

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CANTON, OH



The Lion's Pause

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Greetings!

“EDUCATION SUNDAY”

“Give them an inquiring and discerning heart . . .”
Holy Baptism

At our service of Morning Prayer on August 23, we will recognize and celebrate education and learning. Our primary focus will be on teachers and students at the beginning of the school year, both those who will reconvene in schools and those who will maintain learning in homes. But we will also honor learning that invites all of us throughout the year.

As we age, regrettably, we may become less agile physically and mentally. But just as physical exercise can help us preserve the strength of our bodies, intellectual and creative exercise can help us preserve and perhaps even enhance our ability as learners. With enough time and motivation, we can learn to speak Italian, to play the clarinet, or to paint water colors. Could you explain to someone the differences among the letters of St. Paul? There are useful guides. Do you know why Leonardo and Michelangelo were such bitter rivals? There's a new book on that. Did you realize that during the 1665 plague, Londoners practiced social distancing, wore masks, and were tempted by worthless drugs promoted by opportunists? Daniel Defoe's *Journal of the Plague Year*

(1722) is well worth a look.

As we give thanks for teachers and learners, let us express our gratitude for all those—teachers, authors, artists—who inspire and enable our continued learning.

Let's hope that we will be able to convene outside. But if we are forced to stream the service from inside the sanctuary, we will know that you are a part of our electronic congregation and that you are sharing our celebration of God's gift to us of "an inquiring and discerning heart."

THE WEAVER CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Among the learning resources that we will bless on Sunday—and please share a favorite book, a musical instrument, a calligraphy set, etc.—we will include some teaching aids loaned to us by the Weaver Child Development Center. In asking God's blessing on these items, we will be affirming a partnership that expresses and extends the mission of St. Mark's. Susie Clark-Maioriello, the Executive Director of Weaver Child Development Center, will be our special guest at the service.

HAPPY HOUR DISCUSSIONS

A reminder that several members of the St. Mark's family are gathering (at a respectful distance) on Thursdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for informal discussions of topics proposed by the participants. Tonight's topic: "How Can We Best Serve Others During this Pandemic?" Please consider joining us by clicking on [url]. And, if you wish, bring along a beverage or a snack. Weather permitting, we will meet in the pavilion behind the church. If the weather is unpleasant, we will meet in the Family Room.

OFFICE HOUR

To avoid crossing paths with the teachers and students of the Weaver School during their school day, we are discontinuing the mid-week office hours on Wednesdays in favor of an evening office hour on Thursdays following the Happy Hour discussion. If you wish to confer with Katie or with me, or simply wish time alone in the sanctuary from 6 to 7 p.m.,

please email or call the church office no later than Tuesday. I regret any inconvenience this may cause to some, but believe it may prove more convenient for others.

Fr. Paul

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](#).

Informal Discussion
Signup



Following informal discussions, 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

If these hours are not convenient, please contact the church office. 'Virtual' office hours can be made available

using FaceTime or a telephone call.
(There will be no office hours on August 27th.)

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost:

Read This Week's
Lessons

Hidden Space

Unless you are one of the parishioners saving your aluminum cans for St. Mark's, or a volunteer at pavilion events, you may not know St. Mark's has an outside storage room. This room was in need of attention. A big thank you to Bob Kennedy for cleaning out and organizing the storage room.



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.

Designate a Gift to St.
Mark's

Morning Prayer

Join us Sunday at 9 a.m. for Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary in the Woods. We will continue to gather for worship on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Betty Fortney chapel –WEATHER PERMITTING.

Sunday Live Stream

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

Music Notes with Bob Morrison

In 1949 I was in a bit of a dilemma. I had a theological degree, a Bachelor's degree from Hopkins, and an organ teaching certificate from Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore. My school-teacher aunt (who had financed my childhood music lessons) wanted me to pursue a Master's degree. So I sent my transcripts to Harvard, Yale, Cornell, and Princeton, but was turned down by all of them. That summer I had been traveling as accompanist to The Musical Ministers, a male quartet founded by one Whitney Dough, a Methodist evangelist, singer, and trombonist. We traveled all over the USA and also spent a month in Jamaica BWI -- a fascinating experience. Attendance at the Jamaican meetings (held in the mountainous areas) depended on the moonlight. If the night was bright, the folks could see their way to the church, and it was a blessing to see the appreciation of our music on their faces.

But now it was Fall, and my rich summer adventures were behind me. Our quartet finished up with an engagement in Wilmington, DE, Rev. Dough's hometown. I phoned home and my mother made a suggestion. "Why don't you go up to Princeton and talk to the University about your Master's application?" I took her advice and will tell you next week what happened.

Prayer Concerns

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

Family and Friends: 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 Crowl), 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), 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.

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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