

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Sunday Services at 8am & 10am

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Greetings!

Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

[Read This Week's Lesson](#)

Frankly
Speaking



St. Mark's has participated in the Canton Community Christmas Adopt-A-Family program for over 45 years.

Meet the families St. Mark's Will Assist This Christmas

- Harold (fighting lung cancer), Shirley and 2 daughters.
- Krizia and Anibal and children (ages 2 and 6) moved here from

- Puerto Rico lost everything in Hurricane Maria.
- Katrina (working part-time), Keith (living with PTSD) and two sons (ages 7 and 9) have recently moved to Ohio. "It's hard to keep food in the house."
 - Zach, Ciena, and two children (a newborn and a 2 year old): "Can't afford it."

Three Ways You Can Help

Shoppers (Nov 11-Dec 1):

Buy items from the families' wish lists.

For details, meet with Sue Little in the Family Room **this Sunday** after the 8am and before/after the 10am services. Sue can answer questions about tax exempt purchasing as well as how shoppers receive funds. Shoppers bring in gifts on December 1st or 2nd (before 9am).

Wrappers (Sunday, Dec 2nd at 9am):

Add a prayer as you tie a bow. Please bring your own scissors (I always enjoy wrapping children's snow boots and basketballs.)

Donors (through Advent)

We spend \$350/family and funds carried over from last year will bring meet about half this need. Checks should be made out to St. Mark's with Community Christmas on the memo line.

*So let us enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope.
Let us see visions of love and peace and justice.
Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage:
Jesus Christ—the life of the world.*

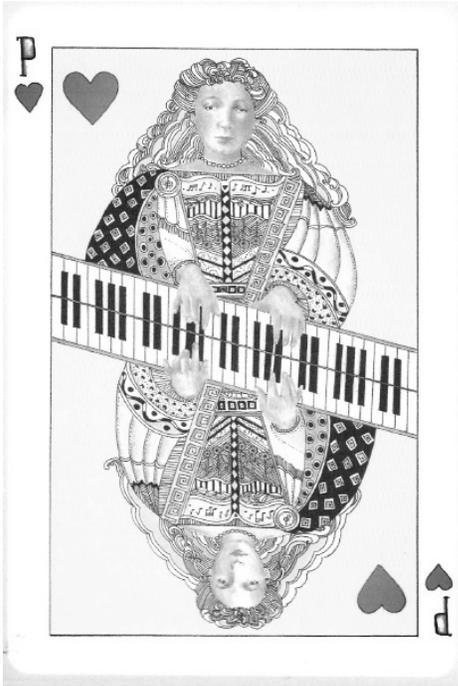
From Walking on Thorns, by Allan Boesak

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Music this Sunday

A rousing piano/organ duet, "Fantaisie Triomphale" will comprise the prelude with Ron Hill at the piano. Studdert-Kennedy's harvest poem "Awake! Awake! to Love and Work" will appear "bookended" in the opening and closing hymns. The choir will offer Max Janowski's

"Sim Shalom: Prayer for Peace." Tenor Ken Jaeb will sing Kipling/deKoven's "Recessional" which addresses national issues on this day of remembrance of the close of WW I a century ago.



DINNER AND CONCERT

Monday, November 26, do plan to come to St. Mark's for a potluck dinner at **6:30**. The main course will be Chef Carol's beef tips and noodles. And at **7:30** a gala "duet" concert with two pianos, piano/organ, organ and synthesizer sponsored by Canton Chapter American Guild of Organists. Some of our finest local musicians will participate. All free; all welcome.

Stewardship *Reflections*

Stewardship As Sharing Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Have you reflected recently on how blessed you are? Whether those blessings are as simple as marveling at how birds fly or laughing with children, or as profound as experiencing and returning the love of another, we recognize how many blessings we have! We also recognize how truly unique some of those blessings are – each of us has our own individual talents and resources to share that no one else has.

These insights confront us with a fundamental spiritual question: how can we best use such an abundance? ... How about, "giving back?" How about, "making a difference?"

