

Journey Pages

CONNECTING, GROWING AND SERVING FOR GOD'S SAKE FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS

“WELCOME HOME”

YOU ARE WELCOME AND WANTED HERE TODAY!

Good morning and “Welcome Home” to St. John’s! We are glad you are here and hope you have a great worship experience with us today.

Being a diverse and inclusive community means not sacrificing the dignity of one for the other. Perhaps now more than ever we find ourselves living in a climate of division and polarization, in both secular and religious settings, and the need for places and ways to make sustainable connections is greater than ever. We desire to live into the dream of what it means to welcome all—not necessarily those who look or think or act like us, but all who yearn for a better and more just way of being in the world united in the belief that love is always the answer.

We are intentional about welcoming those who may have been hurt or turned away from church because of who they love, skin color, finances, addiction, disability or simply because they asked too many questions. We dream of a community in which the phrase “all are welcome” is not just a commitment but also a visible reality. We are committed to opening our doors as wide as possible because we pattern our lives after Jesus’ teachings and his message of radical welcome and inclusive love.

Church for some, is as familiar as coming home; for others, church is as foreign as visiting a different country. Our response: We get it—and it’s “all good.”

We come from varied backgrounds and faith experiences; we are young and old, married and single, we have a growing number of children and youth of all ages and are committed to growing ministries and opportunities for everyone to find their place to belong. We love our tradition and rituals, but we love people even more and ask that you open your heart today and let God do something wonderful.

So, once again, Welcome Home!

May you never forget that you are loved,

Priest Lisa

FAMILY MINISTRY

INTER-GENERATIONAL CHOIR FOR EASTER SUNDAY

All children, youth, and adults wishing to join the inter-generational choir on Easter are **required to attend a rehearsal on today after the 10am service in the sanctuary.**

FESTIVE COFFEE HOUR ~ TODAY ~ 11:15AM

All are invited to our Palm Sunday Festive Coffee Hour today after the 10am service in the Gathering.

EXTENDED NURSERY HOURS ~ TODAY ~ 9:30 – 12:00PM

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT & ACTIVITIES TODAY ~12:00PM

This event is for children 11 years of age and under. Kids are encouraged to attend rehearsal for the Easter choir after the 10am service and then join the group for Festive Coffee Hour, activities and the Egg Hunt.



FAMILY LIFE DINNER ~ SUNDAY, APRIL 23 ~ 5:45PM



Parents of SJP children of all ages are invited for a catered dinner and discussion with Director of Family Ministry Jayne Watson and Priest Lisa.

(Teens carpool to **Starfish Family Services** for dinner, younger children will have a staffed program at church). Please mark your calendars and RSVP by April 16 to Jayne.ga@gmail.com.

EASTER LILY AND EASTER MUSIC DEDICATIONS DEADLINE IS TODAY

You may find order forms on the table in the Narthex or on the SJP website. Complete the form, enclose payment (or check “SecureGive” and return to the parish office or put in the Sunday offering plate.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PICK UP Panera Bread

We are in need of team members to pick up Panera Bread on Monday evenings for the Food Pantry. If you are willing to pick up at 9:15pm at the Panera Bread on Warren Road in Westland, bring it back to the church and bag it up, please contact Phyllis Ikegami in the church office asap.

FINDING A PLACE TO BELONG...

Everyone approaches a new community at their own speed; some are ready to jump in right away, others need to ease their way in. We are fine with both and everything in between. Please trust yourself and the love that brought you here. Here are just some of the ways in which you can plug in to our community.



