

Saint Mark's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CANTON, OH



## The Lion's Pause

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Greetings!

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### **YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD (PART ONE)**

Have you ever wished for more of a voice in diocesan matters? Have you ever wanted St. Mark's to be more fully represented in the leadership of our diocese? If so, here's your chance! The co-chairs of the diocese's committee on nominations encourage you to nominate yourself for a leadership position or to nominate another communicant with their permission. Please consider doing so!

Information about the open positions is available [here](#). There's an online nominations form at [dohio.org/nominations](https://dohio.org/nominations). The deadline is Tuesday, September 15. Elections will take place at the annual diocesan convention, which will be held virtually on November 13-14.

### **YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD (PART TWO)**

We have scheduled our first "informal discussion" of the summer/fall for **Wednesday, August 12, from 10:30 to 12:00**. (Thanks again to Sandy Paradis and Kathy Kennedy, who came up with the idea.) At this first gathering, we will discuss a topic on the minds of many: "How can our faith help us cope more effectively with a seemingly endless ordeal?"

But we will discuss as well how we might go forward with these discussions. Also, at every session, we will save 20 minutes or so at the end for “What’s on your mind?” At least at first, we will meet in the picnic pavilion behind the church, wearing masks and maintaining proper distance. If the weather becomes unpleasant, those who feel comfortable doing so will move to the family room upstairs. In time, we may reconfigure the transept (the space opposite the choir in the sanctuary) for discussion and small group worship.

Please reserve your spot for next Wednesday by going [here](#) and letting us know you will be there. After our first meeting, we may be able to use a less formal approach.

### **TODAY IN THE CHURCH CALENDAR**

On this day (August 6) every year, we give our attention to the Transfiguration, that moment when, as James Kiefer writes, “the veil is drawn aside, and men still on earth are permitted a glimpse of the heavenly reality, the glory of the Eternal Triune God.” Please take a moment, as you are able, to read the account in Luke 9:28-36. You may recall that we consider the Transfiguration on the last Sunday of Epiphany as well. To quote Kiefer once more, this observance in late winter “forms a fitting transition between the Epiphany season, in which Christ makes himself known, and the Lenten season, in which he prepares the disciples for what lies ahead.”

The Collect for this day is as follows: “O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty.”

Fr. Paul



As you may know, we have resumed the Prayer for Birthdays and Prayer for Anniversaries. If you would like for your birthday or anniversary to be acknowledged in the bulletin or if you know of someone who should be acknowledged, please send that information to the church office no later than Monday prior to the appropriate



Office hours next week are **Wednesday, August 12th**, from 10:00-2:00. No appointment is needed, but if you'd like to make one you may do so by emailing the [office](#).

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Greetings St. Mark's,

Over the past few months, we have dearly missed the sights and sounds of our little ones at St. Mark's. However, it has become apparent that the current pandemic and restrictions required to offer our services have made it very challenging for children to attend services in person. We believe this will continue to be the case until the pandemic has subsided.

Therefore, we wanted to provide an update regarding Sunday School and the Nursery.

The nursery has not been utilized for the better part of a year, partly due to inactivity and lack of a full-time attendant but also due to the pandemic. As a result, we will not re-open the Nursery this Fall.

Given the significant challenges facing all educational institutions this year, we have also decided to offer Sunday School virtually until further notice. More details will follow regarding how this can be accessed by our youth.

Once it was determined that we would not be using these

spaces, it became clear that use of these areas (Nursery, Library, and Undercroft) would be a significant resource for Weaver as they try to meet their social distancing requirements for their students this school year. Therefore, the Vestry recently approved a temporary agreement to allow Weaver to use this space until the pandemic has subsided, and St. Mark's can safely utilize these spaces again for our own purposes.

Thank you again for your understanding and support as we continue to navigate this pandemic.

Sr. Warden, Derek Gordon

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### Tenth Sunday after Pentecost:

Read This Week's  
Lessons



If you need to update your directory information or need the updated directory, please [email](#) the office.

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### **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

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### **Morning Prayer**

Join us Sunday at 9:00am for Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary in the Woods. We will continue to gather for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM 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".

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### **Music Notes with Bob Morrison**

This whole subject of hymn tunes is so interesting. Last week I mentioned "Marching to Zion" which is sung to a Gospel song by Robert Lowry as well as a stately setting by the late parish musician at National Cathedral - and both are good though vastly different. Richard Wayne Dirksen had a long tenure at the Cathedral. He was born in Freeport IL 1921 and died in 2003. He composed some 300 works, of which "Vineyard Haven," the tune for "Marching to Zion" and "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart." is the best known. He studied with Virgil Fox at Baltimore's Peabody Conservatory (my school too) and became assistant to Paul Callaway at the National Cathedral, eventually becoming a beloved musician there. The first time "Vineyard Haven" was used was at the installation of Bishop John Allin in 1974. Our priest was Dean of the Cleveland Cathedral for two years before this latest internship with us. The Dean of the National Cathedral for some 27 years was Francis Bowes Sayre who was born in the White House. He was the first grand-child of President Woodrow Wilson. Dirksen and he got along well and when Dirksen wrote "Vineyard Haven" he dedicated it to

Sayre who had retired to "Vineyard Haven" in Martha's Vineyard. He enjoyed these years and died at age 97. I'm thinking, the next time we do "We're Marching to Zion" we can use both tunes, and I'll attempt to get Father Gaston on the piano.

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Paul Welch, Billie Robertson,  
Ron and Peg Hill, Jack and Pauline  
Briggs

# Prayer Concerns

**Family and Friends:** Judy Provo (friend of Cricket Boyd), Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler), Gabrielle Karam (friend of Diana Cornell), Landon Strobel (friend of Bradley Mull), Anna Brown (Eloise Hochwalt's sister), Dave Jarvis (family of Ron and Peg Hill), Cody Hixon (cousin to Bruce and Judy Hixon), Don, Corbin Angeli, Thelma (friends/family of Jan Hudson), 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 Crawl), John Grandage (Kim Nadel's brother), 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), Will Disman (friend of Sandy Paradis' son), 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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