

Saint Mark's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CANTON, OH



## The Lion's Pause

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Thursday, May 13, is the Feast of the Ascension. The Ascension is something of a forgotten feast in the church today. Part of the reason for this is that it always falls on the Thursday before the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Most churches do not have Thursday services, so if the Ascension is observed, it is observed on the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The other reason is that, unlike Christmas or Easter, the meaning of the Ascension is somewhat obscure. There are at least three reasons the Ascension matters.

First, the Ascension is the vindication of Jesus. It is the final seal of approval on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The Prophet Daniel described a vision of the Ascension. "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." (Daniel 7:13-14). At the Ascension, Jesus was given the Kingdom because of his complete obedience to the will of the Father. (Philippians 5:2-9)

Second, the Ascension places Jesus in the perfect place to make intercession for us. Because Jesus is at the right hand of the Father, we can approach God without another intermediary. This is part of what the Reformers meant when

they spoke of the priesthood of all Christians. (Hebrews 7:25)

Finally, at the Ascension, the way was opened for the church to be fully empowered to carry out its mission. Jesus spoke of this in John 14:12-17. He told his disciples that because he was going to the Father, the church would be given the Holy Spirit. At the beginning of the Book of Acts, Jesus links the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Ascension. (Acts 1:8-11)

The Ascension is important because it demonstrates the sufficiency of the work of Jesus on our behalf. He has taken humanity to the throne of heaven, where he grants us access to God, and empowers the work of his church.

**Fr. RJ**

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## **We Have Resumed In-Person Service!**

**Join us Sundays at 9 a.m., either in person or by live-streaming.**

- Only attend if you are well and have not been in recent contact with someone who has COVID19.
- Utilize our hand sanitizer stations for frequent hand cleaning.
- Maintain 6 ft. of distance from anyone not in your household.
- Wear your mask at all times over your mouth and nose.
- Check-in at our attendance table.

### **Altar Flowers**

We are resuming altar flower dedications. If you would like to submit dedications, you may submit \$15 per donation with names and dates indicated "in memory of...", "in celebration of...", or "in honor of..."

Please mail your dedications or leave them in the offering plate in an envelope. Checks should be made out to "St. Mark's Altar Guild" with "altar flowers" in the memo line.

### **Sunday School**

- Please check in with your child as you would for the service. The teacher that day will be near the check-in table and will gather the children and take them to the proper area for our lesson.
- Please have your child sanitize his or her hands upon arrival.
- Please have your child wear a mask.

### **Sunday Setup:**

If you are able and willing to help with Sunday setup, please sign up [here](#).

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### **Last Call: Sign Up for Your Updated Directory Photo!**

#### **Directory Updates**

May 16th, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

St. Mark's is updating the photo directory. Please register for a time slot for you or your family between **10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.**

Photo sessions will take place outside, back by the pavilion. **Use the link below to register for your spot.**

[Sign Up for a Time Slot](#)

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#### **Wednesday, May 12**

Evening Prayer

[Bulletin](#)

[Zoom](#)

*Meeting ID: 922 7675 0505*

*Passcode: 810048*

#### **Sunday, May 16**

Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.

In-Person and Live Stream

[Lessons](#)

[Bulletin](#)

[Live Stream](#)

#### **Wednesday, May 19**

MOD (Men Out Dining) Squad



Walther's Twin Tavern

6:30 P.M.

Contact Tony Keenan if you'd like to attend

### **Book Club**

Zoom, 7:00 P.M.

Second Monday of the Month

Next Book: *I Heard the Owl Call My Name* by Margaret Craven.

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### **ECW Meeting Info**

The Annual Meeting is online and FREE. The first 5 women to register can be delegates, the rest can register as ECW members. This should be a wonderful program for our women interested in the outdoors. Guests are welcome. -Sue Little  
Please click [here](#) for more information.

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### **Bob's Music Notes**

My brother, Richard David, was born February 1, 1928 -- about three years my junior. He inherited from our father notable woodworking skills (which bypassed me altogether).

He was a salesman for a while at Skarie Woodworking Machinery in Baltimore and eventually moved to Florida, became a disc jockey at a small radio station, and then settled in Venice, where he started building homes -- 14 of them. He did all the carpentry, roofing, and planning, but sustained an injury that bothered him the rest of his life. Still, he soldiered on.

Venice, on the Gulf of Mexico, was a sleepy village when Richard arrived. The mayor owned a restaurant and did city business from a booth in the restaurant. Richard came to realize that he had no pension benefits from the work he was doing, and when the mayor announced the formation of a professional fire department, Dick was the first applicant.

He had found his niche. He took advantage of every opportunity for advancement and rose to be battalion chief, but eventually retired due to the injury -- and then opened up a



store on Venice Avenue called "Tropical Scenes and Things." His wife, a gemologist, operated a store two doors away called "Gems by Barbara." This tropical paradise is regularly visited by our good St. Mark's friends, Charlie and MaryAnn Kiesling.

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## Online Giving

The Diocese has continued to offer easy online giving through their website during this pandemic. To use this, please select "St. Mark's Canton" from the dropdown, and choose either a one-time or recurring gift. The Diocese transfers these funds to us monthly.

We thank you for your continued support and prayers.

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## May Birthdays

2 Benjamin Clark  
9 Chris Arnold Cerrone-Arnold  
10 Jan Hudson  
12 Jane King  
24 Justin Crowl

If you would like to have your birthday or anniversary listed in the bulletin and The Lion's Pause, please send them to [office@stmarks-canton.org](mailto:office@stmarks-canton.org).

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## Prayer Concerns

Jane Schutrum, Ron Hill, Amelia Rowland, Ron Brookes, Jack and Pauline Briggs

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Rob Forbes (brother of Marsha Tirpak), Beth Conley (acquaintance of Cricket Boyd), Jackie & Dave, Lynnda Hoefler, Terri, and Christine (friends of Sue Little), Cathy & Caleb (step-mother & nephew of Mandy Pelger), AJ (family friend of the Temelkoffs), Carol Jones

(daughter of Buck & BJ Jones), Steve O'Krepki & Corinna (family of Beth Crowl), Marilyn Cobb (former member of St. Mark's), Don Stewart (uncle of Kathy Kennedy), Dr. Angela Peters & Rev. Carol Fleming (friends of Kathy Kennedy), Steinsapir family, Adriana, & Bobby Guerin (friends of Pam McCarthy), Sherry Hixon-Davis (cousin of Bruce Hixon), Eddie Hornsby (friend of Father RJ), Sandy Snyder (friend of the Rands), Jerry Burris (friend of the Thorleys), Paula Temelkoff (daughter-in-law of the Temelkoffs), Linda Kendrick (friend of the Kieslings), Bridgette (friend of the Browns), Lesley (family friend of Paulette Frech), Addelyn, (friend of Judy Hixon), Jim Bellamy (friend of Marcia Tirpak), Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler), Gabrielle Karam (friend of Diana Cornell), Lynn McBride (father of Beth Crowl), Baby David (friend of the Schaub), Nancy Sauer, Helen Carnahan & Bob Patterson (friends of Diana Cornell), John Streb & 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.



We seek to unite all people with God and each other in Christ through worship, fellowship, education, and service.

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