



THE LION'S PAUSE



Greetings!

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 8)

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Frankly Speaking

Adapted from a Diocese of Ohio News Update

General Convention is the triennial gathering of clergy and lay deputies (four of each from every diocese) and all bishops in the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops, respectively. When we meet, we are the second largest legislative body in the world. Every piece of legislation must be passed by both houses for it to become the church's practice. We are a bi-cameral legislature, just like our federal system of governance.

The 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church will convene for nine days in Austin, Texas beginning on July 5 and ending on July 13. It will include worship, legislative hearings and the crafting of legislation by 26 different legislative committees, and of course debate and action in both houses.

The Diocese of Ohio deputation consists of our three bishops and the following deputies: :

Lay

Dianne Audrick Smith, Chair
William A. Powel III, Vice Chair
Jane Freeman
James Simon

Clergy

The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings
The Rev. Percy Grant
The Rev. Debra Q. Bennett
The Rev. Evan Fischer

Alternate Deputies from Diocese of Ohio include St. Mark's Interim Rector. Beth will also serve as a legislative aide to the Title IV and Safeguarding Committee.

Please hold all participating in General Convention in your prayers.

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel at the 97th General Convention for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory.

Guide

us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to

*pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.*

Notable

Music this Sunday

Guest soprano Stephanie Cargill will render "I'd Rather Have Jesus" and Oley Speaks' "Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace." Guest pianist Sandra Morehead Carnes will be heard in "American Declaration" of Robert Hebble, a piece she premiered at St. Mark's in 2011. Resident pianist Ron Hill will assist with "God of Our Fathers" and its rousing trumpet fanfares.



Diocesan Capital Fund Grant

Over the last couple of months, your finance committee (Sara Strattan, John Willoughby, Emily Gordon, Rev. Beth Frank, and Charlie Kiesling) has been working on a Capital Fund Grant sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio. After some investigation, Sara Strattan and Rev. Beth uncovered a possible Capital Assistance Grant. The grant has six categories, one of which, Major Repair/Maintenance, fits this Spring's portion of our restoration initiatives. The grants are based on 1/3

parish upfront payment, 1/3 loan from the diocese, and 1/3 grant from the diocese. The month of May was spent gathering data, preparing financial files, and completing the required forms.

At the May 30th meeting the Vestry approved a motion to submit a Capital Assistance Application to the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio for assistance funding proposed HVAC repair/maintenance projects planned for spring 2018. The estimated cost of the HVAC/maintenance and repairs detailed in the application was \$46,870.

Your vestry and finance committee want to thank Susan Leishman, CFO Diocese of Ohio, the Diocesan Finance Committee and the Diocesan Council for their efforts and approval of the application on June 21st. St Mark's will receive a \$15,600 grant and a loan of \$15,600 for our new heating/air-conditioning units and updated controls.



THE EPISCOPAL
DIOCESE OF OHIO

This Week's Bicentennial Prayer comes from:

Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland

Gracious God,
we praise and thank you for the founders and members,
past and present, of Trinity Cathedral.

Inspire us by their vision, faith, and generosity
to discern and fulfill the earthly
and spiritual needs of the generations ahead of us.

May both children and adults

forever find Trinity to be a community where they can worship, serve, play, and grow in faith.

Help us to continue to nurture Trinity so that it can be a welcoming place for the faithful, the stranger, the young, the transient, and all those who call this place their cathedral. Forever ignite our mission and ministry, through your love and spirit within us, from generation to generation.

Amen.



Wednesday, July 4th:

Happy Independence Day!

Office Closed

No Evening Prayer

Study Group on Vacation until 8/1



Family FUNday
at Canal Park

St. Mark's teams up with St. Timothy's Massillon

Sunday, July 22nd at 2:05pm

Akron Rubber Ducks V. Richmond Flying Squirrels

Kids get to run the bases after the game.

Special pre-game activities, too!

Tickets are \$7. Please sign up and pay by July 11th.

Make checks payable to "St. Timothy's Episcopal Church" Leave your payment in an envelope with your name in the church office.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Ken Pakenham, Joan Werren, Ron Hill,
Peg Hill, Ken McPeck, 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 1st:

Acolytes, 8:00am: Joe Hoot

Acolytes, 10:00am: Karen Violand, Marilyn Thorp, Lesley Kiesling,

Eucharistic Minister, 8:00am: Sara Strattan

Eucharistic Ministers, 10:00am: Bob Kennedy, Rhonda Warren

Ushers: Emily Gordon, Rick Werren

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

Casual Wednesday Evening Prayer

July 4th NO SERVICE

Servers next Sunday, July 8th: Morning Prayer

Acolytes, 8:00am: Sharon Ryan

Acolytes, 10:00am: Joe Hoot, Karen Violand, Lauren Hoot, Colin Jenkins

Eucharistic Minister, 8:00am: Diana Cornell

Eucharistic Ministers, 10:00am: Tom Turner, Pam McCarthy

Worship Leader: Bruce Schutrum

Ushers: Bob Kennedy, Derek Gordon, Ron Brown

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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