

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CANTON, OH



The Lion's Pause

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Greetings!

On Sunday, weather permitting, we will gather in our lovely Betty Fortney chapel to celebrate Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church. The story is spectacular. Gathered to celebrate a major Jewish holiday, the disciples hear "a sound like the rush of a violent wind," they see tongues of fire darting about, and they find themselves "filled with the Holy Spirit."

Moreover, in a reversal of the experience at the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9), they find that they are able to speak the native languages of the many different peoples who have settled in Jerusalem. (The list poses a challenge for lay ministers assigned to read the account from Acts.) Onlookers wonder whether the disciples might be drunk, but Peter reminds the people that it is too early in the morning for anyone to be drunk.

Shortly afterwards, the religious authorities will attempt to suppress teaching "in the name of Jesus." And Peter and John will speak for the apostles in refusing to accept the restriction: "We cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard."

Each of us has our own spectacular story to tell, that of our baptism, our "personal Pentecost." When we are baptized, the

Church prays that we may be sustained by the Holy Spirit. Then, when the bishop or priest “seals” the newly baptized, she or he declares, “You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ’s own for ever.”

If possible, wear red on Sunday. We will be recalling two dramatic events. One is the young church’s experience of Pentecostal fire nearly two thousand years ago. The other is your baptism, your own experience of Pentecost.

We will pray that you continue to embody the gifts of the Holy Spirit: “an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love God, and the gift of joy and wonder in all God’s works.”

Amen.

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Until we resume mid-week office hours (probably on Wednesdays), office hours will be available by reservation on Sundays from 10 to 12, beginning next week on Trinity Sunday. Please reserve your time for discussion with Fr. Gaston by calling Katie at 330-499-2662 by emailing her at office@stmarks-canton.org no later than noon on Saturday. Please recall also the limitations we will observe for the time being:

- (1) You may make an appointment for 30 minutes or for 1 hour.
- (2) Only two visitors may visit at a time—though exceptions can be made for members of the same family. All visitors must wear masks. Fr. Gaston will wear a mask also.
- (3) Discussions with Fr. Gaston will take place in the library, which will be sanitized following each visitor. No one should enter the church office.

We look forward to the time when these limitations will no longer be necessary.

Fr. Paul



Special thanks to Bill Rand for working to have our Outdoor Sanctuary's sign redone in time for our first outdoor service.

Sunday Live Stream

On Sunday we will live stream Morning Prayer from the Sanctuary in the Woods. You will be able to access the stream by visiting our [Facebook page](#) (an account is not required.) Our video content will be the first posted content and should indicate that we are "live".

Curate & Co.

Masks for Morning Prayer

If you do not have a mask, you may visit our table where one will be provided to you.

- Masks are two layers, with a section to insert an optional filter.
- They can be washed, but should air dry.
- Sizes are: Men, Women, Children, Toddler

Our masks have been graciously provided to us at a 50% discount by Curate & Co. out of Hartville. Check out their site [here](#).

[An Interview with Zeke Gordon](#)

How old are you? Almost 5! (On June 3)

What is your favorite thing to do with your parents? Hmm...play with them! Especially basketball and animals.

Tell us something about yourself we wouldn't otherwise know. I like to take bike rides and LOVE all kinds of animals!

What do you like most about St. Mark's? The cookies and Sunday School!

Do you have a favorite book? Books about animals and Dr. Seuss

What's the first thing you're going to do when quarantine is over? Go to the zoo!

Who do you think is better at golfing: you or your dad? Me!!

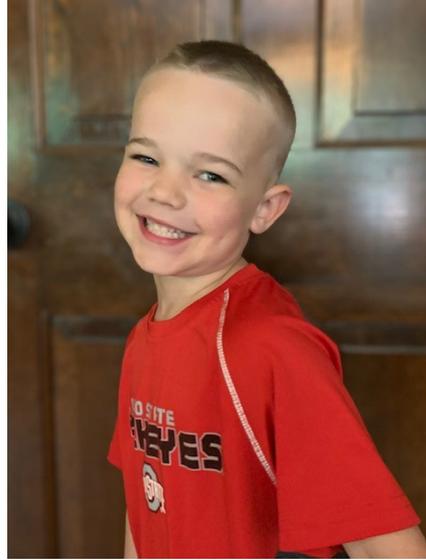
Which food do you think is the most disgusting?
Eggs

If you could go anywhere right now, where would you go? The beach or Pump it Up

Who do you nominate for the next interview? Dylan and Logan Schaub

A Note from Mr. Bob Morrison:

