



*St. Mark's Episcopal Church*

Sunday Services at 8am & 10am

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Greetings!

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All Saints Sunday

[Read This Week's Lesson](#)

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## Frankly *Speaking*

### Are We Ready For Stewardship?

It's Stewardship Season and all of us are being asked to make a decision about our giving. Some of us think in terms of fund raising when we are asked to consider giving to the church. This is a straightforward reaction – most of us are bombarded every week with worthy appeals from exemplary causes. The list of needs is long. So it comes naturally to ask: what does the church need?

Certainly the church needs many things, but are we really asking the right question? If stewardship means accepting responsibility for that portion of God's creation given to us, then what does that responsibility truly entail? Some have defined stewardship as

"Everything I do, with everything I have, after I say, 'I believe.'" Seen in this light, stewardship is at least as much a spiritual issue as a financial one. It has as much to do with faith, as with time, talent, and treasure.

If all we have is evidence of God's blessing – God's gift to us – then the deepest and truest response we can make is to give back some of God's own. As Christian stewards, our response is one of profound gratitude, and flowing from it, generosity. That perspective turns the original question on its head. It is not, "What does the church need to receive?" but rather, "What do we need to give?" Instead of responding to a premise of scarcity, we are moved by the premise of abundance.

Effective stewardship is driven by our own desire to give, motivated by gratitude, and impelled by faith. It is not pulled out of us by needs elsewhere, prodded by guilt. We give because we have decided we want to, because we believe it is the right thing to do, not because others would like us to. When we reach this stage in our faith, then we are ready to be more effective stewards.

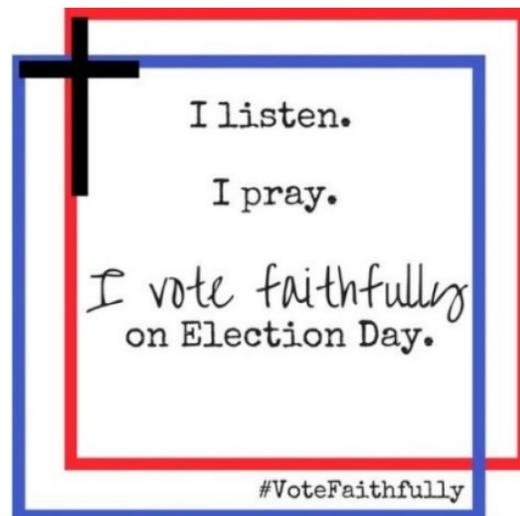
Are all of us, individually and collectively, up to that?

*Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand  
in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation,  
they may honor thee with their substance  
and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. (BCP, page 329)*

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## Election Eve Prayers

Monday, November 5th  
7:00pm





## Vestry Minutes

Posted on the Narthex Bulletin Board or click here:

[August 2018](#)

[September 2018](#)

Next Vestry Meeting: Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm

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## Notable *Music this Sunday*

guest tenor Dan Reiman will offer "There Is No Death" by Johnstone / O'Hara.

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A stirring organ/piano prelude by Ron Hill and our organist "Fantaisie Triomphale" start the service. The choir will sing "The Souls of the Righteous" and

## Stewardship *Reflections*

### Stewardship as Offering

There's a world of difference between a collection plate and an

offering plate. They may look the same from the outside, but not from within. It's not a difference of how much is put in, but why. A collection is giving to a worthy cause, responding to a need, out of a sense of duty, because there isn't enough to go around. An offering is giving to further God's work, responding to God's love, with a sense of joy in the bounty of God's creation.

*Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. (BCP, page 377)*

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**Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>:**  
Election Eve Prayers, 7:00pm

**Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>:**  
Study Group, 10:30am  
Vestry, 6:00pm

**Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>:**  
Prayers for the Fallen, the Nation, and the World, following  
the 8am service and 10:50am

**Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>:**  
MOD (Men's Dining Out) Squad Dinner,  
Mulligan's Pub, 4118 Belden Village Dr. NW, 6:30pm  
*Contact Tony Keenan if you would like to attend*

### **THANKSGIVING BASKETS DOWNTOWN**

We are again helping our Canton neighbors in need of food at Thanksgiving. Pam McCarthy and Charlie Kiesling have delivered the joint St. Mark's/Weaver School collection of stuffing. Thank you for your generosity. Our next effort will be "Moving Night."

### **THANKSGIVING BASKET "MOVING NIGHT"**

Join your interim rector in helping with "Moving Night," **Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30pm** at St. Paul's downtown. This is

the evening that volunteers move the filled baskets upstairs to the St. Paul's parish hall. Complime and a reflection will follow this work. This is a great activity for junior and senior high school students, their friends, and older "kids" too!

To sign up, [click here](#)

### **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS WRAP**

Please join us on **Sunday, December 2nd at 9:00am!**

Wrappers are asked to bring their own scissors.

Many hands make light work.

**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:**

Sunday, November 18th: Intergenerational Advent/Christmas Preparation Activity 11:30am

Thanksgiving Day, November 22<sup>nd</sup>: Holy Eucharist, 10:00am

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.

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**PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

**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, Allison & Family, 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), David (Brad Kaustinen's brother), Bobby Guerin (friend of Pam McCarthy)

*For all those serving in the armed forces.*

*For all those who have died.*

The 11 who died in the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting:  
Joyce Fienberg, Richard Gottfried, Rose Mallinger, Jerry Rabinowitz, Cecil Rosenthal, David Rosenthal, Cernice and Sylvan Simon, Daniel Stein, Melvin Wax, Irving Younger

**-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 Sunday bulletin's Prayer Concerns, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference.

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## This Week's Bicentennial Prayer comes from:

St. Paul's Church - Maumee

Gracious God,  
we have been blessed in so many ways.  
we are thankful for those who came before us;  
they were inspired and guided by you to found our  
church.

We are grateful for their 200 years  
of wise leadership and discerning care.

May we continue to be blessed  
as we endeavor to grow and prosper,  
being ever mindful of your charge not to only love you  
but to love our neighbors as ourselves.

So doing, may the light of your love become a true  
and brilliant beacon in the wilderness.

Amen.

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## Upcoming *Servers*

**Servers today Sunday, November 4th: (Baptism & All Saints Sunday)**

Acolytes, 8:00am: Susie Hines

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

Eucharistic Minister, 8:00am: Paul Sack

Eucharistic Ministers, 10:00am: Bob Kennedy, Anne Coen  
Ushers: John Willoughby, Bill Rand, Gary Mull  
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!*

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Yours in Christ,  
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