

Saint Mark's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CANTON, OH



## The Lion's Pause

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### THE HOLY EUCHARIST

On Monday, we sent you a reminder of the announcement I made on Sunday, that we will resume celebration of the Holy Eucharist next Sunday, September 6, at 9:00 AM. If the weather is favorable, we will meet in the Fortney chapel. If not, you are invited into the sanctuary on the condition that you (a) wear a mask and (b) maintain social distancing.

You should find the service familiar and comforting, with just a few adjustments in the interest of brevity. Afterwards, please offer any suggestions you may have. Note that if we celebrate the Eucharist in the Fortney chapel, the prayer of consecration will be said at the altar, but the distribution of the sacrament will take place in the parking lot.

Want a quick refresher as to the significance of the Holy Eucharist for Episcopalians? Check out the Q&A on the subject in the Book of Common Prayer, pp. 859-860.

### THIS WEEK'S HAPPY HOUR DISCUSSION

Following last week's precautionary postponement, the Happy Hour discussion group will meet once again on Thursday evening at 4:30 in the picnic pavilion—or in the family room (masked) if the weather should be unfavorable.

Our subject will be the Holy Eucharist. What does this liturgy signify for Episcopalians? (We will consider the Q&A I mention

above.) What are the historical and theological sources for the liturgy? What do we mean when we say that the prayer book liturgical language “tries to have it both ways”?

## **OFFICE HOUR**

There will be no office hour this week following the Happy Hour Discussion. I apologize for any inconvenience. Instead, there will be an office hour—no appointment needed—following the 9:00 service on Sunday. We hope to resume the weekly Thursday office hour on September 10.

## **ALBERT SCHWEITZER**

On Saturday, September 5, we recall the life and ministry of Albert Schweitzer—“theologian, philosopher, organist, authority on Bach, physician, and missionary” (James Kiefer). At 30, he was enjoying recognition as a theologian and musician. But there was something wrong. “It struck me as incomprehensible that I should be allowed to lead such a happy life, while I saw so many people around me wrestling with care and suffering. . . . While at the university and enjoying the happiness of being able to study and even to produce some results in science and art, I could not help thinking continually of others who were denied that happiness by their material circumstances or their health.”

Schweitzer reached the conclusion [and I quote] “that I must not accept this happiness as a matter of course, but must give something in return for it.” He began the study of medicine to prepare himself for work as a medical missionary in Africa. Unlike the rich man in the story of Lazarus, Albert Schweitzer knew that there was a poor man at his gate. He could no longer enjoy his comfortable life without doing something to help.

From the Collect for the Day: “O God, who endowed your servant Albert Schweitzer with a multitude of gifts for learning, beauty, and service: Inspire your Church that we, following his example, may be utterly dedicated to you that all our works might be done to your glory and the welfare of your people.”

Fr. Paul

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## Know Your Nose!

Wearing a mask shows...



Kindness

Scientists and health authorities agree: **for a mask to be effective, it must cover the nose as well as the**

**mouth.** For everyone's sake, please observe this recommendation when you are at St. Mark's. You will be better protected yourself and you will be demonstrating your concern for others.

Also, please do not *remove* your mask following the conclusion of the service. Our informal discussions require the same level of care that we exercise during our participation in the liturgy.

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## Thank-You Card for Blaise Warren

Help us send a heartfelt "thank you" to Blaise Warren for the time he spent working on the Sanctuary in the Woods for his Eagle Scout project. The Sanctuary in the Woods has allowed us to continue services during this pandemic, for which we are grateful.

To add a message or photo, please click [here](#).

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Informal Discussion  
Signup



Following informal discussions on Thursdays, we will have office hours from 6-7:30 p.m. **by appointment only.** You may make an appointment with Fr. Paul, Katie, or simply spend time in the sanctuary. We will allow no more than two visitors at a time, and utilize the Family Room for meetings so we may keep a 6-ft.

distance. To make an appointment, please contact Katie in the office at [office@stmarks-canton.org](mailto:office@stmarks-canton.org)

If these hours are not convenient, please contact the church office. "Virtual" office hours can be made available using FaceTime or a telephone call.

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### Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

Read This Week's  
Lessons



Here is a [video](#) to demonstrate the new guidelines regarding distribution of communion during the coronavirus.

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### Sunday Service

Join us Sundays at 9 a.m. for service in the Sanctuary in the Woods. You will be able to access the live stream by visiting our [Facebook page](#). Our video content will be the first posted content in the videos section and should indicate that we are "live".

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### Many Thanks

Ryan, Lucas, and I send our heartfelt

thanks for the overwhelming support we've received while in isolation following my Covid positive test. We have been amazed by the outpouring of care by those at St. Mark's bringing us meals and checking in on us regularly. We hope life returns to "normal" in the next few weeks, and look forward to seeing you in person again soon.



Special thanks for prepared meals: Chuck and Karen Violand, Bobbi and Geoff Gordon, Carol Popovich, Emily and Derek Gordon, Beth and Kirk Bletzacker, MaryAnn and Charlie Kiesling

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### **Music Notes with Bob Morrison**

My progress in typing and machine shorthand was proceeding apace. I had passed the 100 word-per-minute threshold and was thinking that, within a few weeks, I'd hit 125. But it was not to be. I had reached a plateau. I kept plodding on but the material was getting more challenging. In typing class, we had to copy paragraphs of foreign languages so that we'd not get used to too many repeated English words. [To this day I have to watch out for "hte" instead of "the."] And there were cryptograms with all manner of unusual letters to trip us up. Well, this went on for nine months! Nine months, mind you, I had imagined passing the 125 wpm test after a few weeks - but nine months! Well, the magic day finally came, and, believe it or not, within one more week I passed the 150 wpm, so that plateau paid off.

One happy side effect of all this exposure to copying literature was familiarity with wise sayings. Ella Wheeler Wilcox (1850-1919) was a popular rather than a literary poet, most famous for "Laugh and the world laughs with you; weep, and you weep alone." But her other lyric has stayed with me: "One ship sails East, And one sails West, By the self-same winds that blow. 'Tis the set of the sails And not the gales, That tells the way to go."

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# Prayer Concerns

Ron Brookes, Charlie Becker, Paul Welch, Ron and Peg Hill,  
Jack and Pauline Briggs

**Family and Friends:** Nancy Steward (friend of Norm and Rhonda Warren), Sarah (daughter of Bill and Beck Rand), Gary Downing (friend of Bruce and Judy Hixon), Anne (friend of Sue Little), Karen Belden (friend of Cricket Boyd), David White, Judy Provo (friend of Cricket Boyd), Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler), Gabrielle Karam (friend of Diana Cornell), Dave Jarvis (family of Ron and Peg Hill), Cody Hixon (cousin to Bruce and Judy Hixon), Don, 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), Jacobo-Quijada Family (Mandy Pelger's Student), Lynn McBride (father of Beth Crawl), Monica McGrath (cousin of Katie Cerroni-Arnold), Baby David (friend of the Schaub's), 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), John Streb (friend of the Mulls), Pastor Marilyn Roman (friend of St. Mark's), Lynnda Hoefler (friend of Sue Little), 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.**

**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\*\*](mailto: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.

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**Online Giving**

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. We thank you for your continued support and prayers.



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