

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CANTON, OH



The Lion's Pause

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Greetings!

I'm looking forward to our less formal "intergenerational" service next Sunday at 10:00. The homily, focused on Jesus' encouraging us to "let our light shine before others," will introduce a handicraft illustrating that priority, then conclude once the project is completed. Our Eucharist will also be less formal, though no less respectful and devout. Please join us. This should be a wonderful opportunity for all of us to become better acquainted with the youth of the church.

As there are no major commemorations this week, I will take the opportunity to reprint a couple of paragraphs from my Christmas Eve sermon that relate well to Sunday's gospel:

Before 1823, lighthouses built to warn sailors of seafaring hazards were not very effective. None of the sources of artificial light was brilliant enough to reach very far. But in 1823, a French physicist named Fresnel developed a lens capable of magnifying a modest light and projecting it far into the night. The Fresnel lens, still in use today, will throw a beam far out to sea—as far as 20 miles.

If we are to play our part in spreading the glow of that stable lamp [in Bethlehem], we must become lenses like that, capable of gathering the flame of Christmas so as to project its brilliant promise to the world. Through our faith, we can project that light into a world dark with selfishness, dark with disregard for the needs of others, dark with suspicion of difference, dark with the abuse of authority. By the grace of God, our generosity can overcome selfishness. Our welcoming those who are different from us can defy prejudice. Our caring can remedy neglect, our warmth can confront the cold, our light can overcome darkness.

Fr. Paul

Because of the intergenerational service, there will not be an informal discussion on Sunday, February 9. The next informal discussion, on February 23, will introduce the Lenten series.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Read This Week's
Lessons

Notable *Music This Sunday*

For this inter-generational service downstairs the choir will offer Cohen's poignant "Ballad of the Lion and Lamb" where the two creatures wonder why we humans haven't learned to love. Ron Hill's synthesizer will be used and we'll sing "This Little Light of Mine" among others.

Upcoming *Events*

Sunday, February 9th:

8:00am Holy Eucharist

Intergenerational Eucharist at 10:00am Followed by a Luncheon

Monday, February 10th:

Knitting, 1:00pm

Book Club, 7:00pm

Monday, February 17th:

Office Closed

Tuesday, February 18th:

Lunch Bunch, 1:00pm @John's Bar

Finance Committee, 1:00pm

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



Lent Madness 2020 III/XI
21 Days and Counting



Thankful
Thursdays

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

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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 for this 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 Member: Rhonda Warren



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