

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CANTON, OH



The Lion's Pause

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This week we will mark the beginning of a new year. Many people have said they will be glad to have 2020 behind us. At the same time, we start 2021 with uncertainty. We do have the promise of a vaccine, and the hope that sometime during this year, we will be able to go back to something of a normal life.

Many people challenge us to make resolutions for the new year. If that is helpful to you I encourage you to do it. I have never found it helpful to pick one day to make resolutions for the year. In fact, when I have a gym membership, I usually take the month of January off. There are far fewer people in the gym on February 1 than there will be on January 2.

January 1 is also the Feast of the Holy Name. Luke tells us, "After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb."

The name Jesus, or Yeshua in Aramaic, means the Lord is Salvation. It is a combination of an abbreviation for the divine name and an abbreviation for salvation. It is the name at which every knee will bow on the final day.

I think it is appropriate to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Name at the beginning of a new year, particularly this new year. With all of the hopes that we have for the upcoming year, it is important to remember where our true hope lies. A vaccine will be a wonderful thing. Perhaps some of our national divisions

my be set aside. At the same time, our ultimate hope for the renewal of all things, our hope for a new heaven and a new earth, lies in the promise that the Lord is our salvation. On January 1, it might be helpful to pause for a moment and pray the Collect for the Feast of the Holy Name:

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*

Fr. RJ



Wednesday, December 30

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m.

[Bulletin](#)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 939 4779 6010

Passcode: 181795

Sunday, January 3

Morning Prayer, 9:00 A.M. on Facebook Live

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Katie will be out of the office December 24-January 4.

Sunday School

St. Mark's Sunday School is continuing with their lessons each Sunday via ZOOM. All of our wonderful teachers are doing a great job keeping the lessons

creative in this remote setting. There are some fun plans in store for the Advent season, so keep a look out for that! If a child in your life is interested in joining us, please contact Emily Gordon at ecgordon16@gmail.com.



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**

Second Sunday after Christmas

**Read This Week's
Lessons**

Music Notes with Bob Morrison

During the cordial question and answer session at my July 1951 audition for the music

position at Canton First Methodist I kept wanting to get back on the bench of that organ. That moment finally came, and I was accompanied by three of the Worship Committee: William Gordon Meyer, a violinist with Canton Symphony, Dean Doudna, CEO of Hercules Engines, and Ob-Gyn physician Blanchard V. Antes. I took delight in showing the gentlemen some of the fine features of this organ. Since my Peabody studies had been on a Skinner, I was well acquainted with the console. After a bit, I asked the fellows if they had a hymn request, and Dr. Antes said "The Old Rugged Cross" which I proceeded to play, ending with the chimes. When I finished, Dr. Antes had tears in his eyes - a good sign.



Amelia Rowland, Harry Kit, Ron Brookes, Charlie Becker, Paul Welch, Ron and Peg Hill, Jack and Pauline Briggs

Prayer Concerns

Family and Friends: Baby Mason (family of the Moore Family), Chris Posey (sister of Joe Hoot), Bridget & Tony (Friends of the Browns), Tim Whitehouse (acquaintance of Sara Strattan), Lesley (family friend of Paulette Frech), Pam Belknap (friend of Judy Hixon), John Reft (family of Bill and Beck Rand), Judy Locke (friend of Ken Jaeb), Dr. Sanford Lopater (friend of Mulls'), Jan Atkinson (friend of Hixons'), Addelyn (friends of Hixons'), Jim Bellamy (friend of Marcia Tirpak), Bonnie Manos (friend of Judy Gibbs), Nancy Stewart Matin (friend of Norm and Rhonda Warren), Sarah (daughter of Bill and Beck Rand), Anne (friend of Sue Little), Karen Belden (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), Lynn McBride (father of Beth Crowl), Monica McGrath (cousin of Katie Cerroni-Arnold), Baby David (friend of the Schaub's'), Marianne L.

(friend of Kieslings'), 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.

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.

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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