How is God calling you to contribute some of your time, your talent, and your treasure to help do God's work at St. Mark's and the Canton community?

... remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)



Monday, November 12th:

Knitting, 1:00pm
Book Club, 7:00pm

Wednesday, November 14th:

Study Group, 10:30am
MOD Squad, 6:30pm at Mulligan's Pub

Friday, November 16th

Thanksgiving Basket Moving Night, 6:30-8:30pm
St. Paul's-Canton

To sign up, [click here](#)

Sunday, November 18th:

Intergenerational Advent/Christmas preparation activity
11:30am

THE WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON will be on Tuesday, **December 18**, at the Massillon Woman's Club. Guests are welcome. Please mark your calendar now. More information will be available in November.

Save the Date:

Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd: Holy Eucharist, 10:00am
Sunday, November 25th: Nursery Closed
Christmas Eve, 5:30pm (family service) & 10:00pm
Christmas Day, 10:00am
December 30th: Lessons and Carols 10:00am

Puppet Gang

Puppet Gang Sunday Practices for the Christmas Show

November: 11, 25

December 9: Dress Rehearsal

December 16: Show

Please respond to text reminders the Saturday before practice.

For more information, please contact
Sandy Paradis or Jan Hudson.



Intergenerational Advent Event – Sunday November 18th after the 10am service

Isn't this nativity scene just adorable? As a prelude to the Advent season, we have planned this Family friendly craft that can be used and talked about all through the holiday season. The nativity can be used in

your own celebrations or given as a gift. All ages and families are invited to join us for this Advent Event. **Please sign up** on the kiosk sheet or call or email the church office so we will have enough supplies. A light lunch will be provided.

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Email Sharon Ryan if you have any questions. ohryans@neo.rr.com



PRAYER CONCERNS

Ken Pakenham, Joan Werren, Ron Hill, Peg Hill,
Conley Family, Joe Hoot, Tom Burns, the Briggs family

Family and Friends: Susan, Johnny Willoughby, The Shafer Family (friends of the Gordons), Layna (friend of Boyds), The Moore Family (friends of Nadels), The Latora Family, Erin, Carol Morton, Barry (friend of Gordons), James McIlvaine (Sandi Kaustinen's father), Baby Hudson, Shirley Allen (friend of the Mulls), Michelle Garber (family of Geoff and Bobbi Gordon), Matt Gagnon, The Kesslers, Gabe Russo (cousin of Katie Cerrone-Arnold), Mary Frech, John Helmkamp (friend of Ron and Cindy Brown), Marcie Crowell, Deb Thompson (friend of Jan Hudson), Bobby Guerin (friend of Pam McCarthy), John and Phyllis Green (friends of Sue Little)

For all those serving in the armed forces.

For all those who have died.

For all who are traveling to and participating in this weekend's Diocesan Convention: especially St. Mark's delegates: Anne Coen, Tony Keenan, and Bob Kennedy.

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel this weekend in Warrensville Heights for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach them in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide them to perceive what is right, and grant them both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP, page 818)

-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.



THE EPISCOPAL
DIOCESE OF OHIO

This Week's Bicentennial Prayer comes from:

St. Bartholomew's Church - Mayfield Village

Our heavenly Father,
we thank you for the privilege of being your servants
in the Diocese of Ohio for the past 200 years.
You have blessed us with the wonderful guidance
of gifted bishops and priests.
Please help us to be ever mindful of our call to be your
hands
and feet to the people of northern Ohio.
We ask your grace to be with us
as we try to do what you would have us to do
for the next 200 years and ever after.
Amen.

Upcoming *Servers*

Servers today Sunday, November 11th:

Acolytes, 8:00am: Sharon Ryan

Acolytes, 10:00am: Lesley Kiesling, Justin Crawl, Joe Hoot,
Marilyn Thorp, Susie Hines

Eucharistic Minister, 8:00am: Bruce Schutrum

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

Ushers: Richard Crawl, Wayne Paradis, Kirk Bletzacker
Altar Guild 8:00am: Diana Cornell, Sara Strattan

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,
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