The first time I heard Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" was in Lehigh PA University Chapel with the Bethlehem Bach Choir directed by Ifor Jones, who was my conducting teacher at Peabody in Baltimore. This remarkable work has two adult choirs, a children's choir, two orchestras, and several soloists. The high tenor narrator sings a passage about Christ's trial, a soloist then reflects on it, and the full choir sings a hymn about it. The narrator sang about Jesus being crowned with thorns,



being spit upon, beaten, humiliated in every way. And then the chorus sang "Ah! Holy Jesus! How hast thou offended?" The memory of that moment still brings tears to my eyes. And it set me to thinking: who wrote these words? Turns out it was Johann Heermann (1585-1647), youngest of five children. But the first four did not survive and, in desperation, Heermann's mother vowed to God that if this youngest child were spared, he would be a minister. And she was as good as her word. He became a Lutheran pastor during the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648), one of the greatest tragedies ever. Eight million died; poverty and disease were rampant. Four times Heermann had to flee for his life, losing all his earthly possessions. And during this time of trouble he penned this heart-rending text (158 in our Hymnal), wedded to a fine tune by Cruger. The last stanza states "Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee, think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving." British poet laureate Robert Seymour Bridges made the translation. Fast forward to 1757 when Frederick the Great was facing an army three times the size of his forces. His men began singing another of Heermann's hymns. The foe was defeated and Frederick commented, "My God! what a power has religion!" And in 1814 the town of Schleswig was invaded by an enemy and in one of the dwellings lived a poor widow, her daughter, and a grandson who was reading another of Heermann's hymns about God "building a wall around us." The morning after the invasion found the house untouched by the invaders - and on looking outside there was a wall of snow that had concealed them! Heermann is ranked with Martin Luther and Gerhardt ("O Sacred Head" and four others in our book) as one of the finest hymnists in a time of distress. Who knows? Maybe in this present time of anguish a great hymn might emerge.

Prayer

Concerns

Paul Welch, Ken McPeck, Billie Robertson, Emilie Korosi, Joan Werren, Ron and Peg Hill, Conley Family, Briggs Family, Susan

Family and Friends: Mike Cochran's (friend of Gordons'), Olivson Family (friends of Violands'), Corbin Angeli, Thelma (friends/family of Jan Hudson), Suzy Clark (friend of Hixons'), Stacy Biglin (acquaintance of Derek Gordon), Autumn (granddaughter of Kerry and Zev), Bob Patterson (friend of Diana Cornell), Adriana (Pam

McCarthy's daughter's friend), Olivia (friend of Paulette Frech), Jacobo-Quijada Family (Mandy Pelger's Student), Lynn McBride (father of Beth Crowl), John Grandage (Kim Nadel's brother), Monica McGrath (cousin of Katie Cerroni-Arnold), Kellie Shuman (family of Giammarcos'), Baby David (friend of the Schaub's), Rose and Brian Gregory (friends of Ten Gall), Linda Kendrick, Marianne L. (friends of Kieslings'), Amara (granddaughter of Ken Jaeb), Conrad Family (friends of the Rands), Nancy Sauer and Helen Carnahan (friends to Diana Cornell), Will Disman (friend of Sandy Paradis' son), John Russell, Erin Barr, Baby Hudson, John Streb (friends of the Mulls), Pastor Marilyn Roman (friend of St. Mark's), Lynnda Hoefler (friend of Sue Little), Linda Gibson (sister of Bobbi Gordon), Katie Campbell (friend of Boyds'), Johnny Willoughby, Bobby Guerin (friend of Pam McCarthy), Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver), Michelle Gibson-Garber (friends of the Gordons) Donald Pentz (friend of the Rands)

For all those serving in the armed forces.

For all those who have died.

Erv Smuda

Please share updates with Bobbi Gordon.

PRAYER CHAIN:

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at

ggordon24@sbcglobal.net

Please note, prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Prayer Concerns list appearing here and in the Sunday bulletin, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference.

June Shealor Lockhart, a long time member of St Mark's, will be celebrating her 100th Birthday June 6th. We invite you to share in this truly remarkable milestone by sending her either a congratulatory card or e-mail. June is doing very well, memory and sense of humor going strong!

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The SEC of LM has announced Nomination time for 2021.
lentmadness.org

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To facilitate stewardship during this difficult time, the Diocese has launched an online giving resource. Simply set up your one-time or recurring gift and select your parish from the pull-down menu (Canton, St. Mark's). The Diocese will transfer your gift to St. Mark's.

You can add instructions to your donation. (IE: operations, mask initiative, restoration, etc.) If you have questions on this, please contact the [office](#).

We thank you for your continued support and prayers.

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