

Saint Mark's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CANTON, OH



## The Lion's Pause

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Greetings!

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Today (Thursday, June 11) is the feast day of Barnabas the Apostle. At a time when those with generous and forgiving spirits may sometimes appear to be an endangered species, the example of Barnabas is well worth our attention.

His birth name was Joseph. He was a Cypriot. But the apostles called him "the son of encouragement," or "Barnabas." Why? When Paul arrived in Jerusalem following his conversion, he found a cool welcome. That should not have surprised him. He had earned a reputation as a persecutor of Christians. Why should Christians open their arms to him?

But Barnabas did. "The son of encouragement" made a leap of faith in seeking Paul's acquaintance. He made another in accepting the truth of Paul's conversion. And he took a *large* leap of faith in recommending Paul to the Christians of Jerusalem.

Barnabas demonstrated his generous and forgiving spirit again by vouching for Mark. Having accompanied Paul on one of his missionary journeys, Barnabas learned that Paul had lost confidence in Mark. So Barnabas invited Mark to accompany him on one journey, while Paul and Silas were taking another. Barnabas was then able to recommend Mark as a dependable companion, with the result that Mark would become one of

Paul's closest associates.

Our collect for today is as follows:

*Grant, O God, that we may follow the example of your faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of your Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel.*

(My account draws in part on that of James Kiefer. He offers a useful summary of Barnabas' career at

<http://www.satucket.com/lectionary/Barnabas.htm>)

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Guided by diocesan and state recommendations, we hope to resume regular mid-week office hours on Wednesday, July 15. Both the interim rector and the office manager will be present. Requiring no reservation, the hours will be 10-2.

In the meantime, office hours will continue to be available by reservation on Sundays from 10 to 12. If you wish to speak with Fr. Gaston or to reserve time alone in the sanctuary, please call Katie at 330-499-2662 or email her at [office@stmarks-canton.org](mailto:office@stmarks-canton.org) no later than noon on Saturday.

- (1) You may make an appointment for 30 minutes or for 1 hour.
- (2) Only two visitors may visit at a time—though exceptions can be made for members of the same family. All visitors must wear masks. Fr. Gaston will wear a mask as well.
- (3) Discussions with Fr. Gaston will take place in the library, which will be sanitized following each visitor. No one should enter the church office.

We hope that it will be possible to relax these limitations in mid-July. We will provide clarification early next month.

Fr. Paul

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**Second Sunday after Pentecost:**

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Lessons](#)

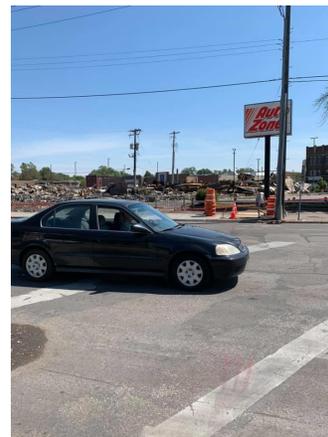
Join us Sunday at 9:00am for  
Morning Prayer in the  
Sanctuary in the Woods.

## Sunday Live Stream

On Sunday we will live stream Morning Prayer from the Sanctuary in the Woods. You will be able to access the stream by visiting our [Facebook page](#) (an account is not required.) Our video content will be the first posted content in the videos section and should indicate that we are "live".



During the recent protests in Minneapolis there was miles of wanton destruction, especially in the third precinct where commercial and industrial buildings now look like a bombed out area. A coworker of my daughter took pictures of the devastation. You may recognize the Auto Zone store, where it all began with the windows broken out with a hammer, reduced to rubble. It is now believed the area was targeted mostly by outsiders who are leaders of hate groups, as the majority of businesses destroyed were minority owned and operated.



As a result of this destruction, it will be many months for some areas to have a store in which to purchase baby products, as these were neighborhood stores destroyed or looted. Living in a metro area also means many people rely solely on public transit, making it challenging for them to find ways to reach unaffected areas.

There is a relief effort underway that I urge you to share with family and friends across the country. Please consider purchasing diapers, formula, or wipes through this well organized effort. To contribute, please visit [here](#).