- **Fill out a "Get Connected" Card** – These cards may be found in the pew rack and this is the best and quickest way to get connected in the way(s) you choose.
- **Sign Up to receive Priest Lisa's Weekly Message** and emailed "Journey Notes" – go to our website (www.stjohnsplymouth.org) and click on "Get Connected" on the bottom right of the home page.
- **Check out the "Sign-Me-Up Board"** in the office hallway to see how you can get involved – either as a participant or a volunteer.
- **Pick up an Annual Report Booklet** – in the hallway toward the parking lot. This booklet lists the many ways in which our parishioners get involved – available events and volunteer opportunities.
- **Come to a Bible Study Group** – There are four great opportunities each week during the school year.
 - Tuesday Women's Bible Study9:30am
 - Wednesday Women's Bible Study.....9:00am
 - Thursday Men's Devotional Group.....10:00am
 - Saturday Men's Bible Study7:30am
- **Explore our website** – Find the Journey Pages, Weekly Bulletins, the current schedule, etc. online at www.stjohnsplymouth.org.
- **Check out our Music Ministry** – Consider joining Grace Choir or the SJP Band – contact Liza Calisesi Maidens, SJP's Music Director for more information.
- **Attend a Community Support Group** – St. John's is home to several support groups that meet regularly.
 - Al Anon..... Saturdays 8:00am
(Family/friends of recovering alcoholics)
 - Narcotics Anonymous..... Mondays 7:00pm
 - Overeaters Anonymous..... Thursdays 8:30am
 - PFLAG..... 2nd Sundays 3:00pm
(Parents & friends of lesbians & gays)
- **Connect with a Small Group** – Fun and fellowship
 - Prayer Group.....Wednesdays 7:00pm
 - Quarter to Forty (Young Adults).....2nd Fridays
 - Prayers & Squares (Quilters).....2nd Wednesdays
 - Stock Club.....3rd Mondays
- **Check the calendar** on the back of Journey Pages or on our website for updated event dates and times.

THE STAFF OF ST. JOHN'S

Rev. Dr. Lisa Tucker-Gray ~ *Rector*
 Liza Calisesi Maidens ~ *Director of Music*
 Phyllis Ikegami ~ *Parish Administrator*
 Jayne Watson ~ *Director of Family Ministry*

Sherry Bass ~ *Children's Coordinator*
 Laura Hoehner ~ *Youth Coordinator*
 Janet Sigmon ~ *Nursery Staff*
 Deborah Chinitz ~ *Nursery Staff*

Office Hours ~ Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

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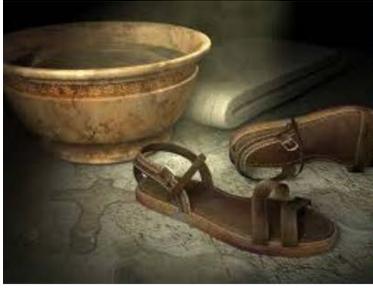
ST. JOHN'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 8:00am ~ *Traditional Service* 10:00am – *Blended Traditional/Contemporary Service*

Wednesdays: 10:30am – *Midweek Worship Service*

Note: Holy Communion is served weekly at all services

EASTER TRIDUUM



WHAT IS THE EASTER TRIDUUM?

Sometimes called either the Paschal or Easter Triduum, these are the “three days” that lead us to Easter morning and to the promise of the resurrection; Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Each day draws us into the mystery of Jesus’ final days of life among us, and each liturgy offers a beautiful invitation leading us on a journey deep into the heart of God. This year we will gather to celebrate two of these three liturgies. And since we are not offering a Saturday Easter Vigil this year, we are encouraging you to consider joining one of our neighboring Episcopal churches to take part in this holy service on the eve of Easter when we will come together on Sunday morning to celebrate the gift, promise and power of the Resurrection.

MAUNDY THURSDAY ~ 6:30PM

This is the night we gather to remember that at the heart of Jesus’ ministry there was always a meal. Jesus ate at the tables of rich and poor alike and before he left his friends he taught them to give thanks and then eat, in remembrance of the love he came to share. Following supper we will kneel and wash each other’s feet (or hands) as Jesus did with his disciples to show that we are called to love one another. Then we move into the sanctuary for the ancient custom of “stripping the altar” – removing everything that is used in worship as a symbol of the stripping of Jesus’ humanity at the hand of the soldiers. We leave worship in silence.



GOOD FRIDAY ~ 12:00 NOON

Friday is the most solemn day of the Triduum – the commemoration of the death of Jesus on the cross. These hours are called the “Passion” of Jesus. The word comes from the Latin, “passio,” meaning passive. Up until this point, Jesus’ public life is anything but passive – he actively gives his life away at every turn – healing, breaking down barriers and advocating for the needs and rights of all. Now in these final hours, he “passively,” but intentionally makes his way to the cross and lays down his life. At the beginning of the service everyone will be offered a “burden stone” – a small rock to symbolize something we want to bring and leave at the foot of the cross – releasing something that has been weighing us down and perhaps keeping us from moving forward in some area of our life. During one of the musical offerings we will be invited to simply come forward and quietly lay that stone at the foot of our Good Friday cross. We will make our way to the cross through short readings, meditations and musical reflections led by members of Grace Choir.

