



THE LION'S PAUSE



Greetings!

Sixth Sunday of Easter

[Read This Week's Lesson](#)

Frankly Speaking



Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." Mark 4:26-29

This week we will celebrate creation during Rogation Sunday and at 10am bless our animal companions. In our worship, we will consider our role both as stewards and as co-creators with God. Irrespective of whether we have green thumbs, all of us tend the gardens of our lives. Here's a new look at gardening, provided by an unknown author, to support our efforts to enjoy and sustain abundant life as followers of Jesus and members of St. Mark's:

For the Garden of Your Daily Living
Author Unknown

Plant Three Rows of Peas

- 1. Peace of Mind*
- 2. Peace of Heart*
- 3. Peace of Soul*

Plant Four Rows of Squash

- 1.Squash Gossip*
- 2.Squash Indifference*
- 3.Squash Grumbling*
- 4.Squash Selfishness*

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

- 1.Lettuce Be Faithful*
- 2.Lettuce Be Kind*
- 3.Lettuce Be Patient*
- 4.Lettuce Really Love One Another*

No Garden is Complete Without Turnips

- 1.Turnip for Meetings*
- 2.Turnip for Service*
- 3.Turnip To Help One Another*

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme

- 1.Thyme for Each Other*
- 2.Thyme for Family*
- 3.Thyme for Friends*

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.



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**This Week's Bicentennial Prayer
comes from:
St. Matthew's Church
Brecksville**

Holy God,

we raise our voices and hearts to you
in thanksgiving for everything you have given us,
especially your son, Jesus Christ,
who taught us how to live to further
the fulfillment of your kingdom here on earth.
Open our hearts, minds, and spirits to continually
recognize and utilize the gifts you have given us
so that we may be even more welcoming and
loving to those who enter our doors
and those we encounter in our daily life.

Help us grow closer to you
and inspire us to share our faith stories with others,
inviting them to come, see, and
experience your grace and love.

Give us the wisdom to create worship
and program experiences
to help all people growing faith and love.

WE give thanks for those who journeyed before us
who had the vision to plant St. Matthew's in Brecksville.
We ask your blessing on us as we continue to worship
together

and search for ways to further grow your church.

We pray for those who will come after us
as they will be entrusted with the gift
of growing your kingdom
into the third century of the Diocese of Ohio.

We pray through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



United Thank Offering Sunday

On Sunday, May 13th, St. Mark's encourages your participation in the United Thank Offering. Twice yearly - in fall and in spring - we, along with many throughout the Episcopal Church, designate one Sunday especially for this ministry. The UTO helps enable us to nurture the habit of giving thanks to God. UTO is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the monies to support mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. Thank you!

To sign up for the UTO newsletter and learn more about UTO, visit [here](#).



Eucharistic Visitor Training

St. Mark's will be offering Eucharistic Visitor Training on Saturday May 12 from 10:30am to 12:30pm for all those who wish to be licensed to take communion to those unable to attend services. This is an important, and rewarding aspect of Parish Care.

Please let Beth Frank or Bruce Hixon know, if you would like to attend and learn more about this ministry.

Coming Soon *Upcoming Events*



Sunday, May 6th:
Rogation Sunday (details below)

Monday, May 7th:
Knitting, 1:00pm

Wednesday, May 9th:
Study Group, 10:30am
Noonday Eucharist

Tuesday, May 14th:
Book Club, 7:00pm

Office Notes:

Katie will be working Thursday, May 10th and out Friday, May 11th.

Katie will be on vacation May 19-30.



Rogation Sunday: May 6th

We celebrate our stewardship of creation

Animal Blessings at the 10am Service
which will be held in the Parish Hall

Please bring your live animals on leashes, in crates, bowls, cages or carriers. Stuffed animals and pictures of animals who cannot travel will also be blessed.

Prayer Concerns

Ken Pakenham, Joan Werren, Ron Hill,
Peg Hill, Ken McPeek

Family and Friends: Susan, Baby John Willoughby, Dwaine Stanley, Doug King, Gabe Russo (Cousin of Kate Cerrone-Arnold), Jim Mesko (Friend of Jim Weaver), Edna Glinsky (Aunt of Pam McCarthy), The Shafer Family (friends of the Gordons), Justine Grosick and daughters (friends of the Mulls), the Shafer Family, Mike Fox (friend of Boyds), Layna (friend of Boyds), The Moore Family, The Latora Family, Marge Thorley, Judy McIlvaine (Sandi Kaustinen's Sister-in-Law), Erin, Jerry and Kathy Fry (friends of the Kieslings), Chad Patch, Allison & Family, Paul Sparks (friend of Pam McCarthy)

For all those serving in the armed forces.
Jake Binder - Korea (2018) Husband of Amanda Hines
Binder

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

Please note, prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Sunday bulletin's Prayer Concerns, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference.

Happy
Birthday!

May Birthdays

2nd: Benjamin Clark

9th: Emilie Korosi

10th: Jan Hudson, Cindy Brown, Dave Kiesling

12th: Jane King

14th: John Helmkamp

15th: Mike Conley, Derek Gordon

25th: Gary Giammarco

29th: Charles Keeney, Michael Conley

Thankful *Thursdays*

Thank you for helping fill the Schreiber School pantry shelves! We've sent home loads to each family in January, February and a larger load at the end of March before Spring Break! We plan to send home a load in April and early May as well as a larger load with some vouchers at the end of May before school is out for summer. Thank you!



Items Sought:

- Pasta
- Tomato or Spaghetti Sauce (no glass please)
- Hamburger helper or similar
- Boxed rice or rice meals mixes
- Canned Tuna Fish or Chicken
- Canned vegetables
- Fruit (in plastic containers or cans)
- Applesauce (no glass please)
- Jelly (no glass please)
- Oatmeal, granola bars or cereal

Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming *Servers*

Servers this Sunday, May 6th:

Acolytes, 8:00am: Joe Hoot

Acolytes, 10:00am: Lauren Hoot, Colin Jenkins, Alexis Wilson, Justin Crawl, Lesley Kiesling

Eucharistic Minister, 8:00am: Sara Strattan

Eucharistic Ministers, 10:00am: Bruce Hixon, Judy Hixon

Ushers: Dave Thorley, John Wise, Kent Clark

Altar Guild 8:00am: Diana Cornell, Sara Strattan

Altar Guild 10:00am: Louise Moore

If you are unable to serve, please try to find a sub as soon as possible and notify the office. Thank you!

Yours in Christ,
St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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