

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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The Lion's Pause

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Dear Family of St. Mark's:

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Thank you for taking part in the survey regarding resumption of the Eucharist. After the wardens and I have had the opportunity to consider your advice and to share the plans with the Vestry, we will send a “special edition” of the Lion’s Pause to explain our path forward. Thank you for your patience.

THIS WEEK’S HAPPY-HOUR DISCUSSION

In order to avoid possible space conflicts with the Weaver School, which will hold an open house on Thursday evening, the discussion group will meet at 4 p.m. (not 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? 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”?

AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

I am almost out of space for this week but want to acknowledge St. Augustine of Hippo. His day is tomorrow, Friday, August 28.

His fascinating *Confessions* describe a youthful period in which he was attracted to “sex, fame, and pride in his own cleverness” (James Kiefer). How he found his way to Christ and became one of the great theologians of the Church is a compelling account of grace in action. James Kiefer’s summary of Augustine’s life and thought is well done. You can find it at http://www.satucket.com/lectionary/Augustine_Hippo.htm

The Collect for the Day:

Lord God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the hearts that serve you: Help us, following the example of your servant, Augustine of Hippo, so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

OFFICE HOUR

There will be no office hour this week following the Happy-Hour Discussion. I apologize for any inconvenience. We will resume the weekly office hour on September 3. If you wish to confer with Katie or with me or simply wish time alone in the sanctuary from 6-7 p.m., please email or call the church office no later than next Tuesday.

Fr. Paul

Know Your Nose!

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.

Online Prayer Book

If you do not have a copy of the Book of Common Prayer, you can find a PDF online [here](#).

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**

With Gratitude and Thanks

I am truly grateful to this crew of strangers (no more) who saw a need and stepped up. Matt Boyd, Mike Roma, and Joe Randazzo, many thanks. Last week I got to close a work project that had been started prior to the pandemic quarantine in March. The project was to remove the cracked concrete sidewalk section and the tree roots that had caused the concrete slab to heave up. St. Mark's able-bodied crew for buildings and grounds had been depleted and isolated by Covid 19.

The sidewalk leading away from the former choir practice hall needed to be in good usable condition when the children return to classes this year. The ensuing cooperation between the school director, Susie M, parent, Matt Boyd, Charlie Kiesling, and myself, led to a quick assessment and commitment to repair the sidewalk and an additional section by the cafeteria entrance. Matt and his two colleagues, Mike Roma and Joe

Randazzo, demolished, prepared both sections, set pouring forms, and instead of mixing individual bags, made connections with Diana Concrete Mixing to provide and deliver the concrete in their trucks!

God blesses us with outreach opportunities from within and from without. St Mark's is blessed to have Weaver Development School as a cooperative partner. May we continue on this path together.

In thanks,
Bob Kennedy



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

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

Thirteenth 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**

Annual Convention: Delegates Needed

The 204th Annual Diocesan Convention has moved online this year, but we will still need delegates for November. Even in an online format, the annual convention offers an opportunity to hear the current issues that face the church, to hear from Episcopalians throughout "upper" Ohio, and to weigh in on diocesan appointments. We are looking for two delegates and one alternate. Please consider stepping forward for this important responsibility and advise ASAP if any of you are interested in attending. We want to approve these delegates at an upcoming Vestry meeting and provide enough lead time so that you can learn the online format.

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

A Non-Musical Digression: The summer after high school I was riding a streetcar in Baltimore to a piano lesson at Peabody and my eye caught an ad for Stenotypy -- machine shorthand. The ad was sponsored by The Baltimore Institute, a business school, not far from Peabody downtown. After my piano lesson, I walked to the business school and discovered that, for a fee of \$104, I could purchase my stenotype machine and pay for several months of instruction, which included touch typing on a regular typewriter. I have often said it was this last feature that was worth the price of the course. Our teacher was a Miss Weishaar. I got so used to touch typing on a manual machine that, since then, I'm not comfortable with a light touch electronic keyboard.

The stenotype teacher was a Mr. Monahan. The first weeks were taken up with theory. All shorthand is based on the sound of words, not its spelling, so, for example "cat" would be "kat." Turns out there were 21 steno keys, which, unlike a typewriter, could all be pressed at once. The four fingers of the left hand would indicate initial consonants, the left-hand fingers, final consonants, and the two thumbs, vowels. Odd combinations of letters were used for different functions, e.g., FPLT was a period and SKWR, comma. And there were lots of abbreviations: "t" for "it" or "the," "s" for "is" or "as" -- abbreviations I still use.

After a month or two, I passed the 50-word-per-minute test and, after a few weeks, the 75-wpm and then the 100-wpm. But that's where I got stuck. *More next week.*

Prayer Concerns

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

Family and Friends: 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 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), 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.

Donna Leibensperger

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.



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