



The Lion's Pause

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
CANTON, OH



In view of COVID transmission rates in Stark Co. and CDC guidelines, we are requesting that all persons attending services at St. Mark's continue to wear a mask inside the building.

Rector's Ramblings

Article XXI. of the original Articles of Religion was omitted from the Articles of Religion in the Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church in the United States. It was omitted



because of its reference to princes. The rest of the article, however is applicable to the church today as it was to the Church of England in 1549. I had not planned the timing, however, it is appropriate that we come to this article now, as the Diocese of Ohio will hold our Annual Convention today and tomorrow.

Article XXI. Of the Authority of General Councils states:

General Councils may not be gathered together without the commandment and will of Princes. And when they be gathered together, (forasmuch as they be an assembly of men, whereof all be not governed with the Spirit and Word of God,) they may

err, and sometimes have erred, even in things pertaining unto God. Wherefore things ordained by them as necessary to salvation have neither strength nor authority, unless it may be declared that they be taken out of holy Scripture.

In the early centuries of the church, councils were called, usually at the request of the Emperor, to settle disputes that were dividing the church. The church and the state were often intertwined in such a way that instability in the church created political instability. The Reformation set the stage for the division of church and state, though the church and state remain intertwined in Great Britain.

As the history of the church progressed, councils often had as much to do with political power as they did with matters of faith. Recognizing the growing corrupting influence that political ambition had on councils of the church, the Reformers turned back to the authority of Holy Scripture.

Our Annual Convention for the Diocese of Ohio, and the General Convention of the Episcopal Church have very little to do with secular political power. We may send a resolution on to our various representatives. However, having known a few of our governmental representatives, such resolutions have much less influence than hand written letters from a few constituents.

The larger question is what authority do these councils have for us. Certainly, they have the authority to establish good order in the church. They have the authority to establish canon law, liturgical forms, and various procedures. However, they may not contradict Holy Scripture. Sometimes there are differences in how we interpret Holy Scripture. That is where the most difficult controversies in the church arise.

Pray for us as we take council for the Diocese of Ohio this weekend.

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in 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. RJ



St. Mark's guys were happy to help out a neighbor in need this week with some seasonal yard work.

Good work Fr. RJ, Bob, & Charlie

Sunday, November 14

Holy Eucharist in person at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Live Stream at 10 a.m.

Bible Study at 9 a.m. between services

Sunday School at 10 a.m.

[Lessons](#) (Track 2)

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Tuesday, November 16

Lunch Bunch, 1 p.m. at Athens Restaurant

Wednesday, November 17

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m.

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[Zoom](#)

MOD Squad, Lucia's Steakhouse, 6:30 p.m.



*Want to dedicate altar flowers?
Forms are in the lobby on the
table and can be submitted with
a check of \$15 per donation "In
Memory of" "In Celebration of"
or "In Honor of"*

It's time for Christmas poinsettias! You may email your dedication to Katie in the office [here](#) or grab a form in the lobby. Poinsettias are \$15 each. Please indicate whether you will be taking yours home after services or not. The deadline is November



Giving for Thanksgiving Baskets & Community Christmas

Thanksgiving Baskets will provide a voucher for a turkey and a voucher for each family to choose their own canned and fresh vegetables from the newly created Food Bank on Cherry Ave.

Community Christmas will have both family shoppers and vouchers. We have decided not to shop this season, but to send them the money collected.

Please make your checks out to St. Mark's Episcopal Church and indicate the designation in the memo line.

The Diocese has continued to offer easy online giving. To use this, please select "St. Mark's Canton" from the dropdown, and choose either a one-time or recurring gift. We thank you for your continued support.

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Bob's Music Notes

The house which Kathleen and I were building in 1996 was in the southwest corner of the Brunnerdale Seminary property, and I've mentioned in previous columns the loose soil which the seminary boys had cultivated, which meant that the foundation for the house was quite deep. I've learned some interesting history about the Seminary from an unlikely source - David J. White, who has favored us with tenor solos in the past and, for two years,



was choir president when I was the parish musician downtown.

I first met this talented fellow at a rehearsal with Canton Symphony for "Messiah" in 1984. I was playing keyboard for this work, and was impressed with the tenor soloist singing "Comfort Ye." At intermission, I approached him and said, "Are you from New York?" His answer surprised me. "I'm from Massillon." A happy surprise! As time went on I learned that he was tenor soloist at St. Joseph's church across from Aultman Hospital and was also doing solos with the Tuscarawas Philharmonic whose conductor, Margery Kent Henke, had been a classmate of mine at Peabody in Baltimore and whose husband Robert was principal timpani of Canton Symphony (and proprietor of the Bobby Shop in the Country Fair Shopping Center).

David grew up at St. Mary's Church in Massillon and was acquainted with the Race Brothers - Adrian and Nobert, who ran the farmland that became Brunnerdale. These two men assisted at Eucharist at St. Mary's and David, as a high school boy, remembered them well. Eventually, David left the St. Joseph position and started singing with my choir until his work - with library supplies - took him to the Kansas City area where he still resides, but is able to visit Canton from time to time to renew old friendships and to favor St. Mark's with a solo or two.

November Birthdays

5 Mandy Pelger
7 Zachary Clark
23 Nathaniel Clark
25 Nora Smith
27 Kent Clark
28 Beth Crowl, Fletcher Clark
30 Sandy Turner

November Anniversaries

21 Dave and Marcia Kiesling, Gary and Livvy Mull

Prayer Concerns

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

Rowland, Ron Brookes, Jack and Pauline Briggs

Family and Friends: John Fortney (brother of Cindy Brown); Nancy Murphy (daughter of Carol Hayn); Stephanie & Jim Bellamy (friend of Marcia Tirpak); Darlene & Diana (friends of Sue Little), Silvia Batalla (friend of Gene and Sally Little); Ynette Pysher (Vonda Temerkoff's cousin); Sandy Snyder & Doug (friend & brother-in-law of the Rands); Darlene, Diana, Carol, & Lynnda Hoefler (friends of Sue Little); Sherry, Noah, & Linda Kendrick, (friends of the Kieslings); Ray Slinger (friend of Bob Morrison), Janet Sheatzley Morgan (Barb Siegfried's sister); Chuck Schuerer & Beth Conley (friends of Cricket Boyd); Carol Jones (daughter of Buck & BJ Jones); Steve O'Krepki & Corinna (family of Beth Crowl); Dr. Angela Peters & family (friend of the Kennedys); Terry L., Denny Schafer, Judy Evans (friends of Pam McCarthy); Addelyn (friend of Judy Hixon); Jerry Burris (friend of the Thorleys); 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); Camila Guzman family & 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

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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