

## The Lion's Pause

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
CANTON, OH



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A MASK

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.

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**Reminder!**  
**Annual Reports are due by January 12.**

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### Rector's Ramblings

With the first three statements of the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral, the desire that we all may be one, the recognition of all baptized persons as fellow Christians, and the readiness to set aside those things that are of human choice or ordering, it might seem that there is nothing to prevent the church from institutional unity. However, the Quadrilateral does not call for institutional unity. Instead in its fourth statement, the Quadrilateral declares:



This Church does not seek to absorb other Communion, but rather, co-operating with them on the basis of a common Faith and Order, to discountenance schism, to heal the wounds of the Body of Christ, and to promote the charity which is the chief of Christian graces and the visible manifestation of Christ to the world.

Unity and uniformity are two very different things. Even within the Episcopal Church and the broader Anglican Communion there is not uniformity. Instead, the various congregations, dioceses, and provinces express worship with different styles. Even though every province of the church has a Prayer Book this is basically modeled after the English Prayer Book of 1669, the expression of worship reflects the culture of the province. Within the Episcopal Church, each congregation uses the same Book of Common Prayer, however, there are variations of style in each parish. A service at St. Mark's in Canton, looks different than a service at St. Paul's in Canton, which looks different than a service at St. Timothy's in Massillon. Although we do not have uniformity, it is easy to recognize our unity.

The same unity is present with other Communion. A service at St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in North Canton would look very different than a service at St. Mark's, as would a service at Faith Family Church in North Canton. Although we do not share institutional unity with either congregation, we recognize that we have unity in "contending for the religion of Christ." We do not seek to make the members of St. George's or Faith Family Church Episcopalians, though they would be welcome among us. Instead, we seek to cooperate with them in bringing Christ to the world.

It is important to keep all of this in mind for the mission of the church. Our competition on Sunday Morning is not with other Christian churches. Our competition is with soccer fields and hockey rinks, with shopping malls and television, with anything that competes to draw people away from the worship of God in Christ.

**Fr. RJ**

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## Sunday, January 2

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)

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## Wednesday, January 5

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m.

[Bulletin](#)

[Zoom](#)

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## Bob's Music Notes

My most memorable New Year's event was a trip to New York City in the early 1960s. The NYC chapter of the American Guild of Organists was having a Mid-Winter Conclave between Christmas and New Year's with special concerts, workshops, etc, and Kathleen and I planned to go. We had a babysitter all lined up for little Scott and were looking forward to this opportunity. Alas! The day before we were to leave, Scott fell ill. Kathleen said there was no way she was leaving town

with her son in trouble, but she urged me to go, which I did.

The closing event was a Watch-Night service, December 31, at Riverside Church, that imposing building overlooking the Hudson River with its mighty Aeolian-Skinner organ, its massive carillon, virtuoso Virgil Fox at the console and Richard Weagley, choirmaster. The anthem they sang was "How Burn the Stars Unchanging" (in the midnight skies, as on the earth the old year dies.) The soloist was Hazel Gravelle. I'll never forget that moment when she and the choir sang this piece that ended ".....that with the New Year's dawning right may conquer wrong, grief yield to joy, and tears to song."

When I got home I ordered the anthem, and the next year we sang it with Kathleen doing the high soprano solo. Good news: I've asked Catherine Elsass Dillon to sing this anthem for us on January 2nd!

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### **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

### **January Birthdays**

3 Sara Strattan  
4 Livvy Mull  
6 John Willoughby  
8 Rick Crowl  
10 Debbie Shellhammer  
16 Tasha Smith  
18 Julie Werren  
25 Barrie Thorp, Ten Gall

### **January Anniversaries**

3 Stew and Jan Hudson  
16 Mark and Kim Nadel

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### **Prayer Concerns**

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

**Family and Friends:** Addelyn (friend of Judy Hixon); John Fortney (brother of Cindy Brown); Jim Belamy, Stephanie, & Pat (friends of Marcia Tirpak); Darlene & Diana (friends of Sue Little), Silvia Batalla (friend of Gene and Sally Little); Yanette Pysher (Vonda Temerkoff's cousin); Sandy Snyder & the Fulton family (friend and relatives of the Rands); Lynnda Hoefler & Darlene (friends of Sue Little); Sherry & Noah (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. & Judy Evans (friends of Pam McCarthy); Lesley & Holly (friends of Paulette Frech); Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler); Baby David (friend of the Schaub); Bob Patterson (friends of Diana Cornell); Sullivan & Guzman families & 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](mailto: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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