



The Lion's Pause

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
CANTON, OH



Greetings!

According to the church calendar, today (August 8) is the day on which we recall and give thanks for the life and ministry of St. Dominic, a preacher, friar, and missionary. Our collect recalls Dominic's commitment to bring others to God.

Almighty God, Grant unto all your people a hunger for your Word and an urgent longing to share your Gospel, that like your servant Dominic we might labor to bring the whole world to the knowledge and love of you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ.

Dominic was born in Spain in the 12th century, entered the priesthood, and became a cathedral canon. Later, having had some success as a public advocate for the Church, he formed a monastic order focused on the study of philosophy, theology, and rhetoric as a foundation for effective preaching. To this day, Dominican brothers, priests, and nuns, after signing their names, write O.P., for Order of Preachers.

As an undergraduate, I lived for a time in Cardinal Newman Hall at Southeastern Louisiana University. The hall and the adjacent church, staffed by Dominican priests and nuns, made this Episcopalian feel welcome, and I attribute my longstanding partiality to The Jerusalem Bible to discussions I enjoyed then with Sr. Mary Luke.

Two prominent Dominicans in history are Albert the Great (1200-1280), an influential scholar, and Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), Albert's pupil, who drew on Aristotle in order to present Christian theology as a logical system. The emblem for the Dominicans, a dog carrying a torch in its mouth, expresses a pun: Domini canes, "the Lord's hounds."

Fr. Paul

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Notable

Music This Sunday

Soprano soloist Sandi Kaustinen will sing Ralph Vaughan Williams' plaintive "He That Is Down Need Fear No Fall" with a text from *Pilgrim's Progress*. She will also offer Samuel Liddle's *Abide With Me*. The opening hymn, "Morning Has Broken" was popularized in the 1970s by Cat Stevens. The organ prelude will be RVW's "Rhosymedre."

St. Mark's choir room is painted and put together thanks to many hours of work by Bill and Beck Rand, Charlie Kiesling, and Pam McCarthy.



Topics for Informal Discussions:

August 11 **Discussing Political Issues “Like Christians”**

Should people of faith who disagree politically discuss their differences?

If so, what should be the objectives of such discussions?

Are there “Christian ground rules” for such discussions?

August 25 **Looking Ahead**

Are there books concerning faith you would recommend?

Would you favor continuing the informal discussions during the fall?

If so, what topics would you like to consider?

Office Manager Katie interviews Chuck Violand:



Where were you born? What did you parents do for a living?

I was born at Mercy Hospital in Canton Ohio in 1950. My mother was a stay-at-home mother until I was in high school when she went to work in the High school cafeteria. My father was an upholsterer at the Weber Dental Manufacturing Company most of his working life (no longer in business).

How did you end up in the Episcopal Church?

Karen grew up in the church going to St. Tim's in Massillon. This is where we got married. I was raised Roman Catholic, but had fallen away when I was in college. I had even done some prep work to become a priest. As our kids were growing up we wanted to give them a foundation on which to grow, so we came to St. Mark's.

What were you like in high school?

In high school I was an A-B student, so I was no threat to the grading curve. Moderately shy, but attended all the dances (mostly watching the other kids dance). I played intramural sports, but ran both varsity track and cross country. Throughout high school and much of college I was heavily involved in social service organizations (Red Cross, Retarded Children, (I believe we now call it Developmentally Disabled) etc.). I ran an overnight summer camp for DD kids, and lead a program called Cinemobile through the Red Cross. We painted a hearse psychedelic colors and drove it around to show movies on inner-city school playgrounds on summer evenings (I remember Woodstock well).

Since I know you're the head of BrewMeisters, did you know it is illegal to feed alcohol to Moose in Alaska and to a fish in Ohio. Do you think you can abide by these regulations?

I was not aware of that. Thanks for letting me know. As long as my son, Moose, doesn't move to Alaska I think

I'll be fine. But, I know I can't seem to keep beer in stock whenever he visits home.

How did you meet your wife?

A very long and colorful story that's too long to write. The short version is that she was a tall, good looking blonde who was playing miniature golf in the living room of my college freshman English teacher's house at Lake Cable when I spotted her at a party. I let her win that round, but I think she's been letting me win since then.

What is your favorite piece of scripture?

I'm not a big scripture guy, but my favorite passage from a prayer is "forgive me for the things I've done, and the things I've left undone." I have so much work yet to do on so many fronts.

