



THE LION'S PAUSE



Greetings!

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 10)

[Read This Week's Lesson](#)

Frankly Speaking



Jeanne-Marie Bouvier de la Motte-Guyon (commonly known as Madame Guyon) (13 April 1648 – 9 June 1717) was a French mystic and one of the key advocates of Quietism. Quietism was considered heretical by the Roman Catholic Church, and she was imprisoned from 1695 to 1703 after publishing A Short and Easy Method of Prayer.

After Madame Guyon's last years of imprisonment at the Bastille, she lived with her daughter in Blois. I hope to avoid a visit to the Bastille when I travel to Paris in early October, but I will be close to Blois in the Loire Valley. Given the observance of Bastille Day on July 14th, it seems fitting to share a few quotations from Madam Guyon:

There are three kinds of silence. Silence from words is good, because inordinate speaking tends to evil. Silence, or rest from desires and passions is still better, because it promotes quietness of spirit. But the best of all is silence from unnecessary and wandering thoughts, because that is essential to internal recollection, and because it lays a foundation for a proper reputation and for silence in other respects.

If knowing answers to life's questions is absolutely

necessary to you, then forget the journey. You will never make it, for this is a journey of unknowables, – of unanswered questions, enigmas, incomprehensibles, and most of all, things unfair.

Regarding your spiritual life, be open, simple and like a child. In the depths of your spirit be like a drop of water lost in an ocean, and be no longer conscious of yourself. In this enlarged condition see and enjoy everything from within God. Within yourself there is only darkness, but in God there is only light. Let God be everything to you.... God's love is like a weight within us, causing us to sink deeper and deeper into God.

For more information about Madam Guyon, [click here](#) or go to <http://madameguyon.blogspot.ca>



As we move closer to identifying our Search Committee and setting congregational meetings, the Vestry has developed a congregational survey for your input. During the Vestry's visits to other parishes, similar surveys were administered and viewed as extremely helpful tools for their search committees.

Our brief survey will help inform the Search Committee of the congregational priorities and preferences of the characteristics, skills, and abilities of our next rector. It

will also provide comprehensive data to pair with the personal and conversational input at the congregational meetings.

The survey will be released on July 20th and close on August 13th. It will be offered in an online and hard copy format. We ask every parishioner to participate but that only one survey is submitted per person. A brief informational session will be held On July 22nd after the 8:00am and 10:00am services for those with questions about the survey.

Notable *Music this Sunday*

Tenor Ken Jaeb will sing James Rogers' "Great Peace Have They Which Love Thy Law" whose text comes from the longest chapter in the Bible, Psalm 119. At the Offertory he will sing "I'm A Pilgrim" by Herbert Johnson. The late Detroit master Gordon Young wrote a set of variations on "Come, Thou Fount" which will comprise the Prelude. Resident pianist Ron Hill will assist with the hymns.



SAVE THE DATE
September 8, 2018



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This Week's Bicentennial Prayer

comes from:

Trinity Church - Coshocton

Heavenly Father,
we pray that we may continue to pursue
the fulfillment of the mission of Trinity Church,
which is to carry the excitement
of the World of God in Christ
to our community.

We pray also that we may always be inviting to others to
worship
and participate as members of our Episcopal family,
sharing in the mission, comfort, and power of the Holy Spirit.
In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.



Thursday, July 12th:
Cooking with Care Meeting,
12:00-2:00pm (Hall)

Sunday, July 22nd:
Rubber Ducks Game

Monday, July 23rd:
Knitting, 1:00pm

Tuesday, July 24th:
Lunch Bunch, 1:00pm
Finance Committee, 3:30pm

PRAYER CONCERNS



Ken Pakenham, Joan Werren, Ron Hill,
Peg Hill, Ken McPeek, Maxine Kit, Conley Family, Paul
Welch

Family and Friends: Susan, Johnny Willoughby, Doug King,
Gabe Russo (cousin of Kate Cerrone-Arnold), Jim Mesko
(friend of Jim Weaver), Edna Glinsky (aunt of Pam
McCarthy), The Shafer Family (friends of the Gordons),
Justine Grosick and daughters (friends of the Mulls), Layna
(friend of Boyds), The Moore Family (friends of Nadels),
The Latora Family, Judy and Mark McIlvaine (Sandi
Kaustinen's sister-in-law and brother), Erin, Chad Patch,
Allison & Family, Carol Morton, Barry (friend of Gordons),
James McIlvaine (Sandi Kaustinen's father), Dave McQueen
(friend of the Mulls)

For all those serving in the armed forces:
Jake Binder - Korea (husband of Amanda Hines Binder)

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 Sunday bulletin's Prayer Concerns, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference.

Upcoming *Servers*

Servers this Sunday, July 15th:

Acolytes, 8:00am: Joe Hoot

Acolytes, 10:00am: Karen Violand, Marilyn Thorp, Colin Jenkins, Alexis Wilson

Eucharistic Minister, 8:00am: Paul Sack

Eucharistic Ministers, 10:00am: Bruce Schutrum, John Werren

Worship Leader: John Werren

Ushers: Gary Giammarco, Tom Temelkoff, Bruce Hixon

Altar Guild 8:00am: Sharon Ryan, Sara Strattan

If you are unable to serve, please try to find a sub as soon as possible and notify the office. Thank you!

Yours in Christ,
St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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