

Saint Mark's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CANTON, OH



## The Lion's Pause

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### ANTICIPATING NOVEMBER 1

A new era begins for St. Mark's on November 1, the first Sunday of the month and the first day of Fr. R.J.'s ministry. Even the calendar is cooperating! As my remaining days with you are few, I can't possibly thank every individual that deserves thanks, but I will instead mention each week one or two characteristics of St. Mark's that make it special. Today's highlight is your wonderful vestry. As you may know, I have served many parishes and have known many vestries. Yours is different. Every member makes the common good of the parish their priority. None appears to make the interests of a particular group within the parish their priority. As a result, meetings of the vestry are cordial, productive, even good-natured! Please don't take that for granted! When you have the chance, thank a member of the vestry for their dedication to St. Mark's.

### HUGH LATIMER, NICHOLAS RIDLEY, THOMAS CRANMER

In city centre Oxford, a familiar landmark, erected in 1843, serves as a convenient meeting place: the Martyrs' Memorial. The martyrs in question are the prominent Anglicans we will remember on Friday. The inscription at its base indicates that the monument has been erected "in grateful commemoration of His servants, Thomas Cranmer, Nicholas Ridley, Hugh Latimer, Prelates of the Church of England, who near this spot yielded their bodies to be burned, bearing witness to the sacred truths which they had affirmed and maintained . . . and rejoicing that to them it was given not only to believe in Christ,



but also to suffer for His sake.” The date was October 16, 1555.

The lengthy and complicated back story may be summarized briefly: these martyrs were prominent Anglicans who were advocates for a Church of England independent of the Roman Catholic Church. When Queen Mary, a staunch Roman Catholic, succeeded to the throne, their days were numbered. Mary considered anyone who opposed reunification with Rome a heretic and, as James Kiefer has written, “insisted that the best way to deal with heresy was to burn as many heretics as possible.”

The collect for the day:

*Keep us, O Lord, constant in faith and zealous in witness, that, like your servants Hugh Latimer, Nicholas Ridley, and Thomas Cranmer we may live in your fear, die in your favor, and rest in your peace.*

Fr. Paul

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### **Name Tags**

During a recent Thursday Discussion Group, Fr. Gaston was asked “how can we best welcome our new priest?”, he emphatically replied “wear name tags please”.

In light of our putting our best foot forward to welcome Fr. RJ and to assist him in getting to know us, name tags will be used. They will be printed and assembled in house and include first and last names. Your help is needed by providing the correct spelling of the first name that you would prefer on your name tag – example: if you are Edward, would you like Edward, Ed, or Eddie? Please let Katie know by email or phone beginning today through October 23.

Please let her know the names of your children for whom you would like name tags.

Email the  
Office

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# NOMINATIONS!

## It's Time for Vestry Nominations!

Submit your vestry nominations [here](#) by **December 11**.

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### Wednesday, October 14th:

Evening Prayer, 4:00 P.M.

For the bulletin, click [HERE](#).

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 919 2601 9999

Passcode: 106772

### Thursday, October 15th:

Discussion Group, 4:30-6:00 P.M. Sign up [HERE](#).

### Sunday, October 18th:

Holy Eucharist, 9:00 A.M. (In-Person or Live Stream)

Volunteers needed. Sign up [HERE](#).

Sunday School (Zoom) Sign up/get info [HERE](#).

To download the Sunday bulletin, click [HERE](#).

To view the Sunday live-stream on Facebook, click [HERE](#).

### **Reminders:**

*-Masks are required (worn over mouth and nose)*

*-Social distancing of at least 6ft. and limited capacity in certain*

UPCOMING

EVENTS

areas of the building (as marked)

-Sanitizing stations available throughout the building

-Please stay home if you feel unwell

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### **Personal and Family Retreats**

Bellwether Farm is beginning to provide limited overnight accommodations.



**Bellwether**  
FARM  
CAMP • RETREAT • EDUCATION CENTER

Personal and Family Retreats are a safe way to provide individuals, couples, and families an opportunity to spend the weekend at Bellwether on **October 9-11**, **October 16-18**, and **October 23-25**.

These self-led retreats begin at dinner on Friday night and end Sunday morning with breakfast and a farmer's market. The package includes two dinners, two breakfasts, one lunch, and room accommodations. All meals are farm-to-table and locally sourced, allowing guests to experience the creative collaboration of Chef Lonny and Farmer Kyle in every meal. Guests also have the option to reserve one of five common rooms for additional space for gathering - perfect for reading and games. Each includes a coffee maker, mini-fridge, couches, chairs, and a table. Fishing poles can be reserved for \$5 per family (live bait included!), as well as campfire pits free of charge.

Guests will have the option to volunteer on the farm Saturday morning with Farmer Kyle. Outside of farm work and meals, retreatants are free to fill their time on the property as they please. We ask that you share close proximity only with those within your group and keep socially distanced from other guests and staff. Please remember to bring your mask.

Visit the **website** for a schedule of the weekend, as well as individual and group pricing. Register via Eventbrite soon;

space is limited for each weekend.

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### **Altar Flowers Update**

Altar Guild is now accepting flower dedications since St. Mark's has resumed getting flowers for Sunday services. As in the past, each donation is \$15 "in memory of", "in celebration of" or "in thanksgiving for" someone or something. Please enclose your check to St. Mark's Altar Guild with your dedication.

