



The Lion's Pause

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
CANTON, OH



Greetings!

On Sunday we will recall with gratitude those who have served and do serve our nation in our armed forces. We will begin with a brief liturgy of thanksgiving. Most of us have had experience with the strong tradition of service exemplified by our veterans and each of us will bring to the altar on Sunday personal memories and particular reasons for appreciation.

At our informal adult discussion on Sunday we will discuss the potential personal benefits of writing prayers. Questions we will discuss (and one we will not discuss) include the following:

- 1 Is the Book of Common Prayer not sufficient?
 - 2 Why write prayers? Why not just pray, simply and directly?
 - 3 Aren't there risks in writing prayers?
 - 4 Where to begin?
 - 5 Are there rules?
 - 6 Are there some helpful guidelines?
 - 7 Is it time for the Cleveland Browns to begin writing prayers?
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In the calendar for tomorrow (Friday, November 8), we remember Ammonius, a fourth century hermit. He may have

created an early monastery. The Collect for this day, written within the last decade, offers a strong endorsement of lay leadership. Taking issue with “the spirit of clerical ambition,” the prayer asks that we be given understanding so that we may “refuse to conflate ordination and leadership” and “never confuse rank with holiness.” Put more positively, we pray that we may value leadership both by clergy and laity. And we ask that we may understand that ordination does not confer on anyone a special brand of holiness. As we sang last Sunday, we all hope to be saints. We seek to live that vision at St. Mark’s by recognizing our many lay ministers and by supporting them in their ministries.

By the grace of God, that vision will be evident at our annual diocesan convention, which begins tomorrow in Sandusky. Here’s the prayer (BCP 818) for the occasion:

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the annual convention of the Diocese of Ohio for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Paul



Greetings from your Wardens:

The 65th Anniversary Celebration of St. Mark's will be held on December 8 at 10:00 AM. As part of this celebration we have invited recent priests to attend as special guests. We are pleased to announce that Father Carey E. Sloan and Rev. Barbara Bond will attend.

The priests have performed baptisms, confirmations, marriages and burials for many of your family and friends. Please ask your extended family to attend along with previous members. A signup sheet will be available soon in the front lobby.

We are still in need of volunteers to help coordinate the reception.

Thank you!
Derek Gordon & Rhonda Warren

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

[Read This Week's Lessons](#)

Notable

Music This Sunday

The blind jazz pianist George Shearing wrote a set of pieces based on hymns from which comes our Prelude on "Land of Rest." Soloist Caroline Willoughby will offer 'God Shall Wipe Away All Tears' by Caro Roma, and the choir will sing Gordon Young's vigorous "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah." In observance of Veteran's Day, we will sing the Navy Hymn, and "O Day of Peace" based upon *Jerusalem*, with a text by Carl Daw set to Parry's music.

Office Manager Katie interviews Gene Little:

Where were you born? What is something from your childhood you remember fondly?

New York City

Going to a baseball game and then learning how to play.

How did you end up in the Episcopal Church?

Our family went to an Episcopal church on Long Island. After moving to Canton, St. Marks was started as a mission on 30th street, right across from our home

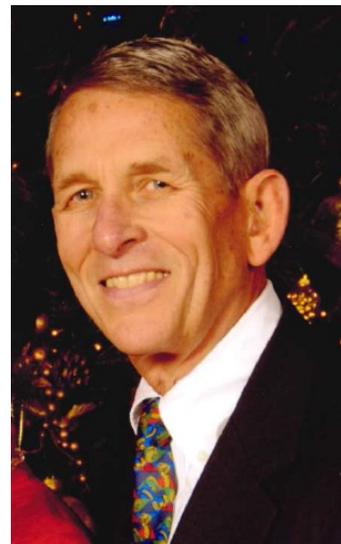
What three words do you pick that you feel describe you best?

Happy, exceptionally blessed.

Would you rather sleepwalk every night or sleep talk every night?

Sleep talk.

Tell us something about yourself we wouldn't otherwise



know.

I am fortunate to have a great wife and we are blessed to have 3 children & 5 grandchildren.

Do you enjoy adrenaline-producing activities (roller coasters, sky diving, parasailing, etc.) or avoid them?
Chopping wood, driving sports cars

What do you like most about St. Mark's?
The liturgy, the ministers, and the parishioners.

Who do you nominate for the next interview?
Jesse Childers



November 3rd Stewardship Presentation

It was hard for me to believe, but when Katie asked us to write a review for the St. Mark's Facebook page, our family realized we have been members here for over 25 year. I can vividly remember arriving here in 4th grade and was very excited to see a few other kids my age actively participating in different ministries around the church.

Today, I am excited to see many parallels to when we arrived. No, we do not have as many kids or as many total parishioners, but we do have a small but mighty group of kids who will have an opportunity to learn and grow their faith together at St. Mark's. Given today's divisive and extremist culture I am proud to bring them up in the Episcopal Church where God loves you, no exceptions.

Two weeks ago, we were fortunate to be joined by Bishop Hollingsworth. He shared with the Vestry that in the 16 years he has served as the Bishop of this Diocese, there has never been a better time to invite someone to St. Mark's. It affirmed that all of us at St. Mark's have worked very hard to make this parish spiritually, organizationally, and operationally healthy.

