

# THE LION'S PAUSE



Greetings!

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 13)

[Read This Week's Lesson](#)

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## Rector Transition UPDATE

Greetings St. Mark's:

Per the Diocesan transition process, I have been tasked with selecting a Search Committee to seek our new Rector. While recommendations were submitted by the Vestry, the ultimate selections were my responsibility as Senior Warden. This was a process that required significant thought and prayer to assure that the group accurately reflected the spectrum of skills, experience, ministries, and

backgrounds of our St. Mark's family. Fortunately, the Vestry brought forth very worthy candidates, and I am confident that we have a highly committed group who will act in the best interest of our parish. I am thankful that the following members agreed to be a part of your Search Committee:

Joe Hoot (Chair)  
Grace Giammarco (Vestry Representative)  
Anne Coen  
Ken Jaeb  
Mandy Pelger  
Paul Sack

This committee, along with the Rev. Percy Grant will begin the search process by leading two congregational meetings on September 9th and September 23rd. Both meetings will be held after a *combined 9:00am service*. We need everyone's full support and participation in these meetings to assure the best possible search.

I want to thank all of those in the parish who have continued to express interest in the search process and/or participating on the Search Committee. With a limited number of committee seats, selection required a targeted approach to accomplish our goal of a diverse committee. Therefore, there simply was not enough room for all the parishioners who would have been excellent representatives on the committee.

Thank you again for your continued prayers and support as we continue our search for our next Rector at St. Mark's. The Vestry and Search Committee will continue to provide updates as the process continues.

Derek Gordon, Senior Warden

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Frankly  
Speaking

As we continue our journey through John 6 and the Bread of Life discourse, I'm reminded of Frederick Buechner's discussion of bread in his book Beyond Words (p. 51):

*We don't live by bread alone, but we also don't live long without it. To eat is to acknowledge our dependence--both on food and on each*

*other. It also reminds us of other kinds of emptiness that not even the blue plate special can touch.*

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## Notable *Music this Sunday*

The unifying theme of today's readings about heavenly bread, is found in the prelude "Panis Angelicus" of Franck as arranged by Linda and Ron Sprunger with guest pianist Joyce Corbett.

Howard Helvey's two-piano setting of "Holy Manna" will introduce the Gospel Hymn. Guest soprano Gail Martin will present two solos.

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## St. Mark's Jambalaya Jam

Sponsored by The BrewMeisters  
To benefit

## The Restoration Campaign

Saturday, September 8  
6:00-8:00 pm

### MENU

Pickled okra slaw  
Corn bread  
Beans and rice  
Cheddar grits  
Gumbo (chicken, sausage)  
Gumbo (chicken, shrimp, okra)  
Jambalaya (ham, shrimp, chicken, sausage)  
Dessert  
Beer, Lemonade, Water

Come to help the Restoration Campaign and enjoy some fun, raffle baskets, and fellowship!

All Tickets are PRESALE ONLY and are limited to 100.

Adults: \$25

5-12: \$10

4 & under: Free

### How to buy tickets:

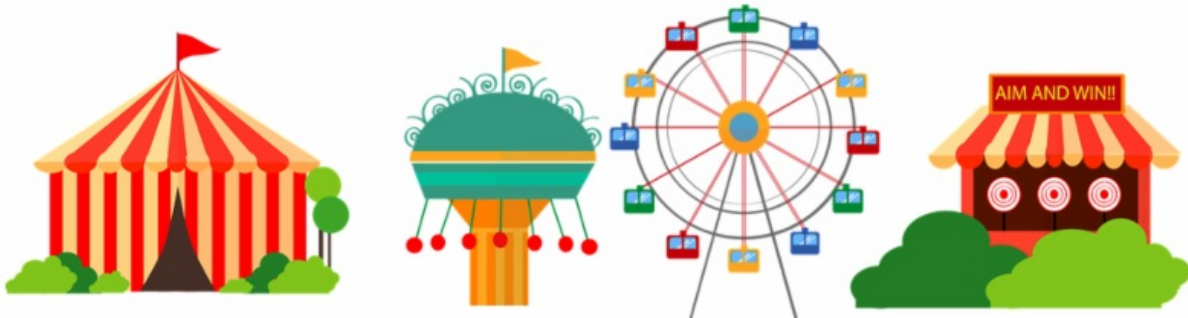
Before or after 10:00 Service on August 12, 19, 26, or Sept 2 (last day tickets will be sold).