In his love and service,

### **A Note from Mr. Bob Morrison:**

A radio repairman named George Schulmerich came up with the idea of electrically amplifying a strip of metal to imitate a bell. He installed one of these instruments at Boys Town in Nebraska and in the College Avenue Methodist Church in W Somerville, Massachusetts around 1934. The story is told that a man contemplating suicide heard the bells, which changed his mind. When I was in grad school at Westminster Choir College, Princeton NJ (founded by Canton native John Finley Williamson, son of the pastor of First EUB that used to be where the downtown post office is) my organ teacher Alexander McCurdy showed me a little keyboard at the back of the chapel and in his whiny voice said, "Mr. Morrison; do you know what this is?" And of course I didn't. "Well, these are BELLS." And he proceeded to demonstrate this device which had evolved quite a bit from the 25 note original keyboard to 61 notes tuned in a style resembling the carillons of the Low Countries. Well, I was hooked! After coming to Canton in 1951 our downtown Methodist Church had one of these installed December 18, 1954, which is still being played quite competently by Christopher Dazey, their organist (who was a valued chorister years ago). I am a member of the Guild of Carillonneurs of North America which chronicles events in the large booming cast bells in towers around the world. I spent two two-week sojourns at the Bok Singing Tower in Florida with the founding bellmaster Anton Brees who had a Schulmerich instrument added to the "real" bells so that recorded music could be played when no person was available to strike the special keyboard that cast bells require. Subsequent carillonists in that prestigious post removed the electronics. It's an ongoing debate. Dyed-in-the-wool players want nothing to do with an electronic substitute (same situation with organs). Others (like me) think that, in places where real cast bells are not possible, a quality electronic substitute brings a new percussive dimension to a listener, and I feel the Schulmerich device fills that bill nicely. [I played a large Schulmerich instrument for two weeks at the NY Worlds Fair in 1964 at the Coca-Cola Pavilion.] Back in Canton, one summer day I was knocking out some hymns on those downtown bells. The church is catty-cornered from

(then) Stern and Mann Department Store and, as it happened, I played the hymn "God Will Take Care of You." A lady was shopping at the store and forgot to pick up her pocketbook when she left. After some time she realized her loss and hurried back - and found the purse untouched (except for the clerk who kept it for her). As she exited the store, she heard me playing "God Will Take Care of You" and was so moved she sent a letter to the Editor of the Repository about the incident - a clipping which I still have in my archives. At St. Mark's, due to Hector Olivera's 2012 installation of a sound module for our organ, there is an outdoor carillon effect that I often use. Many of my organ colleagues use percussions sparingly, but I look at the organ as an orchestra and I like to use chimes, harp effects, carillonic effects - everything I can lay my hands on to make a joyful noise!

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# Prayer Concerns

Paul Welch, Ken McPeck, Billie Robertson, Emilie Korosi, Joan Werren, Ron and Peg Hill, Conley Family, Briggs Family, Susan

**Family and Friends:** Don, Corbin Angeli, Thelma (friends/family of Jan Hudson), Suzy Clark (friend of Hixons'), Stacy Biglin (acquaintance of Derek Gordon), Autumn (granddaughter of Kerry and Zev), Bob Patterson (friend of Diana Cornell), Adriana (Pam McCarthy's daughter's friend), Olivia (friend of Paulette Frech), Jacobo-Quijada Family (Mandy Pelger's Student), Lynn McBride (father of Beth Crowl), John Grandage (Kim Nadel's brother), Monica McGrath (cousin of Katie Cerroni-Arnold), Kellie Shuman (family of Giammarcos'), Baby David (friend of the Schaub's), 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), 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)

**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 [ggordon24@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ggordon24@sbcglobal.net)

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.

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## Online Giving



To facilitate stewardship during this difficult time, the Diocese has launched an online giving resource. Simply set up your one-time or recurring gift and select your parish from the pull-down menu (Canton, St. Mark's). The Diocese will transfer your gift to St. Mark's.

You can add instructions to your donation. (IE: operations, mask initiative, restoration, etc.) If you have questions on this, please contact the [office](#).

We thank you for your continued support and prayers.

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