

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CANTON, OH



The Lion's Pause

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Greetings!

When we meet later this fall for our “informal discussion” of sermons, you might find useful a few prompts, as follows:

“A sermon or homily has been required at the Eucharist from the time of the 1549 Prayer Book Later in various areas, first of all in Rome apparently, preaching became less regular. So infrequent was a sermon in the late middle ages that friars came to consider preaching a part of their calling . . . Luther required a sermon at every Mass. In the Reformed churches sermons were preached not only every Sunday but in many places also during the week.

--Marion J. Hatchett,

Commentary on the American Prayer Book

Resort to sermons, but to prayers most:
Praying 's the end of preaching.

--George Herbert, “The

Church-porch”

I don't like to hear cut and dried sermons. No—when I hear a man preach, I like to see him act as if he were fighting bees.

--Abraham Lincoln

Among the questions we will consider:

1 Why do we have sermons? What purposes should they

serve?

2 What is the best sermon that you can remember? What made it memorable?

3 How do you define a "good sermon"? From your perspective what are some ways by which a preacher may "lose people"?

4 How should a preacher prepare before preaching a sermon?

5 How should members of a congregation prepare before hearing a sermon?

I'm looking forward to our discussion.

Fr. Paul

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

[Read This Week's Lessons](#)

Notable

Music This Sunday

French master Joseph Bonnet's "Autumn Poem" will comprise the prelude. The choir will offer Larry Shackley's jazzy interpretation of "How Firm A Foundation." "There's A Wideness in God's Mercy," "Balm in Gilead," and "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name" will be our hymns.

**Office Manager Katie
interviews Rick
Werren:**

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

fondly?

I was born in Youngstown, Ohio though I spent only a few years there before the family moved to Greece.



There are fond memories, maybe a little exaggerated with the passing of time, of being around 4 years old and swimming in our cistern in Greece. The cistern stands out maybe because as a child and still to this day, I was fascinated with water and it was a treat to watch it fill and then swim in its clear water. This past summer our family went back to Greece and looked for our old home. Both the cistern and home are gone now replaced with a multi-family building.

How did you end up in the Episcopal Church?

I was baptized Episcopalian at St John's in Youngstown. So, I guess I have always been an Episcopalian. St Johns also happens to be the church where my parents met.

Let's pretend you've won a substantial amount of money in the lotto. What do you do first with your winnings?

I really don't think that will happen. Do you know the odds? If I did win my wife says I have to take her somewhere exotic.

Tell us something about yourself we wouldn't otherwise know.

When I lived in Panama, I was associated with a 4 wheeling club and we would regularly take our Jeeps into the jungle where the only paths, if they existed, were foot paths. Locals would come out and stare at us as we went by. I raced my Jeep once in a timed mud course. I didn't win but finished, unlike others, who became stuck in mud axle deep or burnt their clutches. I still have my club t-shirts.

Would you rather eat no candy at Halloween or no turkey at Thanksgiving?

That is easy to answer, no candy at Halloween. If you had asked me this question years ago, I would have reached for

candy and left the turkey alone.

What do you like most about St. Mark's?

It is the people. It is a small group now, and everyone knows each other and is so friendly.

If you could switch lives with one person for a single day, who would you choose?

I would choose to switch places with Prince William. Don't you see the resemblance? I think I could pull it off without much makeup or special effects. My hair line falls just right, and my blue eyes twinkle just like his.

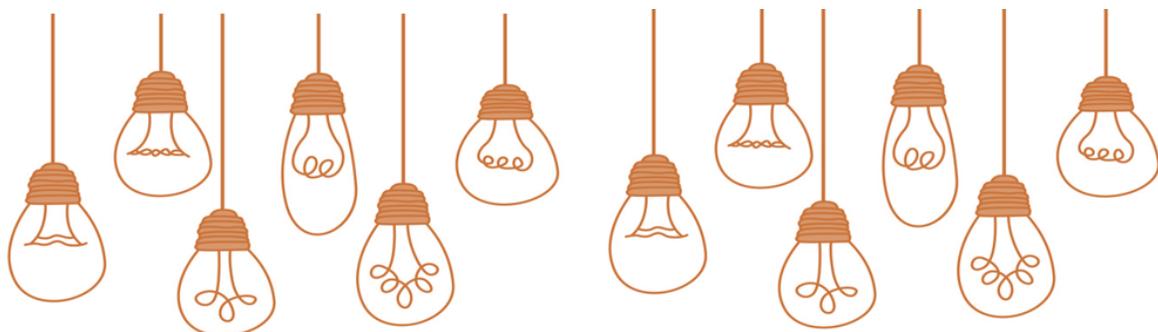
Do you have a favorite TV show? If you had to pick a reality TV show to be part of, which do you choose?

