



The Lion's Pause

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
CANTON, OH



Greetings!

Today is a particularly important day in the church calendar—the day on which we give particular thanks for Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ. The church has been honoring Mary for more than 2000 years. Mary prophesied rightly when she learned that she would become the Mother of God: "From this time forth, all generations shall call me blessed."

At one time, references to Mary and liturgies to honor her set apart "high" Episcopal churches. That is still true to an extent, but, thankfully, it is less the case now. For instance, in our Eucharistic Prayer B, we pray to God, "In these last days you sent [Jesus] to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world." Eucharistic prayers B and D both invite specific mention of "the Blessed Virgin Mary," and I routinely accept that invitation.

Mary is seldom quoted in the New Testament, but one of her remarks, in the domestic setting of a wedding feast, may serve as a summary of her principal teaching. After asking Jesus to salvage a wedding feast by turning water into wine, she turns to the servants of the house and says, "Do whatever he tells you." As Joseph Kiefer says, "When we see [Mary], we see her pointing to her Son. . . . A right regard for [Mary] will always direct us to Him Who found in her His first earthly dwelling-place."

In our lectionary, the Collect for this day is as follows: "God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom."

Fr. Paul

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Notable

Music This Sunday

Gordon Young's popular "Prelude in Classic Style" will start the service in festive fashion. Guest soprano Gail Martin will sing "My Task" and Alfred J. Silver's setting of Elizabeth Clephane's poem "The Ninety and Nine." Cantor Norm Warren will chant the Responsorial Psalm.

Office Manager Katie interviews Linda Deuble:

Where were you born?

I was born in Canton, Ohio

How did you end up in the Episcopal Church?

I was raised Catholic however I was never confirmed Catholic. After attending St Marks for a few years, I decided the Episcopal church was for me. I was confirmed in 2006? Somewhere around there:)

In 40 years from now, what do you think people will be nostalgic for?

In 40 years from now, I think people will wish for more interactions with people face to face. Technology is taking over.

If you had to choose to either stop brushing your hair or stop brushing your teeth for the rest of your life, which would you choose?

I could Never handle not brushing my teeth. I can always shave my hair or put my hair in a pony tail.

What do you like most about St. Mark's?

My favorite part of St. Marks is the people.

Tell me about your favorite vacation spot.

My favorite vacation spot is anywhere by the water. I do prefer the unsalted water in Michigan the best:)

If your five-year-old self suddenly found themselves inhabiting your current body, what would your five-year-old self do first?

If a 5 year old took over my body, they would wonder why my body was so slow and couldn't keep up.

Who do you nominate to be interviewed next?

I nominate Gary Mull to be interviewed.



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

Upcoming



Events

Summer Services

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

Upcoming Events

Tonight, Thursday, August 15th:

Yoga, 6:00pm
\$10.00, All are Welcome (*bring a friend!*)

Tuesday, August 20th:

Finance Committee, 1:00pm

Wednesday, August 21st:

Study Group, 10:30am
MOD Squad, 6:30pm @Tozzi's

Saturday, August 24th:

Altar Guild Workday
Please come help the Altar Guild clean the sacristy and
sanctuary from 9am-12pm
Breakfast provided

Tuesday, August 27th:

Lunch Bunch, 1:00pm at Walther's on Applegrove

Stark County Fair

August 27-September 2

St. Mark's is again hosting a booth for baby changing and
feeding. Please sign up to volunteer in the lobby.

Prayers & Thanksgivings Board

The prayers and thanksgivings board has been cleared and is
ready for new cards to be added. Please stop by the narthex
to fill out a tag.

Remaining Topic for Informal Discussion:

After the 9am service

August 25

Looking Ahead

Servers this Sunday, August 18th:

Acolytes: Sharon Ryan, Marilyn Thorp, Joe Hoot, Lauren Hoot

Eucharistic Ministers: John Werren, Sara Strattan

Ushers: Bob Kennedy, Derek Gordon, Ron Brown

Altar Guild: Sharon Ryan, Eloise Hochwalt

Vestry Coffee Host: Christy Thorley

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, 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), 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.

The graveside burial liturgy (Commendation and Committal) will be offered on Friday, August 16, at 11:00 at Northlawn, for Jane Mueller Cropley. The Rev. Paul Gaston will officiate. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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

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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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