

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CANTON, OH



The Lion's Pause

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On Saturday, November 14, the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio will gather (virtually) for its 204th Annual Convention. November 14 is also the observance of the consecration of Samuel Seabury as the first bishop in the United States in 1784. Prior to the consecration of Bishop Seabury there were no Anglican bishops in the United States. Anyone who desired ordination had to travel to England. Following the Revolution, this presented a problem. English bishops were required to administer an oath of allegiance to the British Crown prior to ordaining anyone. The American clergy could not take such an oath.

The bishops in Scotland were not bound by this requirement. So, Samuel Seabury went to Scotland where he was consecrated by the Bishop and the Bishop Coadjutor of Aberdeen and the Bishop of Ross and Caithness. His consecration made it possible for the American branch of the Anglican Communion to continue. A year later, the Anglican Communion in the United States organized itself at its first General Convention and adopted the name, the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. Our 204th Annual Convention in Ohio would not have been possible without the consecration of Samuel Seabury.

The history of the church is often messy. Humans have tried to use the institution of the church to gain power or wealth. Various heresies have afflicted the church. The church continues to spread the Gospel after two thousand years of



messy history. We can have faith that, in spite of the messiness, the Holy Spirit continues to enliven the church.

Fr. RJ

Christmas COVID Care Packages

This past week, the St. Mark's Vestry approved a new outreach project presented by Bradley Mull to help area needy during the COVID-19 pandemic. In conjunction with Hope Outreach Ministry, he will provide 250 Christmas COVID Care Packages to be distributed during the annual community Christmas event at Hope. Normally, that event would feature lunch, clothing distribution, a Christian service, and gifts for children. The event serves over 750 people, many who are homeless and all who are in need. But with COVID-19 casting a cloud over our daily lives, the day will be different this year. Meals will be to go, clothing will be limited, the Christian service will be only in spirit, and there will be no Christmas party as usual.

Bradley's plan is to provide 250 care packages that will include hand sanitizer, masks, COVID fact sheets, small toys, coloring books, crayons, card games, stretchy gloves, Christmas treats, and personal items to children ranging in age from infant to teens. He is in the process of lining up sponsors, but can use help from St. Mark's. If anyone would like to join in, he is looking for sponsorships for the children (\$5 per child), sponsorships for items (for example, \$10 for 10 coloring books), or any other amount that people wish to donate. And if anyone has access to any of the items listed to be donated, that would be great also.

Checks can be made out to St. Marks (note FBO Hope Outreach Ministry at the bottom). Also, please know that Bradley is hoping to use this for his Eagle Scout project. He will be involving his scout troop, classmates, and any St. Mark's youth that are looking for community service hours. Thank you!

Mailbox Changes

Mailboxes have been rearranged and your name tags are in them. Please return name tags to your mailbox at the end of



Sunday services.

It's Time for Vestry Nominations!

Submit your vestry nominations [here](#) by **December 11**.



Wednesday, November 11

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m.

[Bulletin](#)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 924 5246 5750

Passcode: 404500

Sunday, November 15

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m.

(If Stark County is Yellow or Orange, we will offer in-person. If Red or Purple, we will offer streaming only.)

[Sunday Bulletin](#)

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St. Mark's Sunday School is continuing with their lessons each Sunday via ZOOM. All of our wonderful teachers are doing a great job keeping the lessons creative in this remote setting. There are some fun plans in store for the Advent

season, so keep a look out for that! If a child in your life is interested in joining us, please contact Emily Gordon at



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. We thank you for your continued support and prayers.

**Designate a Gift to St.
Mark's**

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Read This Week's
Lessons**

Music Notes with Bob Morrison

On Thursday, July 5, 1951, I boarded at Baltimore/Washington airport for Pittsburgh, where I would change planes for the flight to





CAK. Whitley Moore, chair of the First Methodist Worship Committee met me and whisked me to the Onesto Hotel downtown. After freshening up a bit, I was taken a block or so away to the Canton Club, atop the tall building at Cleveland and Market Streets. My hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Dr. and Mrs. Hohn (First Methodist minister), and Kenneth and Lela Cope (Trustee chair). After a fine dinner we walked the short block to the church at Cleveland and W. Tusc - my first view of the building, an impressive edifice which, I later learned, was built by architect Frank Weary in 1881, the church home of President William McKinley. I was taken to the chancel where I first laid eyes on the three-manual console of the one-year-old Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ, and was asked to play. This is most unusual. No two organs are exactly alike and one should practice ahead of time to properly prepare. But - alas - not in this case. Thankfully, I had some nice pieces in my memory bank and so, excited at the prospect of playing this great organ, I charged ahead.

Amelia Rowland, Harry Kit, Ron Brookes, Charlie Becker, Paul Welch, Ron and Peg Hill, Jack and Pauline Briggs

Prayer *Concerns*

Family and Friends: Judy Locke (friend of Ken Jaeb), Dr. Sanford Lopater (friend of Mulls'), Megan Nelson (family friend of Sara Strattan), Jan Atkinson (friend of Hixons'), Addelyn (friends of Hixons'), Jim Bellamy (friend of Marcia Kiesling), Bonnie Manos (friend of Judy Gibbs), Nancy Stewart Matin (friend of Norm and Rhonda Warren), Sarah (daughter of Bill and Beck Rand), Anne (friend of Sue Little), Karen Belden (friend of Cricket Boyd), Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler), Gabrielle Karam (friend of Diana Cornell), Dave Jarvis (family of Ron and Peg Hill), Cody Hixon (cousin to Bruce and Judy Hixon), Don, 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), Jacobo-Quijada Family (Mandy Pelger's Student), Lynn McBride (father of Beth Crowl), Monica McGrath (cousin of Katie Cerroni-Arnold), Baby David (friend of the Schaub's'), Marianne L. (friend of Kieslings'), Conrad Family



(friends of the Rands), Nancy Sauer and Helen Carnahan (friends to Diana Cornell), John Streb (friend of the Mulls), Pastor Marilyn Roman (friend of St. Mark's), Lynnda Hoefler (friend of Sue Little), 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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