



## The Lion's Pause

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
CANTON, OH



Greetings!

Welcome to the beginning of a new church year! That means a shift from Lectionary Year C, in which we hear often from the Gospel of Luke, to Lectionary Year A, during which we will hear often from the Gospel of Matthew. And if you read the Daily Office (and I hope you do) we are now beginning Year Two.

A different color offers a visual reminder that we have changed seasons. Instead of the green of the many Sundays after Pentecost (roughly six months), we see the blue of Advent.

Why blue? For one reason, we are honoring a tradition we can trace back to the Church of England more than 500 years ago—before the Reformation. If you are really a traditionalist, blue's your color.

For another, there is the traditional association of the color blue with the Virgin Mary. A bit of art history trivia: paint made with the blue of lapis lazuli, derived from a semi-precious stone, was the most expensive available to Renaissance artists. In painting the robes of the Virgin, Titian and Vermeer were expressing their

devotion in part by their choice of pigment.

Blue is also the color of the dawn before the rising of the sun. That is appropriate for Advent, a season of expectation and preparation. We look ahead not only to the birth of the Christ Child, which we will celebrate on Christmas, but also to the renewed presence of the Christ in our lives and in the life of the world.

Happy New Year!

Fr. Paul

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

[Read This Week's Lessons](#)

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## **65th Anniversary Celebration**

December 8 at 10:00 AM

Reception immediately following the service in the undercroft

### **Menu by Chef Carol:**

2 hot slider sandwiches

Vegetable tray

Cherry Chiffon Salad, Applesauce

Cake, punch and Cookies

Photo Opportunity by Bill Rand

Presentation of gifts to Priests

Special Guests:

Rev. Carey E. Sloan and Kathy, Rev. Erv Smuda and Jan, and Sherry Ackerman and her husband.

The planning committee is still in need of help on Dec 7 from 9:00 AM until 12:00PM for set up and decorations, on December 8 for serving food, clean up and cookie bakers.

Parents, please consider having your young adult children help on December 8 with cleanup and busing tables.

Please RSVP to the church office by December 1 for an accurate reception count.

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## Notable

### *Music This Sunday*

For this first Advent Sunday the prelude will be Bach's Orgelbuchlein setting of "Savior of the Nations, Come" and the choir will offer John Ness Beck's "Every Valley." Guest tenor David J. White will sing the poem of George Herbert "Love Bade Me Welcome" with the music of Vaughan Williams.

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## Upcoming



### **Sunday, December 1st:**

Community Christmas Wrapping  
Between Services  
Please bring your own scissors

### **Wednesday, December 4th:**

Study Group, 9:30am  
Fr. Paul's Office Hours: 1:00-3:00pm  
Vestry, 5:30pm

### **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>:**

65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Please sign up on Facebook, in the church lobby, or call Katie in the office.

### **Sunday, December 15th:**

Join the Sunday School for an inter-generational Advent event!

Head downstairs after the 10am service for lunch, songs, and a craft. Create a festive angel to display or give away as a reminder of the reason for the season! Please RSVP on the signup sheet located on the Sunday School bulletin board (board located between sanctuary and nursery)

**Puppet Gang Practice Dates @9:30am**  
December 15, 22

*The office will be closed November 28th and 29th.*

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# Thankful *Thursdays*

Five food packages were recently delivered to families at Schreiber Elementary School. Thank you to all who help continue to make this ministry possible!

As our own food pantries at home ebb and flow, St. Mark's do also! We will try to keep everyone updated as the school year continues.

**We are currently in need of the following:**

Jelly, Pasta/Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Chicken, Canned Tuna, Canned Green Beans, Cream of Chicken & Mushroom Soups and Baked Beans.

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# Prayer Concerns

Amelia Rowland, Paul Welch, Jane McFadden, Lesley Kiesling, Ken McPeck, Billie Robertson, Emilie Korosi, Ken Pakenham, Joan Werren, Ron and Peg Hill, Conley Family, Briggs Family, Susan

**Family and Friends:** Kellie Shuman (family of Giammarcos'), Baby David (friend of the Schaub's'), A.J. Nelson (family of Sara Strattan), Rose and Brian Gregory (friends of Ten Gall), Mike, Linda Kendrick, Marianne L. (friends of Kieslings'), Carol Ohr (friend of Vonda Temelkoff), Amara (granddaughter of Ken Jaeb), Pastor Heather Hill, Janet and Lori (friends of Rick and Beth Crowl), Conrad Family (friends of the Rands), Nancy Sauer and Helen Carnahan (friends to Diana Cornell), Will Disman (friend of Sandy Paradis' son), John Russell, Justin Spring, Erin Barr, Baby Hudson, John Streb (friends of the Mulls), Pastor Marilyn Roman (friend of St. Mark's), Lynnda Hoefler (friend of Sue Little), Linda Gibson (sister of Bobbi Gordon), Fletcher, Jamie, 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), Berry Clarke (friend of Diana Cornell)

**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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### **Servers this Sunday, December 1st**

Acolytes 8:00am: Susie Hines

Acolytes 10:00am: Karen Violand, Lauren Hoot, Joe Hoot

Eucharistic Minister 8:00am: Sara Strattan

Eucharistic Ministers 10:00am: Bruce Schutrum, Anne Coen

Ushers: Gary Giammarco, Tom Temelkoff, Bruce Hixon

Altar Guild: Diana Cornell, Sara Strattan

Vestry Coffee Host: Beck Rand

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