

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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The Lion's Pause

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Rector's Ramblings

Memorial Day began as a day to honor Union Soldiers who died in the cause of preserving the United States. Following World War I, its purpose was expanded to all men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Today, it marks the beginning of summer, and is often observed with a barbecue, long weekend trip, planting a garden, or some other activity to mark the end of winter.

As we come to this Memorial Day weekend, it might be helpful to set aside at least a little time to reflect on its intended purpose. On Page 839 of the Book of Common Prayer, there is a Thanksgiving for Heroic Service:

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

There are a few things to reflect on in this thanksgiving. First, God is the Judge of all nations. There is a fine line between patriotism and nationalism. Patriotism is a love for one's nation, and a desire to see it reach its best expression. Nationalism is the belief that one's nation is superior in a way that entitles it to

exploit other nations. God cares for all people in every nation.

Second, the liberties we enjoy in the United States have been purchased with a heavy price. If we want to honor those who gave their lives to purchase those liberties, we must exercise them thoughtfully. One of our liberties is the freedom to say what we feel like saying, though there are certain exceptions to this freedom. Even though we are at liberty to say hateful things, using our liberty in that way dishonors those who died to preserve that liberty. That is part of what it means to accept the disciplines of true freedom.

Finally, not everyone has an equal share in the liberties we enjoy. The Constitution and particularly the Bill of Rights set forth a lofty vision. It is a vision we have not always achieved. That does not mean the American experiment has failed. It simply means that there is more work for us to do.

Fr. RJ



Holy Eucharist, May 29, 8 and 10 a.m.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Bible Study at 9 a.m.

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Wednesday, June 1

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m. (Zoom)

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SAVE THE DATE

June 5th- Sunday School Picnic

Security Reminder

Keeping St. Mark's building a safe environment is our highest priority, and to do so we need all parishioners who are coming to St. Mark's during non-office hours to make arrangements to be let into the building. Weaver's staff absolutely cannot allow anyone not connected to Weaver CDC into the building, and there will be no exceptions to this rule.

As a church family, we want all parishioners to be able to access the Sanctuary for prayer and reflection outside of regular service times. St. Mark's staff will continue to allow parishioners into the building when they are present. However, to avoid any security challenges, please schedule any visits with Fr. RJ, Katie, the wardens, or a parishioner who is a key holder with as much lead time as possible.

Thank you for helping us foster a safe environment for all.



Do your kids need a break during service?
Head to the Narthex for activities, snacks, and drinks!
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Bob's Music Notes

Here I was, the new organist at North Avenue Church in Baltimore, learning new anthems to accompany the choir, led by Walter Hampe, a furniture salesman at Hochschild Kohn's downtown with a flair for music. His son Walter was the only tenor.



Now I had to plan music for each Sunday, and to my rescue came the Lorenz Publishing Company of Dayton, Ohio. With the motto "Music for America's Churches," E. S. Lorenz founded the publishing outfit in 1890. It was later headed by his son Karl, and then Ellen Jane, granddaughter of E. S. She studied with the legendary Nadia Boulanger in Paris, and Ellen Jane became editorial chief of the company, often writing under pen names.

Some of my highfalutin friends looked down on Lorenz because much of their output was for players of moderate skills. But the magazine "The Organ Portfolio" was more advanced. Even my harmony professor at Peabody admired one of their composers, Van Denman Thompson, music master at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana.

I was enjoying the two manual reed organ, but kept thinking how nice it would be if only I had a Hammond!



May Birthdays

2 Benjamin Clark
9 Chris Arnold
10 Dave Kiesling, Jan Hudson
12 Jane King
15 Derek Gordon
19 Connor Pelger
24 Justin Crowl

Prayer Concerns

Paul Welch, Fred Gibbs, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, Ron Hill, Amelia Rowland, Ron Brookes

Family and Friends: Baby Finnigan Savage & family & Terry L. (friends of Pam McCarthy); Dan Dennis (friend of John Werren); Jimmy Little (Sue Little's son); Nancy Sauer (friend of Diana Cornell); Lynn McBride (Beth Crowl's father); Bonnie Giammarco & two daughters (Gary's cousin Jerry); Lenny Reich (acquaintance of the Hixons); Kahmario Coleman & Stew Hudson (family friend & husband of Jan Hudson); Aurora (friend of the Gordons); Matt Gagnon (assistant principal at Oakwood Middle School); Theresa & Addelyn (friends of Judy Hixon); Yanette Pysher (Vonda Temelkoff's cousin); Sandy Snyder & Doug Fulton (friend & brother-in-law of the Rands); Lynnda Hoefler (friends of Sue Little); Janet Sheatzley Morgan (Barb Siegfried's sister); Tony Donahue & Beth Conley (friends of Cricket Boyd); Carol Jones (daughter of Buck & BJ Jones); Lesley & Holly (friends of Paulette Frech); Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler); Baby David (friend of the Schaub); Bob Patterson (friends of Diana Cornell); Sullivan & Guzman families & Pastor Marilyn Roman (friends of the Mulls); Johnny Willoughby (grandson of the Willoughbys); Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver).

For those who have died.

For those in the armed forces.

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

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. 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.

Contact Us:

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