

Saint Mark's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CANTON, OH



## The Lion's Pause

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### St. Mark's Media

On October 24, St. Mark's will be working with a local video producer to make a small clip to use on our media. This will showcase why St. Mark's is so important in the community, but also why it may be a good home church for anyone searching. We are asking for 5-6 families willing to be interviewed on camera about why they love St. Mark's. If you're interested, please [email Katie in the office](#).

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### Rector's Ramblings with Fr. RJ

My weekly column has been given a heading. It is called, "Rector's Ramblings." I chose this title because it reminds me that I must never take myself too seriously. Please do not misunderstand me. I take God very seriously. I take the ministry to which God has called me very seriously. In light of this, I have to remember that I must not take myself too seriously.

I have made mistakes in the past, and can assure you that I will make mistakes in the future. I have been wrong in the past, and will be wrong again. If I take myself too seriously, it will be harder to admit when I make mistakes, or when I am wrong. If the ministry depends on me rather than the Holy Spirit, the ministry cannot succeed.

So, as you read what I write, remember that I can be wrong. If what I write is inconsistent with scripture and the faith of the church, trust scripture and the faith of the church instead of me. I promise I will try to always be consistent with scripture and the faith of the church. I also promise that I will always be willing to say I was wrong when I recognize that I was.

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Tuesday, July 6, was the observance of the martyrdom of Jan Hus. During his lifetime, the church faced a crisis of authority. In 1305, the King of France pressured the Papacy to move from Rome to France where it remained for 70 years. This period is sometimes called the “Babylonian Captivity.”

The Pope died soon after the Papacy returned to Rome. The College of Cardinals elected a Roman Bishop to serve as Pope, then fled to France and elected a French Pope. There were two competing claims for the Papacy. The Council of Constance was called to settle the controversy and to restore unity to the church.

In the midst of the swirling controversy, Hus began to object to what he saw as abuses of church power. One of the issues Hus protested was the sale of indulgences by one claimant to the Papacy in order to finance a war against his opponents. Hus could not imagine members of the church waging war against one another.

Hus was summoned to the Council of Constance, and his safety was guaranteed by the Emperor. In spite of the Emperor’s assurances, Hus was found guilty of heresy and burned at the stake on July 6, 1415.

In the Episcopal Ordination service, clergy are required to sign a statement that they believe Holy Scripture is the word of God, and contains all things necessary to salvation. In the Anglican tradition, no one may be required to believe anything that cannot be plainly proved from Holy Scripture. Jan Hus would have approved of this tradition.

Fr. RJ

A Pilgrimage will be held at Bellwether Farm on Saturday, **August 28** from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. **Registration** is required. The cost is \$30.00 and includes lunch. You will have an opportunity to enjoy the serenity and beauty of hiking on the trails at Bellwether Farm. A pilgrimage is a spiritual retreat. It is a time when you can set aside your daily concerns and open yourself to the holy. Come spend time with God; experience the healing power of walking in nature. Feed your soul by setting aside time in peace and quiet and allowing God to speak to you. Please contact Betty Kondrich at [bkondrich@dohio.org](mailto:bkondrich@dohio.org) if you have questions or would like more information.

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### **Outreach: Blessing Box at Hope Outreach Ministry**

Volunteers have built a unit to provide for the homeless when the shelter is not open. "The Blessing Box" will be filled with personal items and some food and emergency items.

**Items we can help with:** toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, toilet paper, tissues, hand sanitizer, paper towels, deodorants, band-aids, and other personal care products, cans of fruit, applesauce, tuna fish, crackers, and any ready-to-eat items. Remember that anything in a can should have a pull top since can openers are not necessarily available. Please place them in or near the Hope Chest, located across from the coatroom.

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**ONLINE GIVING**

The Diocese has continued to offer easy online giving. To use this, please select "St. Mark's Canton" from the dropdown, and choose either a one-time or recurring gift. We thank you for your continued support.