However, as our Treasurer, Charlie stated last week, a strong financial position is very important during this time of transition. A new rector wants to make sure that they are entering a parish that has the financial resources to sustain and carry out ministries that will help St. Mark's thrive. We have done a fantastic job of giving in the past, and I am confident that we will continue to do so. For these reasons, and many others, I welcome you to join me in this year's Stewardship Campaign to assure that St. Mark's is a welcoming place of worship for years to come.

Derek Gordon



The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO

is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

This November, UTO invites you to a daily photo challenge created to inspire gratitude in your life. Get the challenge calendar and post a daily photo on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram of how you are experience gratitude tagged with #utogratitudechallenge so we can follow along with your gratitude journey. You can scan the QR code or click on the following website link to download the calendar:

<https://unitedthankoffering.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019-Gratitude-Challenge-Final.pdf>

Our Fall Ingathering will be during the offertory on Sunday, November 10. Please make checks payable to St. Mark's, with UTO in the memo line. UTO envelopes are in the pews along with the display in the family room. Please have them into the office by Sunday, November 24.

With gratitude,
Kathy Kennedy & Amelia Rowland, co-chairs



LENT MADNESS

WHO WILL WIN THE GOLDEN HALO?



Two Sainly Nominations from St Mark's Vie for the Golden Halo in 2020

With the celebration of the Feast of All Saints' transferred to Sunday and the return of standard time that day, many of us missed that November 3rd was also All Brackets' Day - the third part of the unofficial Fall Triduum when the SEC of Lent Madness announces the 32 Saints who will vie for the Golden Halo in 2020. Two of these saintly persons are nominations from our own Mad Markers!

Check out the brackets at

<https://www.lentmadness.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2589.jpg>

and consider joining us for LM III/2020. Voting begins on Ash Thursday, February 27.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 10th:

UTO Fall Ingathering

Puppet Gang Practice

Monday, November 11th:

Knitting, 1:00pm

Book Club, 7:00pm

Wednesday, November 13th:

Study Group, 9:30am

Fr. Gaston's Office Hours 10:00-12:00, 1:00-3:00

Friday, November 15th: Katie Out of Office

If you need into the building, please coordinate with a key holder.

Sunday, December 17th:

Chair Yoga, 3:00pm, \$10.00 (Sign up on Facebook or contact the office)

Thursday, November 21st:

Beginner Yoga, 6:00pm, \$10.00 (Sign up on Facebook or contact the office)

Sunday, December 8th:

65th Anniversary Celebration

Puppet Gang Practice Dates @9:30am

November 10, 24

December 15, 22

Thankful
Thursdays

We are providing ongoing meals once a month for 5 families from Schreiber Elementary. The staff selects families that they know will

benefit from the extra help we are able to bless them with. These items provide several meals each month for the entire family. We are most in need of the following items: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Boxed Cereal, Canned Fruits and Veggies, Boxed Instant Potatoes, Baked Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, Canned Chili, Canned Chicken or Tuna

Fortnightly Informal Discussions at St. Mark's

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Every other Sunday during the fall, from 9:10 to 9:50, we will meet in the lounge by the fireplace for informal discussion.

Nov 10

Writing Prayers as an Act of Devotion Why write prayers? Are there some "templates" useful for writing prayers?

Nov 24

Anticipating Advent What emphases are characteristic of Advent? How can we make Advent a season of reflection and anticipation?

Prayer Concerns

Jane McFadden, Lesley Kiesling, Leigh Wilson, Ken McPeck, Billie Robertson, Emilie Korosi, Ken Pakenham, Joan Werren, Ron and Peg Hill, Conley Family, Briggs Family, Susan

Family and Friends: Kellie Shuman (family of Giammarcos'), Bill Douds (friend of Hixons'), Baby David (friend of the Schaub's), A.J. Nelson (family of Sara Strattan), Rose and Brian Gregory (friends of Ten Gall), Mike, Linda Kendrick, Marianne L. (friends of Kieslings'), Carol Ohr (friend of Vonda Temelkoff), Amara (granddaughter of Ken Jaeb), Pastor Heather Hill, Janet and Lori (friends of Rick and Beth Crowl), Conrad Family (friends of the Rands), Nancy Sauer and Helen Carnahan (friends to Diana Cornell), Will Disman (friend of Sandy Paradis' son), John Russell, Justin Spring, Erin Barr, Baby Hudson, John Streb (friends of the Mulls), Pastor Marilyn Roman (friend of St. Mark's), Lynnda Hoefler (friend of Sue Little), Mike (Uncle of Bobbi Gordon), Linda Gibson (sister of Bobbi Gordon), Fletcher, Jamie, 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), Berry Clarke (friend of Diana Cornell)

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

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.

Servers this Sunday, November 10th:

Acolytes 8:00am: Susie Hines
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Eucharistic Minister 8:00am: Sara Strattan
Eucharistic Ministers 10:00am: Bruce and Judy Hixon
Ushers: Dave Thorley, John Wise, Kent Clark
Altar Guild: Susie Hines, Paulette Frech
Vestry Coffee Host: Grace Giammarco

Servers next Sunday, November 17th:

(10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer)
Acolytes 8:00am: Sharon Ryan
Acolytes 10:00am: Susie Hines
Eucharistic Minister 8:00am: Paul Sack
Lectors 10:00am: Bob Kennedy, Pam McCarthy
Ushers: Geoff Gordon, Rick Werren
Altar Guild: Susie Hines, Paulette Frech
Vestry Coffee Host: Derek Gordon
Morning Prayer:
Officiant, Bruce Schutrum,
Preaching, Bruce Hixon



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