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A graphic for online giving. It features a laptop and a smartphone on a wooden surface. The text "Online Giving" is written in a large, white, cursive font across the laptop. Below it, the words "EASY · FAST · SECURE" are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

*Online Giving*  
EASY · FAST · SECURE

### **Online Giving**

To facilitate stewardship during this difficult time, the Diocese has launched an online giving resource. Simply set up your one-time or recurring gift and select your parish from the pull-down menu (Canton, St. Mark's). The Diocese will transfer your gift to St. Mark's. We thank you for your continued support and prayers.

**Designate a Gift to St.  
Mark's**

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### **Thanksgiving Baskets & Community Christmas**

In the past, St. Mark's parishioners have generously supported both these programs with food donations, shopping for families, wrapping gifts, and financial contributions. Due to COVID -19, both of these programs have had to adjust. This

year only cash donations are being requested.

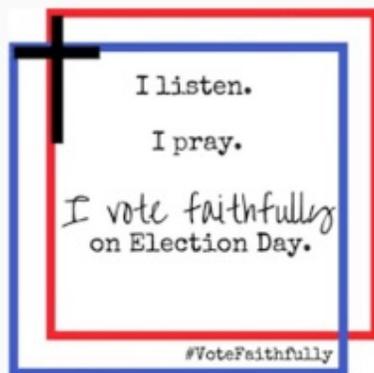
The plan is to accumulate all donations by the end of October, and split the funds between the two organizations in early November to meet their time lines. The October loose plate offering and some budgeted mission funds will be included in St. Mark's support.

Limiting the number of personal volunteers will surely raise the cost for these two valuable programs during the 2020 holidays. Please consider making a contribution if you are able. Your checks can be sent to the church office or put in the Sunday offering. Please note on your check Thanksgiving Baskets, Community Christmas or Holiday Mission.

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## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost:

Read This Week's  
Lessons



### Voting Faithfully

*"It is a Christian obligation to vote, and more than that, it is the church's responsibility to help get souls to the polls."*

- Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Getting souls to the polls isn't just about casting our own vote, but about working together so we all can vote and vote faithfully. We can empower every voice in our congregation in this work.

The Episcopal Church has put together a list of ways you can help:

1. Encourage those with limited mobility to apply to vote by mail.
2. Make sure your neighbors know where to vote.
3. On election day, drive a voter to the polling place.
4. Provide childcare during voting hours.

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**Music Notes with Bob Morrison**



My happy two years at Westminster Choir College were drawing to a close. The school had a placement department headed by one Theos Kronk who collaborated with Dr. McCurdy in finding good places for employment. Dr. McCurdy, with his prominence in musical America, had a significant role in filling major church music positions. As it happened, William Street Methodist Church in Delaware OH was seeking a music candidate, and I was invited to audition. So, on a snowy day in March 1951, I found myself at this historic church on the campus of Ohio Wesleyan University. When I entered the building I noticed a Stenotype machine sitting on the secretary's desk. I stepped over to the desk and typed "I am very glad to see you" on her Stenotype. That made quite an impression. I then played some organ selections for them and had a rather thorough interview with Rexford Keller, music head at the University who had quite a reputation for choral excellence. He had some very penetrating observations - very thorough. (In 2019 the school dedicated a new organ in Keller's memory.) Back in Princeton, at my next lesson with Dr. McCurdy, he said, "How did the audition go at William Street Methodist?" I briefed him about my session with Keller, and then made the mistake of commenting about the organ, which had only two stops in the pedal division. Next week I will tell you what happened next.

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# Prayer Concerns

Harry Kit, Ron Brookes, Charlie Becker, Paul Welch,  
Ron and Peg Hill, Jack and Pauline Briggs

**Family and Friends:** Jan Atkinson (friend of Hixons'), Addelyn (friends of Hixons'), Jim Bellamy (friend of Marcia Kiesling), Bonnie Manos (friend of Judy Gibbs), Jim Locke (friend of Ken Jaeb), Earl Hoot (father of Joe Hoot), Nancy Stewart Matin (friend of Norm and Rhonda Warren), Sarah (daughter of Bill and Beck Rand), Anne (friend of Sue Little), Karen Belden (friend of Cricket Boyd), Judy Provo (friend of Cricket Boyd), Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler), Gabrielle Karam (friend of Diana Cornell), Dave Jarvis (family of Ron and Peg Hill), Cody Hixon (cousin to Bruce



and Judy Hixon), Don, Suzy Clark (friend of Hixons'), Stacy Biglin (acquaintance of Derek Gordon), Autumn (granddaughter of Kerry and Zev), Bob Patterson (friend of Diana Cornell), Adriana (Pam McCarthy's daughter's friend), Jacobo-Quijada Family (Mandy Pelger's Student), Lynn McBride (father of Beth Crowl), Monica McGrath (cousin of Katie Cerroni-Arnold), Baby David (friend of the Schaub's), Marianne L. (friend of Kieslings'), Amara (granddaughter of Ken Jaeb), Conrad Family (friends of the Rands), Nancy Sauer and Helen Carnahan (friends to Diana Cornell), John Streb (friend of the Mulls), Pastor Marilyn Roman (friend of St. Mark's), Lynnda Hoefler (friend of Sue Little), 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)

**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\*\*](mailto: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.



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