

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CANTON, OH



The Lion's Pause

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Greetings!

Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation, which happens this year to coincide with a Sunday. On Epiphany, the magi recognized and greeted the Christ Child. Now, exactly 40 days after Christmas, it is Simeon and Anna in the Temple who recognize the Christ.

Why 40 days? As James Kiefer observes, "Counting forward from December 25 as Day One, we find that Day Forty is February 2. A Jewish woman is in semi-seclusion for 40 days after giving birth to a son, and accordingly it is on February 2 that we celebrate the coming of Mary and Joseph with the infant Jesus to the Temple at Jerusalem." They bring Jesus to the Temple for two reasons. First, they will offer a sacrifice to signify the return of Mary to the world. Second, they will "redeem" their first-born male child, Jesus.

The other familiar term for this day is Candlemas. Why? One liturgy for this day includes a line from Zephaniah (1:12): ""I will search Jerusalem with candles."

Because this is a feast day, our liturgical color will again be white. However, beginning next Sunday, 5 Epiphany, our liturgical color will be green. I have argued for a long time that Epiphany should have its own color, yellow or gold, but I have not yet been able to persuade the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church.

Our collect for the day:

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Fr. Paul

The Presentation of Our Lord

[Read This Week's Lessons](#)

Notable *Music This Sunday*

Bach's *I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ* will be the prelude - a trio, with one note in each hand and the pedal. The choir will offer a plainchant setting "Thee We Adore" by Ralph Johnson, and the Gospel hymn will recount the events surrounding Jesus' Presentation in the Temple.

Upcoming *Events*

Wednesday, February 5th:

Study Group, 9:30am

Vestry, 5:30pm

Sunday, February 9th:

Inter-Generational Event at 10am (during service)

Fr. Gaston will lead us in a service and lesson, alongside an activity followed by lunch for everyone.

Monday, February 10th:

Knitting, 1:00pm

Book Club, 7:00pm

Tuesday, February 11th:

Finance Committee, 3:00pm

Wednesday, February 19th:

Study Group, 9:30am
MOD Squad, 6:30pm @Desert Inn

Thursday, February 20th:

Beginner Yoga, 7:00pm
\$10.00 with Sam Abraham
Please let the office know if you plan to attend.

Saturday, February 22nd:

Altar Guild Cleanup Day, 9:00pm

Tuesday, February 25th:

Shrove Tuesday Dinner 5:30pm



Thankful *Thursdays*

"I wanted to take a minute and thank you for your generous donations for our school. So many families have been blessed by your

generosity. May God bless your church!" Thank you!

Stacie Strange - School Community Worker

We were able to send home food deliveries on Thursday, January 16 to help our five families get through the long weekend. Our food pantry is now running low on the following: Oatmeal, Jelly, Baked Beans, Pasta Sauce, and Noodles (for casseroles). Thank you for helping us try to support these five families....a little can go a long way.

Prayer *Concerns*

Vonda Temelkoff, Mary Schumacher, Amelia Rowland, Paul

Welch, Ken McPeck, Billie Robertson, Emilie Korosi, Joan Werren, Ron and Peg Hill, Conley Family, Briggs Family, Susan

Family and Friends: Olivia (friend of Paulette Frech), Jacobo-Quijada Family (Mandy Pelger's Student), Lynn McBride (father of Beth Crowl), Fr. Carey Sloan, Vicki and Arlo Hathaway, Mark Erickson family (friends of Bob and Kathy Kennedy), Bridgette and Randy (friends of Ron and Cindy Brown), John Grandage (Kim Nadel's brother), Kristina Brinkman (friend of Kathy and Bob Kennedy), Monica McGrath (cousin of Katie Cerroni-Arnold), Ed Ott (friend of Ted and Cricket Boyd), 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), 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 Russell, 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

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.

Servers this Sunday, February 2nd:

Acolytes 8:00am: Joe Hoot

Acolytes 10:00am: Karen Violand, Marilyn Thorp, Fletcher Clark, Brooks Deuble

Eucharistic Minister 8:00am: Diana Cornell

Eucharistic Ministers 10:00am: Fletcher Clark, Bruce and Judy Hixon

Ushers: Gary Giammarco, Tom Temelkoff, Bruce Hixon

Vestry Coffee Host: Derek Gordon
Altar Guild: Susie Hines and Paulette Frech

Servers next Sunday February 9th:

Acolytes 8:00am: Susie Hines

Acolytes 10:00am: Joe Hoot, Lauren Hoot, Karen Violand, Marilyn Thorp, Danny Holihan

Eucharistic Minister 8:00am: Paul Sack

Eucharistic Ministers 10:00am: Bob Kennedy, Pam McCarthy

Ushers: Robert Kocab, Alex Korosi

Vestry Coffee Host: Rhonda Warren



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