



The Lion's Pause

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
CANTON, OH



In view of COVID transmission rates in Stark Co. and CDC guidelines, we are requesting that all persons attending services at St. Mark's continue to wear a mask inside the building.

Rector's Ramblings

In last week's Lion's Pause, we began looking at the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral, which expresses a deep desire for unity in the Christian Church. The first statement



was an expression of the desire for unity in Christ. The second statement in the Quadrilateral says:

That we believe that all who have been duly baptized with water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, are members of the Holy Catholic Church.

The church has struggled to come to terms with this statement for centuries, and continues to struggle with this statement. The most visible place we see this struggle manifested is in the discussion of who may receive communion. In some denominations, a person must be a member of that denomination to receive communion. In other denominations, a person must display an understanding of

what communion means before they are admitted to receive communion. On the opposite end of the spectrum, there are denominations that allow any person, regardless of whether they have been baptized, or whether they hold a faith other than Christianity to receive communion.

In the Episcopal Church, any baptized person may receive communion. This is due to the recognition that Baptism is the entry into full membership in the church. This was not always the case in the Episcopal Church. In fact, when the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral was drafted and passed, only Confirmed members of the church were invited to receive communion. The Episcopal Church has grown into the statement that was made in the Quadrilateral.

The invitation to receive communion is not only about who is allowed to receive the sacrament. It is also about the recognition of the Christian family. If we recognize someone as a brother or sister in Christ, we must not refuse them a spot at the family table.

[You may find a brief discussion regarding why infants were refused communion in the West at: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/infant-communion>]

Fr. RJ

Financial Stewardship Update

Thank you to those of you who have prayerfully considered your 2022 gifts to St. Mark's. If you have not submitted your 2022 pledge, we look forward to hearing from you. St. Mark's 2022 budget will be finalized in the next two week to present at the January Vestry meeting.

If you requested envelopes, your 2022 pledge envelopes will be available in your church mail box starting this Sunday, December 12th. If you did not ask for envelopes and would like them, please let us know.

Your St. Mark's family appreciates your support.
Charlie Kiesling, Treasurer



St. Mark's Episcopal Church

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS

CHRISTMAS EVE December 24th
Family Eucharist @5:00pm Festive Eucharist @10:00pm

DECEMBER 26th Lessons & Carols One Service @10:00am



St. Mark's
Sunday School
Presents

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

A Christmas Pageant



Sunday, December 19
at 9:30 am
in the Sanctuary



Sunday, December 12

Morning Prayer in person at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Live Stream at 10 a.m.

Bible Study at 9 a.m. between services

Sunday School at 10 a.m.

[Lessons](#) (Track 2)

Wednesday, December 15

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m.

[Bulletin](#)

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Bob's Music Notes

My mother was devastated by the death at the dinner table, June 1922, of her father in Baltimore, which meant quite a change for the family circumstances. It didn't directly affect my parents, though, because they were married two weeks after the sad event and were establishing their own home. The remaining family moved to a smaller house on Grantley Road where I often visited. They had a player piano! I loved it, pumping the foot pedals, watching the paper roll go by and hearing all those rich harmonies.



Another artifact at that house was a full-length mirror with a marble shelf at the base, ornamented with cherubs and gold leaf. My mother adored this piece of furniture and extracted a promise from her mother that, at mama's death, Anna would get the mirror.

Well, that day came, and somehow the mirror disappeared. The mystery was solved at our next visit to the oldest sister Helene in Lock Haven, PA. There sat the mirror. My mother was furious but hid her feelings from all but my dad and me. "Don't worry, Anna," he said. "We'll find a solution." And he

was as good as his word. He went to downtown Gay Street in Baltimore where there were antique shops, found a similar mirror, had it re-silvered and fixed up. Voila, a happy wife and mother, especially when the sisters came to visit, saw the mirror, and wondered if she had spirited it away from Lock Haven!

Fast forward. My parents' last days were spent in the home of my father's youngest sister in their birthplace Emmitsburg, MD, and I used to see that mirror in the vestibule. At auction it was sold for a good price, thus ending the saga of the grand mirror.

December Birthdays

2 David Thorley
7 Kathy Kennedy
12 Al Korosi, Pam McCarthy
14 Gary Mull
25 Christy Thorley
27 Marilyn Thorp

December Anniversaries

13 Wayne and Sandy Paradis
27 Rick and Julie Werren
29 Jane and Tom King, Barrie and Marilyn Thorp

Prayer Concerns

Fred Gibbs, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, Ron Hill, Amelia Rowland, Ron Brookes, Jack and Pauline Briggs

Family and Friends: Cody Hixon (cousin of Bruce Hixon); Addelyn (friend of Judy Hixon); John Fortney (brother of Cindy Brown); Nancy Murphy (daughter of Carol Hayn); Stephanie & Jim Bellamy (friend of Marcia Tirpak); Darlene & Diana (friends of Sue Little), Silvia Batalla (friend of Gene and Sally Little); Ynette Pysher (Vonda Temerkoff's cousin); Sandy Snyder & Doug (friend & brother-in-law of the Rands); Lynnda Hoefler & Darlene (friends of Sue Little); Sherry, Noah, & Linda Kendrick, (friends of the Kieslings); Ray Slinger (friend of Bob Morrison); Janet Sheatzley Morgan (Barb Siegfried's sister); Chuck Schuerer & Beth Conley (friends of Cricket Boyd); Carol Jones (daughter of Buck & BJ Jones); Steve O'Krepki & Corinna (family of Beth Crowl); Dr. Angela Peters & family (friend of the

Kennedys); Terry L., Denny Schafer, Judy Evans (friends of Pam McCarthy); Jerry Burris (friend of the Thorleys); Lesley & Holly (friends of Paulette Frech); Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler); Baby David (friend of the Schaub); Bob Patterson (friends of Diana Cornell); Camila Guzman family & Pastor Marilyn Roman (friends of the Mulls); Johnny Willoughby (grandson of the Willoughbys); Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver).

For those who have died.

For those in the armed forces.

PRAYER CHAIN:

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for the 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

Prayer requests may be placed on the private Prayer Chain or on the Prayer Concerns list appearing in *The Lion's Pause* and Sunday bulletin or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference. Unless otherwise instructed, names will be listed as we receive them. Please update Bobbi or Katie on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.



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