How many light bulbs do you think there are in this building?
5,000

Pepsi or Coke? (*There is a right answer to this.*)

I don't drink much soda. Never have. But I suppose I'd choose Coke.

What is your favorite thing about St. Mark's?

Hands down it's the people, and the relationships Karen and I have established.

Since I know you also own a business, if you could be #1 employee but have all your coworkers dislike you or you could be #15 employee and have all your coworkers like you, which would you choose?

In owning a business you find yourself in both of those roles at different times. Sometimes the decisions you make for the greater good of the entire company causes you to be unpopular with the people in the company, so you're #1. Other times you might choose to kick unpopular decisions down the road and everyone ends up loving you, so you're #15. Having owned businesses for nearly 50 years (I make a lousy employee!) and falling into the category of most small business owners who are nice guys who got lucky, I find myself trending toward the #15 guy.



Join us on September 15th
for the Sermon on the Mount
One Service at 10:00am
Picnic to follow
Free-will offering

Upcoming Events

Monday, August 12th:
Knitting, 1:00pm

Wednesday, August 14th:
Study Group, 10:30am

Thursday, August 15th:
Beginner Yoga, 6:00pm, \$10.00, bring your own mat
Sign up on the lobby bulletin board or on [Facebook](#)

Summer Services
July 7th – September 8th
One combined service at 9:00am

St. Mark's Health and Wellness

Beginner Yoga

3rd Thursday of every month at 6:00pm

\$10.00 per person/bring your own mat



Prayer Concerns

Ken McPeek, Billie Robertson, Emilie Korosi, Mary Schumacher, Ken Pakenham, Joan Werren, Ron and Peg Hill, Conley Family, Briggs Family, Susan

Family and Friends: Lynnda Hoefler (friend of Sue Little), Don Reede (friend of the Thorps), Mike (Uncle of Bobbi Gordon), Linda Gibson (sister of Bobbi Gordon), Jamie Rollinson (friend of Boyds) Katie Campbell (friend of Boyds), Johnny Willoughby, The Moore Family (friends of Nadels), Carol Morton (friend of the Mulls), Baby Hudson (friend of the Mulls), Shirley Allen (friend of the Mulls), 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), Berry Clarke (friend of Diana Cornell), Fletcher (friend of Cricket Boyd)

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

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.

On October 20, 2019, The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Bishop of Ohio, will visit St. Mark's to preach, to preside at the Eucharist, and to celebrate the sacraments, several of which only a bishop can offer. In addition to Baptism, the Bishop will offer Confirmation, Reception, and the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows.

We should make October 20 a day to remember! You are familiar with Baptism and perhaps with Confirmation as well. St. Marks has a class that is preparing for Confirmation. If you have not been baptized or if you would be interested in being confirmed by the bishop, please see me or call the church office.

You may be less familiar with Reception and with Reaffirmation.

Reception is a brief but formal rite reserved for Roman Catholics who seek to join the Episcopal Church. In it, the bishop *recognizes* the person to be received "as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church" and *receives* the person into the fellowship of *this Communion*, i.e., the Anglican Communion. In extending the welcome of the Episcopal Church, the bishop respects the individual's prior baptism and confirmation in the Catholic faith.

Reaffirmation is for those who wish to make a commitment to live their baptismal vows more fully. The bishop acknowledges that the Holy Spirit has already “begun a good work in you” and prays that the spirit will “direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom.” In addition to spiritual benefits for the individual, Reaffirmation blessed by a bishop offers an encouraging example to all who are present.

During September and early October, between the 8:00 and 10:00 services (9:10-9:50), we will hold several discussions to discuss these options. If you are a Roman Catholic who has joined an Episcopal community and participates in the Episcopal Church, please consider Reception. If you are a baptized Christian who seeks an “energy boost,” please consider Reaffirmation.

Finally, if you know parishioners or others who might have an interest in any of these options, please encourage them to inquire. I would be pleased to meet with anyone who is interested.

Upcoming *Servers*

Servers this Sunday, August 11th:

Acolytes: Joe Hoot, Marilyn Thorp, Karen Violand, Lauren Hoot

Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Kennedy, Rhonda Warren

Ushers: Emily Gordon, Geoff Gordon, Rick Werren

Altar Guild: Sharon Ryan, Eloise Hochwalt

Vestry Coffee Host: John Wise



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