b>6/1</b> St. Vincent of Lerins, c. 445 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	10:00 A	Requiem Mass for Bill Porter
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting

<b>Tuesday</b> <b>6/2</b> The Martyrs of Lyons 177 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting

<b>Wednesday</b> <b>6/3</b> St. Gregory VII P.C. d. 1085 AD	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting

<b>Thursday</b> <b>6/4</b> Corpus Christi St. Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury, d. 605 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	<b>10:30 A</b>	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting

<b>Friday</b> <b>6/5</b> St. Boniface, Archbishop and Martyr	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	11:00 A	AA Meeting
	5:00 P	AA Meeting

<b>Saturday</b> <b>6/6</b> St. Venerable Bede, D. d. 735 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)

<b>Sunday</b> <b>6/7</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY</b> <b>AFTER TRINITY</b>	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
	8:00 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
	10:00 A	Morning Prayer
	11:15 A	Coffee Hour
		5:30 P

*NOTE: The Chronicle went to the printer last Tuesday. Calendar updates or changes can be found at [www.StJohnsDetroit.org](http://www.StJohnsDetroit.org)*

## The Collect for Trinity Sunday

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

### THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)\*

#### Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	29, 99	Isa. 6:1-8 1 Pet. 1:1-12
Monday	2, 3	Num. 16:1-14 Luke 1:1-25
Tuesday	5	Num. 16:15-35 Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday	7	Num. 17:1-11 Luke 1:39-56
Thursday	9	Num. 20:1-13 Luke 1:57-66
Friday	10	Num. 20:14 Luke 1:67
Saturday	13, 14	Num. 21:4-9 Luke 2:1-20

#### Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	98, 100	<i>Ecclus.</i> 43:1-12, 27-33 Eph. 4:1-16
Monday	4, 8	Ezra 1:1-8 Acts 7:1-16
Tuesday	16, 20	Ezra 4:7,11-24 Acts 7:17-34
Wednesday	25	Haggai 1:1-8, 12-15 Acts 7:35-53
Thursday	27	Haggai 2:1-9 Acts 7:54-8:4
Friday	6, 26	Zech. 1:7-17 Acts 8:5-25
Saturday	29, 30	Zech. 2 Acts 8:26

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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

*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.

### Weekday Services This Week –

#### Daily Morning Meditation

Streamed daily @ 7:00 AM

#### Holy Communion

Monday Tuesday, Wednesday @ 12:15

**Thursday @ 10:30.**

#### Evening Prayer

Monday through Thursday @ 4:00 PM

**Rest in Peace Bill Porter** - Visitation at St. John's 9 to 10 AM, Requiem Mass at 10 AM with repast following in the Undercroft.

**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 first 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

### May 31

#### Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz  
S – C. Stevenson

#### Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock  
Elizabeth Savage

#### Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell  
Morley Stevenson  
Brian Campbell  
Suzanne Nicholson  
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

### June 6

#### 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

Coffee Hour

### The Vestry and Officers of St. John's

Peter Grim, Senior Warden  
Pat Walter, Junior Warden  
Cynthia Edwards, Secretary  
Jared Moody, Treasurer

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#### *Terms expire January 2027*

Jared Moody                      Pat Walter  
Helene Waters

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#### *Terms expire January 2028*

Cynthia Edwards              Peter Grim  
Morley Stevenson

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#### *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, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 5:00 PM, and Friday at 11:00 AM.

For more information, go to [www.AA.org](http://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 May 31:**

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

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

*Trinity Sunday: Eglise Anglicane du Rwanada; the Diocese of Aba—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Aba Ngwa North—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Abakaliki—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney—The Scottish Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Abuja—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Abyeï—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

**Episcopal Diocese of Michigan**

Dearborn—Christ Church

Carreton, DR—St. Anthony of Padua

Santo Domingo, DR—Holy Family

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**



**June 4**

Tracy McAllister

**This Week's ANNIVERSARIES**

**June 4**

Chris & Kathy DeGiulio



**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.

*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:**

Sabrina Lynn Walker	May 31, 1995
Sara Joanne "Sally" Buehler	May 31, 1982
Mae Payne	June 1, 1976
William E. Buelow	June 1, 1961
Charles Spicer	June 2, 1987
Norman Coughlan	June 2, 1974
Charles Wesley Jones	June 3, 1976
Helen C. Yung	June 3, 1956
Harriet Brown	June 4, 1984
Lemuel Brown	June 4, 1995
Walter G. Johnson	June 5, 1981
Hazel B. Benoit	June 5, 1981
Edna Hall	June 6, 1993
William Carpenter	June 6, 1991