Call or email Katie in church office M,W,F  
[office@stmarks-canton.org](mailto:office@stmarks-canton.org) 330-499-2662  
[www.stmarks-canton.org](http://www.stmarks-canton.org)

Buy tickets early to guarantee a reservation!

PRESALE ONLY....NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD VIA CALL/EMAIL AFTER AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>.

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### **Stark County Fair August 29 – September 4**

St. Mark's will again be providing a clean space for parents to feed and change their children. We are partnering with St. Tim's and would like to have two parishioners per parish at each time slot.

If you haven't already, please consider signing up to help at the Stark County Fair. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. For questions, please contact Carol Popovich at 330-327-1573

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>:**

Lower Level CLOSED for Undercroft floor buffing

## **Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>:**

Election Day: St. Mark's is a polling place.

## **Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>:**

Study Group, 10:30am

Evening Prayer, 5:30pm



# Casual Evening Prayer

Join us All Summer: Wednesdays at 5:30pm

*In the Betty Fontney Sanctuary in the Woods*

Saint Mark's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



# PRAYER CONCERNS



Ken Pakenham, Joan Werren, Ron Hill,  
Peg Hill, Ken McPeek, Maxine Kit, Conley Family

*Family and Friends:* Susan, Johnny Willoughby, Gabe Russo (cousin of Kate Cerrone-Arnold), Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver), Edna Glinsky (aunt of Pam McCarthy), The Shafer Family (friends of the Gordons), Mike Fox (friend of Boyds), Layna (friend of Boyds), The Moore Family (friends of Nadels), The Latora Family, Judy and Mark McIlvaine (Sandi Kaustinen's sister-in-law and brother), Erin, Chad Patch, Allison & Family, Carol Morton, Barry (friend of Gordons), James McIlvaine (Sandi Kaustinen's father), Sally King (friend of Sue Little), Justin Oblisk, Shirley Allen (friend of the Mulls)

*For all those serving in the armed forces:*  
Jake Binder - Korea (husband of Amanda Hines Binder)

*For all those who have died:*  
Genevieve Kocab

**For all those celebrating a birthday in August:**  
Billie Robertson  
Tory Willoughby  
Joyce Rupp  
Pam Clark  
Bradley Mull

**-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 Sunday bulletin's Prayer Concerns, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference.

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THE EPISCOPAL  
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## This Week's Bicentennial Prayer comes from:

St. Andrew's Church - Elyria

God,  
creator of all that is, was, and will be,  
your presence knits us into a glorious tapestry  
of fellowship and love.  
Continue to guide us in braiding new threads of  
acceptance,  
peace, and outreach into our community and  
world.  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

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# Upcoming *Servers*

## **Servers this Sunday, August 5th:**

Acolytes, 8:00am: Susie Hines

Acolytes, 10:00am: Marilyn Thorp, Colin Jenkins, Alexis Wilson, Justin Crowl

Eucharistic Minister, 8:00am: Bruce Schutrum

Eucharistic Ministers, 10:00am: Tom Turner, Anne Coen

Ushers: Richard Crowl, Wayne Paradis, Kirk Bletzacker

Altar Guild 10:00am: Eloise Hochwalt

If you are unable to serve, please try to find a sub as soon as possible and notify the office. Thank you!

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Yours in Christ,  
*St. Mark's Episcopal Church*

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