EASTER VIGIL ~ CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL DETROIT ~ 8:00PM

From the early centuries of the church, the Easter Vigil, also known as the **Paschal Vigil** or the **Great Vigil of Easter**, has been a vivid way of celebrating Christ’s resurrection and our own redemption. This liturgy has dramatic movement and energy moving people from darkness to light and from the defeat of death to the triumph of resurrected life!

Easter vigils have 4 components: the light of the Paschal Fire, hearing the story of Salvation through scripture, officer the sacrament of baptism, and concluding with the Eucharist. This year we encourage our members to consider heading to our Diocesan Cathedral, St. Paul’s at 4800 Woodward Ave. in Detroit to experience the Easter Vigil offered there and lead by Bishop Gibbs.



ST. JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

We offer prayers today for those who have requested inclusion on our prayer list. Please visit our prayer station located in the Narthex to add names of those you wish to include. Prayers will continue for 30 days.

Ali	Corinne
Devin	Jeff
Lexy	Sharon
Gerry Bing	Cheryl Crouse
Doris Gable	Janis Kljun
Jean Laing	Bob Lupton
Becky Skoug	Carl Spradlin
Jessica White	Family of Tim Julien
Family of Captain Andrew Becker	

For those in uniform

Matthew J. Mitchell - U.S. Navy Chief
 Thomas Dolce - U.S. Air Force
 Carly Bair - U.S. Navy
 Joe James - U.S. Army
 Ian Smith - U.S. Navy
 Sierra Cavallaro - U.S. Marines
 Dylan Racine - U.S. Army



SERVING TODAY - APRIL 9

Preacher Rev. Lisa Tucker-Gray



Altar Guild Rita Smith,
 Nancy Mitchell/Penny Striegel,
 Dawn Florkowski/Danisa Saltarelli

Lay Ministers

8:00 Susan Wainwright, Ralph Reeves
 10:00 James Boileau, Gabrielle Boileau, Patricia Ponte,
 Sr. Magdalena, Becky Nickels

Acolytes

8:00 Emma Reeves
 10:00 Gabrielle Boileau, Casey McCord

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
 10:00 Patricia Ponte, Carolyn Setty, Roger Schlee

SERVING NEXT WEEK - APRIL 16

Preacher Rev. Lisa Tucker-Gray

Altar Guild Jan MacLeod, Beth Wideman, Pat Sonntag,
 Vicki Pratt

Lay Ministers

8:00 Susan Wainwright, Ralph Reeves
 10:00 Valerie Sanders, Richard Dessin, Ken Sanders
 James Boileau

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse
 10:00 Meganne Skoug, Karen Sole, Ella Binder

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
 10:00 Dave Smith, Robert Hurley, Sal Cavallaro,
 Sue Skaggs, Sydney Good

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm

TODAY - April 9

Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am
 NO Continental Breakfast - Gathering.....
 Nursery (infant-3yrs) (extended today)9:30-12:00pm
 NO Sunday School.....
 NO Middle School REMIX
 Inter-Generational Choir Rehearsal.....11:15am
 Festive Coffee Hour.....11:15am
 Easter Egg Hunt & Activities.....12:00pm
 PFLAG Meeting.....3:00pm

MONDAY, April 10

BeFriender's Meeting9:30am
 Narcotics Anonymous7:00pm

TUESDAY, April 11

Women's Bible Study9:30am
 Food Pantry2:00-4:00pm

WEDNESDAY, April 12

NO Women's Bible Study.....9:00am
 Midweek Worship Service.....10:30am
 Prayers & Squares12:00pm
 Prayer Group.....7:00pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 13

OA Meeting.....8:30am
 Men's Group10:00am
 Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm
Agape Meal & Stripping of the Altar6:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY, April 14

Stations of the Cross Worship12:00pm

SATURDAY, April 15

Men's Bible Study.....7:30am
 Al Anon Meeting8:00am
Easter Vigil
Cathedral Church of St. Paul Detroit.....8:00pm

SUNDAY, April 16

Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am
 NO Continental Breakfast - Gathering.....
 Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:30-11:45am
 NO Sunday School.....
 NO Middle School REMIX
 Coffee & Tea.....11:15am

MONDAY, April 17

Office Closed.....



Dates to Remember

Stock Club.....Monday, April 17
 Family Life Dinner.....Sunday, April 23
 Youth-Starfish Teen Shelter.....Sunday, April 23
 Vestry Meeting.....Tuesday, April 25
 Parish Council Meeting.....Tuesday, May 2