There are a lot of favorite shows like reruns of Hogan's Heroes, CHIPS, The Dukes of Hazzard, and Dallas. Today, I would have to say NCIS since it's associated with my former Navy career.

American Ninja Warrior's looks fun, though even in my best years I would not have made it out of regionals...I would be more inclined to participate in the Japanese comedy version, "Most Extreme Elimination Challenge" which aired in the early 2000s.

Who do you nominate for the next interview?

I nominate David Thorley.



St. Mark's Ministry Spotlight

features the Men Out Dining (aka MOD Squad)

At 6:30 PM the third Wednesday of every month, St. Marks

men gather at a local restaurant for dinner and fellowship. We have named the group The MOD Squad (men out dining). There are no presentations or agenda, just an opportunity for fellowship outside the time constraints and formality of the Sunday service. Locations change monthly and are selected by the group, with the guidance that we try for non-chain local restaurants. Average meeting attendance for the past year was 12.

Because we book reservations, we have requested that attendees advise if they plan to attend by Monday, the week of the dinner. All St. Mark's church men and their guests are welcome. All active MOD Squad members and those who have expressed an interest are added to an e-mailing list and are advised and reminded by email of the dinner location dinner several times prior to the dinner. A "reply" as to your intent to attend to this email is all that is required to confirm your reservation.

MOD Squad dinner dates and locations are published in the Church Bulletin and on the Facebook page the week prior to the meeting.

Upcoming



Events

Thursday, October 10th:

Health and Wellness Talk, 6:00pm (Free)

Monday, October 14th:

Knitting, 1:00pm

Book Club, 7:00pm

Office Closed

Tuesday, October 15th:

Finance Committee, 1:00pm

Wednesday, October 16th:

Study Group, 9:30am

MOD Squad, 6:30pm at Mission BBQ

Sunday, October 20th:

Bishop's Visit

One Service at 10:00am

Fortnightly Informal Discussions

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

Servers this Sunday, October 13th:

Acolytes 8:00am: Susie Hines

Acolytes 10:00am: Susie Hines, Karen Violand, Joe Hoot

Eucharistic Minister 8:00am: Diana Cornell

Eucharistic Ministers 10:00am: Tom Turner, Rhonda Warren

Ushers: Gary Giammarco, Tom Temelkoff, Bruce Hixon

Altar Guild: Susie Hines, Carol Popovich

Vestry Coffee Host: Caroline Willoughby

Puppet Gang Practice Dates

@9:30am

October 27

November 10, 24

December 8, 22

Fr. Gaston's Office Hours:

Friday, October 18

10:00-12:00, 1:00-3:00

Please call the church office for an appointment.

Thankful
Thursdays

We will be providing 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. After inventory we are in most need of the following items:

Peanut butter
Jelly
Boxed cereal
Canned fruit
Canned veggies
Boxed instant potatoes
Baked beans
Mac and cheese
Spaghetti sauce
Pasta
Canned chili
Canned chicken
Canned tuna



Canton's interfaith Thanksgiving food basket project, which is based at St. Paul's Episcopal, now counts 17 participating congregations. Each congregation agrees to provide one item for the baskets. This year, the St. Mark's faithful will share an "applesauce ministry." Please help the parish meet its commitment--600 24 oz plastic bottles of applesauce--by bringing a few each week. That will enable us to build an applesauce tower in

the narthex! We will begin gathering the applesauce on September 22 and conclude on October 27. We will deliver the applesauce to St. Paul's on October 29 or 30.

Fortnightly Informal Discussions at St. Mark's

Oct 13

What does it mean to be "Episcopal"? Bishop Hollingsworth will visit St. Mark's on October 20—one reminder of what it means to be "Episcopal." Our cathedral on Euclid Avenue in Cleveland offers another. What are some others? What is the structure of our church? And how did that happen?

Oct 27

Knowing Your ABCD's (The Eucharistic Prayers) How do they differ? Are some more appropriate than others for particular seasons?

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?

Dec 8 - Postponed

Sermons Why do we have sermons? What purposes should they serve? What is the best sermon that you can remember? What made it memorable? How do you define a "good sermon"? From your perspective what are "some ways" by which a preacher may "lose people"? How should a preacher prepare before preaching a sermon? How should members of a congregation prepare before hearing a sermon?

Prayer Concerns

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: Mike, Linda Kendrick, Marianne L. (friends of Kieslings'), Carol Ohr (friend of Vonda Temelkoff), Amara (granddaughter of Ken Jaeb), Bill and

Joy Benton (friends of the Kennedys), 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), Jamie Rollinson (friend of Boyds) Katie Campbell (friend of Boyds), Johnny Willoughby, The Moore Family (friends of Nadels), 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), Fletcher (friend of Cricket Boyd)

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

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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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