

# St. George's Episcopal Church, Milford

## April 23, 2026 EBlast



### Saint George: Dragon Slayer, Faithful Witness, and Our Patron

April 23 is the feast day of St George, one of the church's most celebrated and mysterious saints. For us at St. George's, this feast day carries special meaning. It is, in a very real sense, our day.

The historical record on George is spare but striking. He was likely a soldier in the Roman army, born in the late third century to Christian parents, who served under Emperor Diocletian. When the great persecution of Christians began around 303 AD, George refused to renounce his faith. He was arrested, tortured, and ultimately martyred — tradition holds on April 23, 303 AD — making him one of the earliest and most venerated martyrs of the Church.

The famous legend of George and the dragon emerged centuries later in medieval Europe and captured the imagination of the faithful for generations. Whatever its origins, the image is theologically rich: a knight, armed with courage and faith, confronting a monstrous evil on behalf of those who cannot protect themselves. It is a story about standing firm when standing firm costs something.

That image feels urgently relevant today. We live in a world that regularly asks us to be quiet about our convictions, to accommodate, to look away. The witness of George — a soldier who could have simply complied, who had every worldly reason to stay silent — is a reminder that faithfulness sometimes means exactly that: refusing to be silent, even when silence would be safer.

George has been claimed by countless nations, soldiers, and causes across the centuries. But beneath all the heraldry and legend is something simple and enduring: a young man who loved God more than he feared death.

So as we remember our own community's patron saint today, let us give thanks for his example and pray for the courage to live with even a fraction of his conviction.

Happy Feast Day, St. George's.

See you Sunday,  
Rev. Michelle

*PS. I think it is likely warm enough for our dear Dragon to come out of hibernation if I can find enough able bodied hands to help me carry it out of the back room on Sunday.*

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

#### Sunday April 26

8:30 am - Holy Eucharist Rite I Celebrant: Rev. Michelle  
In the Church

10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Rite II Celebrant: Rev. Michelle  
In the church & livestreamed

### **Wednesday April 29**

1:00pm - Crochet for a Cause

6:30pm - Braver Angels

### **Wednesday May 6**

1:00pm - Crochet for a Cause

### **Thursday May 7**

1:00pm - Outreach meeting - **New Time!**

### **Tuesday May 12**

11:00am - ECW

### **Wednesday May 13**

7:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

### **Saturday May 16**

8:00pm - LOK Outing - "Hello Dolly"

### **Scam alert:**

Some members are getting texts from an unknown number pretending to be Rev. Michelle, Deb or anyone else from the church will never ask you for money, gift cards or personal info by text or email. If anything seems fishy at all please call Rev. Michelle or the person texting you directly using the number in the directory. Scammers are using AI to make these scams more believable and effective. Please stay safe and take care of each other.

### **Textile Drive**

Do you have old, stained or damaged clothing, sheets, bedding, purses or other textiles laying around your house? Now is the time to bring them to church. This Spring we will be participating in the textile drive for the Oakland County Foster closet. They get paid by the pound to recycle old material so all that stuff that is too damaged to donate elsewhere can help support kids in need. See flyer below for exactly what they take and how to package it. Special pink bags should be available at church on Sunday. If you have other higher quality still usable/salable items you can package them separately and we will bring them to Grace Centers of Hope or Crossroads.

### **Outreach Meeting Thursday May 7 at 1:00pm (new time)**

Join us at **1:00pm** for our spring outreach meeting. We will be planning our outreach activities for the Spring and Summer. All are welcome to join us. If you have ideas for ministries or organizations you would like us to support please come or let Rev Michelle, Mike Fanfair or Dot know your ideas.

### **Safe Church Training Thursday May 7**

Do you need to take or renew your safe church training? The diocese is offering a Safe Church, Safe Communities In-Person Training at St. John's Episcopal Church, Plymouth (574 S Sheldon Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170) **Thursday, May 7, 2026 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM**. Bring a sack lunch, there is no cost for the training. Safe Church Training is required every 3 years for all active Vestry Members, EMs, EVs, Worship Leaders, Staff and anyone else in a leadership position. Register here to attend:

[www.edomi.org/safechurchtraining](http://www.edomi.org/safechurchtraining)

### **Church Clean-up Day - Sat May 9**

Join us Sat May 9th 9:00am-1:00pm to help clean-up the church and grounds for spring. Indoor and Outdoor Projects available for people of all physical ability levels. Sat May 23 will be our make-up day in case of rain.