**Designate a Gift to St.**

**Sunday, July 11**

Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.

In-Person and Live Stream (*inside*)

[Lessons](#) (Track 2)

[Bulletin](#)

[Live Stream](#)

**Wednesday, July 14**

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m.

[Bulletin](#)

[Zoom](#)

**Monday, July 12**

Knitting, 1 p.m. (Family Room)

*NO BOOK CLUB THROUGH SUMMER*

**On the Schedule?** Keep track [here](#).

**Bob's Music Notes**

As our four-month Florida stay was drawing to a close, Kathleen and I decided to buy a property in a new golf community in Venice. In retrospect, it was an odd decision since neither of us played golf. The contract called for us to start building on the property within two years or face a daily fine of \$50.

When we returned to Canton in the spring, everything was in bloom. We were glad to be back, and we began seeing some of our friends and I had the chance to do some substitute organ playing in several churches. When fall arrived, we once again opted for a Florida stay but this time only two months. Florida was quite prompt in sending us bills for property taxes and the like and the more we thought about it, the more we decided sunny Florida was not for us -- but we now had this property to get rid of. And the realtor had lowered all the prices for unsold lots, so it was obvious we couldn't recoup our original investment.

Back in Canton, we began attending St. Mark's. I had known

Father Sloan casually from various ecumenical meetings in the past and was impressed with his kindly manner. Shortly after visiting 515-48th St NW, organist Linda MacDonald announced she was leaving to move her insurance business to Newark, OH. Father Sloan asked me to be the organist. Linda was not only a good entrepreneur but an accomplished player. She had studied organ at Baldwin-Wallace with Farley Hutchins, who was a noted teacher and also author of a definitive volume on Dieterich Buxtehude, the German master, a major influence on J. S. Bach.

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### **July Birthdays**

9 Jane Schutrum  
10 Bob Kennedy  
13 Eloise Hochwalt  
21 Katie Kuceyeski  
27 Brynn Pelger, Rachel Crowl

### **July Anniversaries**

13 Beth and Rick Crowl  
24 Bruce and Judy Hixon  
29 Katie Cerrone-Arnold and Chris Arnold  
30 Kent and Pamela Clark  
31 John and Kathy Wise

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### **Prayer Concerns**

Judy Hixon, Jim Weaver, Sue Little, Jane Schutrum, Ron Hill, Amelia Rowland, Ron Brookes, Jack and Pauline Briggs

Family and Friends: Father RJ's father; Eddie Hornsby (friend of Father RJ); Gail (friend of the Kieslings); Ray Slinger (friend of Bob Morrison); Janet Sheatzley Morgan (Barb Siegfried's sister); Beth Conley (acquaintance of Cricket Boyd); Lynnda Hoefler & Christine (friends of Sue Little); Caleb (nephew of Mandy Pelger); Carol Jones (daughter of Buck & BJ Jones); Steve O'Krepki and Corinna (family of Beth Crowl); Don Stewart (uncle of Kathy Kennedy); Dr. Angela Peters & family and Joanna, Zoey, Liam, Pat, & Paul (friends of Kathy Kennedy); Adriana, the Steinsapir family, & Bobby Guerin (friends of Pam McCarthy); Addelyn, (friend of Judy Hixon);

Eddie Hornsby (friend of Father RJ); Sandy Snyder (friend of the Rands); Jerry Burris (friend of the Thorleys); Linda Kendrick (friend of the Kieslings); Lesley (family friend of Paulette Frech); Jim Bellamy (friend of Marcia Tirpak); Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler); Gabrielle Karam (friend of Diana Cornell); Baby David (friend of the Schaub); Bob Patterson (friend of Diana Cornell); Camila Guzman family and Pastor Marilyn Roman (friends of the Mulls); Johnny Willoughby; Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver).

For all those serving in the Armed Forces.

For all those who have died.

**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.**

#### **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](mailto: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.



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