



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.

Annual Meeting Save-the-Date: January 23

Rector's Ramblings

The third principle of unity from the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral is, "The two Sacraments ordained by Christ Himself--Baptism and the Supper of the Lord--ministered with unfailing use of Christ's words of Institution, and of the elements ordained by Him."



Baptism was instituted by Christ as recorded in Matthew 28:19, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." We continue to use this formulation when we baptize

people into the church. We also continue to use the element of water.

The institution of the Supper of the Lord is recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and First Corinthians. We continue to recite the words of Christ from the night he instituted the sacrament, and continue to use the elements of bread and wine.

These two sacraments are fundamental to the life of the church because they come with the promise of Christ's presence. He has promised that, if we do what he instructed us to do, he will impart his grace through our act of obedience to his command.

The Book of Common Prayer contains rites for five other sacraments: Confirmation, Marriage, Reconciliation of a Penitent, Anointing of the Sick, and Ordination. Although these sacramental rites can be justified from scripture, they were not ordained by Christ Himself.

It is also important to note that the exact natures of the two sacraments are left ambiguous. During and after the Reformation, there has been much speculation about the way Christ is present in the sacraments. Even within the Episcopal Church there is no defined statement of how Christ is present in the Eucharist. Perhaps one of the great gifts of the Anglican identity is the willingness to allow for some ambiguity in matters that are mysteries.

Fr. RJ

The word "UPCOMING" is displayed in a stylized, 3D font. Each letter is contained within a rectangular block of a different color: 'U' (dark blue), 'P' (light blue), 'C' (orange), 'O' (green), 'M' (dark blue), 'I' (light blue), 'N' (green), and 'G' (orange). The blocks are slightly offset and have a shadow effect, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

Sunday, January 23

One service only at 10 a.m.; Annual Meeting to follow

Annual Meeting will be held in-person and on Zoom.

Annual Meeting Zoom will be found [HERE](#).

[Lessons](#)

[Bulletin](#)

Monday, January 24

Knitting, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, January 26

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m. (Zoom)

[Bulletin Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Saturday, January 29

Louise Gibbs' Memorial Service at 10 a.m.

Masks are required.

Katie is out of the office January 20-28.

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Bob's Music Notes

The oldest music conservatory in the country is Peabody in Baltimore, MD, my hometown. George Peabody was the wealthiest American of his time, and in 1857 he established this school in downtown Baltimore, right next to the Washington Monument -- a tall tower that commanded quite a view of the city.

A five-story library with wrought iron galleries was part of the complex. Later in its history, a Preparatory Department was added, and it was there, on my birthday in October of 1933, that I was interviewed by one Miss Coulson and assigned to Mabel Hammond Thomas as my piano teacher.

I learned later that Miss Thomas had a long career teaching there and I was fortunate to have this gifted lady as my mentor. But she didn't mince words when it came to teaching. I can't ever remember her saying "Good work, Bobby!" The only encouragement came after a student recital, when she said my playing was "elegant", and on another occasion, when she selected four of her students to play a special program and included me.

Apart from that, though, no other comments, unlike "Home on the Range", where "seldom is heard a discouraging word." With Miss Thomas, that wasn't always the case.

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

Prayer Concerns

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

Family and Friends: Matt Gagnon (assistant principal at Oakwood Middle School); 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); Ynette Pysher (Vonda Temelkoff's cousin); Shelli Montoni, Sandy Snyder & the Fulton family (friend and relatives of the Rands); Lynnda Hoefler (friend 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); Glenn Robert (friend 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 (friend 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

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.



Need to update your directory listing, birthday, or anniversary? Update [here](#).



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