## Worship Committee May 13

The Worship Committee will meet Wednesday May 13 at 7:00pm to plan for summer & fall worship. All St George's members are welcome to help us and make your voices heard.

## October LOK Outing

Deb Lesnew needs a count for the Dio dinner theatre show on October 4th. We are seeing the Crucible. We plan on the afternoon show at 12:15. The cost will be around \$50. It can be less depending on the group size. It is non refundable. She needs a count by June 15. Please sign-up at church, on the Facebook Group or RSVP to Deb Lesnew.

## Ongoing Outreach Activities

Below is a list of things we are currently collecting for our ongoing outreach ministries. Check back often to see what we are up to

**Recyclable Textiles** - Oakland County Foster Closet - Put in pink bags - through end of May

**Dress and other nice clothing** - Grace Centers of Hope Resale Shop - Middle of Hallway - Ongoing

**Small Toiletries** - FedUp - Hallway Closest to Office - Ongoing

**Non-perishable food** - Community Sharing - Green bin in Narthex - Ongoing

**Used Grocery Bags** - Crochet for a Cause - Bins outside by plastic box or in back classroom - Ongoing

## Ongoing Ministries in Action:

### -Braver Angels

Monthly meetings have now been moved to the last Wednesday of the month working on depolarization. All are welcome. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm, skills practice at 7:00, and planning at 7:30, finishing at 8:00 pm. **The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 29th in the fellowship hall. See you then.**

### -Coffee Fellowship

Coffee Fellowship May Sign up is posted in the Fellowship Hall. **Please sign up to Host!** We also always need people to set-up & clean-up for Coffee Hour.

### -Crochet for a Cause

Making mats for those in need out of plastic grocery bags. 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. We have a great time! **Next Meetings are April 29 & May 6.**

### - Cookie Ministry - Supporting the AA groups that meet at our church

All four weeks of cookie donations each month continue to be covered by the Darcys, Mike Fanfair Sr., Vestry and Linda Gillepsie. Thank you for your ongoing support! Should one of these volunteers need a break, they will let Dot know and she will specifically reach out for additional help, if needed.

### -ECW (Episcopal Church Women)

ECW will continue to meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. The **next Meeting is Tuesday May 12 at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall.**

St. George's ECW is a small group of women committed to supporting the many activities of this church. All women members of the church are members of ECW and are encouraged to attend the meetings. Do come along and join us.

### - Healing Prayer

Provides laying on of hands and anointing for healing after worship at 8:30 & during communion at 10:15 service. The next Healing Prayers will be on **May 3 & 24.** Healing Prayer can be offered at all other services by request.

## - LOK - Ladies of the Knight

**2026 Tentative Schedule.** Keeping check throughout the year for updates and more info.

May 16 at 8:00pm - Joyce Spletzer - Farmington Players "Hello Dolly"

June - Laura Frost & Deb Shomoch - Detroit River Cruise

Deb Lesnew & Beck Sheridan - Recycled Rockettes

July 18 - Ann Gatland - Summer Party

Sandy Scott - St Sabba's Orthodox Monastery

August 25-26 - Joyce Spletzer - Stratford Trip - see info above

September - Caroline Liebau - Mariners Church

October 4 - Deb Lesnew - Dio Dinner Theatre - see above for more info

November - Dot Vangel - Ford Rouge Tour

December 5 - Joyce Spletzer - Annual Christmas Party

## - Mens' Group

The Men's Group normally meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. All Men are invited to attend.

The **next meeting** is on **Wednesday May 20 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

Please see Mike F. Sr's upcoming email for more information.

## Keeping Your Faith Strong

### -Those in Our Prayers

**It is time for our periodic review of our prayer list, those who have been on the list for a long time will automatically come off, if you would like someone added back on, please let Rev. Michelle know or add it to the prayer request sheet in the Narthex.**

Please pray for our members, community members and friends in search of health, healing, wholeness and solace: *Annie F., Barry, Brett & Megan & Joshua, Carol R., Caroline, Cheryl, Denise, Dot V., Eric, Fred K., Helen, Janine C., Jeanne, Jim, Joan B., John E., Judi V., Katie M., Karen S., Kim, Leon, Lisa D., Lisa S., MaryLou, Matt, Michael B., Michelle M., Michelle R., Mike W., Nancy B., Natalie C., Olivia S., Rebecca, Rick, the Sera Family, Sharon A., Sue H., Theresa A.,*

Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayers, and to those who seek healing, grant the power of your grace, that the weak may be strengthened, sickness turned to health, the dying made whole, and sorrow turned into joy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*Amen. (Book of Occasional Services pg217)*

## - Online Daily Office Schedule

Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. Morning Prayer

Fridays, 4 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sundays, 7 p.m. Compline

Do you join our Sunday worship online? A reliable and quick way to find our YouTube services (live or recorded) is from our website's "Watch" page, accessed from the top of the home page by clicking the word "Watch." [Here's a direct link.](#) Want to participate in our Daily Office online? Those are on Facebook. [Here's the link.](#)

## -Sermon Blog

Ever hear something in worship and think, I wish I could look at that again or send it to a friend? Well now you can. Now St George's has a Sermon Blog. Weekly sermons and reflections will be posted here from now on. Rev. Michelle's sermons will appear on Sunday morning, Morning Prayer reflections will usually be up within a couple of days. Feel free to share! [St George's Sermon Blog](#)

## When to contact the Priest:

Please be in touch. I can only pray, help or connect you with resources if I know what is happening. Examples of when to contact the Priest: Birth, Death, Illness, Hospitalization, Difficulty in the Family, You would like to receive sacraments or a Pastoral visit, You have an idea or ministry you would like to discuss. I am usually in the office Wed and either Tues or Thurs 9:30-3. If you see my car in the lot, feel free to pop in. If I don't answer the phone make sure to leave a message or send a text and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

How to contact Rev. Michelle: **Phone/Text:** (734) 646-4064 or **Email:** [priest@stgmilford.com](mailto:priest@stgmilford.com)

## -Forward Day by Day Devotions

The May-July Booklets are available now to pick up in the Narthex. Let us know if you need one mailed/delivered to your house. The cost is \$2.00 for each booklet. Please reimburse us as you are able in the donation box nearby. I recommend a read! 🐝

## Community Events



### Get a fresh start!

We are the Oakland County Foster Closet (scan our QR code to learn more about us). We are a 501c3 nonprofit providing children that qualify, all of the essentials that they need, absolutely FREE

#### Donate your items instead of throwing them away in a landfill and we earn .10 cent per lb.

We have a partnership with Simple Recycling (You can visit them at [www.simplerecycling.com](http://www.simplerecycling.com)) that allows us to recycle items that are torn, ripped, stained, old, unusable or just not needed. We receive .10 cents per lb., but more importantly, these items do not end up in a landfill. If you would like to participate with this program, you can use the attached PINK/ ORANGE Simple Recycling bag or you can use a white garbage bag with a large "X" on both sides. Please return bags to the church by the end of May and we will deliver them to the Foster Closet.

#### This is what they recycle: (In Pink/ Orange Bags)

|                     |                     |  |                 |
|---------------------|---------------------|--|-----------------|
| Men's Clothing      | Children's Clothing | Women's Clothing                                     | Boots & Shoes   |
| Belts & Ties        | Books               | Bras   | Coats & Jackets |
| Fashion Accessories | Handbags & Purses   | Hats & Gloves  | Kitchenware     |
| Linens              | Pillows             | Sandals & Slippers                                   | Socks           |
| Stuffed Animals     | Table Linens        | Tools  | Towels          |
| Toys                | Undergarments       | Bedding (sheets, pillow cases, blankets, comforters) |                 |

To learn more about the Foster Closet **Scan this QR code**

Items they **CANNOT** take collect include:

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| Appliances      | Furniture                                     |
| Carpeting       | Mattresses                                    |
| Hazardous Waste | Tires   |
| Paint           | Traditional Recyclables (metal, glass, paper) |



#### Items they take for use for their clients (Do not put in pink bags)

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| Clothing:       | Sizes NB – adult 2X Clothes for children and should focus on what children would wear          |
| Linens:         | Sheets for Crib, Twin, Full or Queen<br>Bath towels, Washcloths                                |
| Luggage:        | Carry-on, Regular luggage, Duffle bags (No garment bags or make-up bags)                       |
| Shoes:          | Tennis shoes, Water shoes, Boots, Sandals  |
| Books:          | Board books, Young readers, Chapter books, Series  |
| Toys:           | Ages 0-3 new or used, Ages 4 and up new only   |
| Kids equipment: | Strollers, Car Seats, High Chairs, Cribs, Pack n Plays, Gates, Bouncers, Jumpers, Outside toys |

**If your item is not on this list, feel free to send a text or picture to us at 248-419-4487**