

Saint Mark's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CANTON, OH



## The Lion's Pause

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### Rector's Ramblings

This Sunday, May 8, is Mother's Day. If you have not already got a card for your mother, you might want to stop reading and go do that now.

We celebrate Mother's Day with cards, gifts, flowers and brunches. The origins of Mother's Day did not include these elements. The Mother's Day movement began as an effort by mothers to better the lives of other Americans. It can be traced back to three women from the Civil War period: Ann Reeves Jarvis, Julia Ward Howe, and Anna M. Jarvis.

Ann Reeves Jarvis was an activist in West Virginia. She devoted her life to promote sanitary living conditions. During the Civil War, she organized women's groups to help care for soldiers no matter which side they were on. After the Civil War, she proposed a "Mother's Friendship Day" with the goal of promoting healing between the North and the South.

Many people know Julia Ward Howe as the author of the words for the "Battle Hymn of the Republic". Howe believed that mothers had a unique role in the eradication of war since they understand the cost of war better than any. In her original Mother's Day Proclamation, Howe wrote, "Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy, and patience. We women of one country will be too tender of those of another country to allow

our sons to be trained to injure theirs.”

Anna M. Jarvis memorialized the efforts of her mother Ann, and began to call for a formal celebration of Mother’s Day. Her efforts were first recognized by the Mayor of Philadelphia. Then she drew the attention of Congress in Washington, D.C. Finally, in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a declaration designating the second Sunday of May a legal holiday.

As the years went on, Anna was disappointed with the celebration of Mother’s Day. She abhorred the commercialization of the holiday she had fought to establish. Anna spent the final years of her life attempting to abolish the holiday.

It is a good thing to honor our mothers for the various sacrifices they have made to give us a better life. It is also good to remember the roots of the holiday and call for the betterment of the world through peace, remembering that each of our enemies has a mother who loves them and hopes for a peaceful life for them.

**Fr. RJ**

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**Holy Eucharist, May 8,** 8 and 10 a.m.  
No Sunday School, Happy Mother's Day  
Bible Study at 9 a.m.

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**Monday, May 9**

Knitting, 1 p.m. in the Family Room  
Book Club, 7 p.m. in the Family Room,  
"The Last Thing He Told Me"

**Wednesday, May 11**

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m. (Zoom)

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## Help Needed at Bellwether Farm

Are you a nurse? A woodworker? Want to adopt a counselor or sponsor a camper? Here is a **list of ways** you can support Bellwether Farm Summer Camp, using your gifts and talents. Please contact **the Rev. Anna Austterisch** with questions or to volunteer.

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## Bob's Music Notes

Playing Christmas carols on the Hammond organ in the show window of Baltimore's Stieff Piano Company was most interesting to me. I shared this event with John Eltermann, who was parish musician at Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church and a fine teacher. He showed me "tricks" to make the Hammond sound good. For example, by pulling out the first four drawbars all the way, you'd get a robust octave sound good for accompanying a large group. As the Christmas season neared its end, I asked Mr. Stieff if I could play one more time -- and he agreed. I was enjoying this experience.



Come January and I received a message from the superintendent of the Peabody Preparatory Department, Virginia Blackhead, requesting me to visit her office. She said she had heard that I was playing the Hammond in a downtown

show window with a sign that I was a Peabody student. She said, "Bobby, Peabody does not endorse the Hammond organ and you are not to advertise your association with Peabody." Well, by this time it was a moot issue. Christmas was over. No Hammond in the show window.

But this whole adventure was lots of fun for me. And Mr. Stieff even had me do some demos for church committees. He coached me on the best stops to use. For example, on the bottom manual was a Cello stop, and he told me to use the tremulant and lots of expression with the volume pedal to imitate bowing of a cello.

Meanwhile, Arlington Presbyterian Church had a new organist, MaryJane Leslie. Henrikka Whelan was gone.

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### **"Striving for Hope" Walk**

The Episcopal Anti-Human Trafficking is hosting a one or two mile walk on **May 21** to help fund a spiritual retreat for the human trafficking survivors at Renee Jones Empowerment Center. The walk will be held at the Solon Community Park (6679 SOM Center Road, Solon). Registration is required and must be submitted by May 18. On the day of the walk, onsite registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the walk will begin at 10:00 a.m. Please mail the **registration form** to Grace Church, Willoughby (36200 Ridge Road, Willoughby). The deadline to order shirts for the walk is May 1.

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#### **May Birthdays**

2 Benjamin Clark

9 Chris Arnold

10 Dave Kiesling, Jan Hudson

12 Jane King

15 Derek Gordon

## Prayer Concerns

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

**Family and Friends:** ; Jimmy Little (Sue Little's son); Nancy Sauer (friend of Diana Cornell); Jerry Giammarco (cousin of Gary Giammarco); Lynn McBride (Beth Crowl's father); 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 & the Fulton family (friend and relatives of the Rands); Lynnda Hoefler (friend 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); Terry L. (friend of Pam McCarthy); Lesley & Holly (friends of Paulette Frech); Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler); Baby David (friend of the Schaub's); 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](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. 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.*

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