



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

Tuesday, September 14, was the Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Three different events are commemorated on this day.

The first is a celebration of the fact that St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, found the cross on which Jesus was crucified.

The second is the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which took place on September 14 in A.D. 335. In A.D. 614, the cross was removed from the Church of the Holy Sepulchre during the Persian conquest of Jerusalem.

The third event celebrates the return of the cross on September 14 of A.D. 629. Later, fragments of the true cross were distributed to various churches throughout both the East and West.

There is a great deal of debate regarding which, if any, of the fragments of wood are actually part of the true cross of Christ. It would be difficult to prove without carbon dating each

fragment. Even if the fragments proved to be from the right time period, it would be impossible to prove that they are from the cross upon which Jesus was hanged.

There is also debate regarding whether the location of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is above the actual burial place of Jesus. On this point, however, we can have more confidence. The site was initially identified by Eusebius of Caesarea in the fourth century. Because of the reliability of oral tradition in the middle eastern culture, it is highly likely that Eusebius was correct.

Why does it matter whether we can identify the places that were important in the life of Jesus? Christianity is a faith about how God has acted in history to bring about the redemption of creation. It very much matters that the events recorded about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus actually occurred. Jesus is not simply the Lord of the spiritual realm about whom we make up mythical stories to represent spiritual truths. Jesus is the Lord of creation, who came into this world and left footprints. The Holy Sepulchre is one of those footprints to which we can point and say, "He was here."

Fr. RJ

New Sanctuary Air Conditioning Update

First, and most importantly, your Vestry, Finance Committee, and Building Team want to thank those who have contributed to the Sanctuary Air Conditioning project. More than **\$11,000** dollars have been donated so far.

Like the weather in July, the replacement of the more-than-30-year-old sanctuary air conditioning unit has had some rainy days. Including next Sunday, September 5, we will have had four Sunday surprises of no AC.

The order for the new AC was placed after the July vestry meeting. The cooling coil in the old unit had a leak, which was patched with no guarantee.

On the third week of July, a new unit arrived. Exciting day! A

large crane was on-site, prepared to remove the tired, rusty old unit and install the shiny new unit. Then it rained.

When the box was opened, the unit was damaged in several places and rendered useless. The good news was that the old unit had not yet been removed. No big deal, right? Another unit was ordered.

On Monday, August 16, we were notified that the replacement unit had arrived, the box had been opened, and all looked good for Tuesday's installation.

On Tuesday morning, Bob Kennedy met the contractor at the church, the crane removed the old unit, and the new unit was lowered into position. Rain began to fall as they began to install the unit.

To everyone's surprise, the mechanical and electronic configurations of the new unit were not compatible with the existing system! ! The rain continued to fall as the shiny new unit was replaced by the old unreliable unit.

Current status? "Old Rusty" lasted one more week and said "enough is enough!"

The third unit is scheduled for installation on September 9-10, so your Building Team certainly hopes that the third time is the charm, and that when you arrive for the 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. church service Sunday, September 12, you'll find St. Mark's to be nice and cool.

If you attended either the 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. service last Sunday in person, you are aware the September 9-10 installation did not happen. The sanctuary was comfortable thanks to some fans and a cool night. The AC in the family room worked fine for 9 a.m. Bible study.

The good news is, the new unit arrive in Canton Wednesday 9/15 and is scheduled for installation Monday the 20th. One more Sunday of the pleasant humming of fans.

Want to donate to this project? You can use the [link here](#) and write in "AC Contribution" or use the offering

plate on Sunday and leave a note in the memo line.

Charlie Kiesling



Sunday Services at 8am & 10am
515 48th St. NW Canton, OH 44709
330-499-2662 office@stmarks-canton.org

St Mark's Episcopal Church

Outreach: Blessing Box at Hope Outreach Ministry

A reminder that we are still providing personal items for the area homeless, including toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, toilet paper, tissues, hand sanitizer, paper towels, deodorants, band-aids, and other personal care products. They are also in need of food items, such as cans of fruit, applesauce, tuna fish, crackers, and any ready-to-eat item, since can openers are not necessarily available. Please place items into the Hope Chest located across from the coatroom.

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.

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

Sunday, September 19

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

No Sunday School this Sunday

[Lessons](#) (Track 2)

[Bulletin](#)

[Live Stream](#) *(Please share to your FaceBook page, too!)*



Wednesday, September 22

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m.

[Bulletin](#)

[Zoom](#)

Bob's Music Notes

Amidst the turmoil of building a new home, it was a comfort to experience the stability of the new church we were now associated with. Father Carey Sloan not only presided in the pulpit -- he sang bass in the choir. I will never forget his reaction to an anthem we were working on by the young contemporary composer Craig Courtney, whose Lenten setting of "He Was Wounded" moved him (and several others) to tears.

But things at home were stressful. Here we were, planning to build a home, but Kathleen not liking any of the options we were shown. In conversation with the builder, we chanced to mention that we had seen a home in a nearby newly opened development that was attractive and when we mentioned just where it was, our builder smiled and said that he had a home right beside the one we liked -- and was quite familiar with its dimensions. "I'll draw up a plan based on that home for your consideration. It's a French Manor House design."

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

7 Linda Deuble

14 Maxine Kit

16 Bruce Hixon

17 Wayne Paradis

23 Alex Highman, Christopher Smith

27 John Highman

29 Emily Gordon

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 Tom and Sandy Turner

Prayer Concerns

Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, Ron Hill, Amelia Rowland, Ron Brookes, Jack and Pauline Briggs

Family and Friends: Sandy Snyder & Doug (friends of the Rands); Cricket Boyd, Diana, Carol & Lynnda Hoefler (friends of Sue Little); Sherry, Carson, Noah, Linda Kendrick & Gail (friends of the Kieslings); Hugh Clark (friend of the Hixons & 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 (friends of the Kennedys); Terry L., Denny Schafer, Judy Evans & Bobby Guerin (friends of Pam McCarthy); Addelyn (friend of Judy Hixon); Eddie Hornsby (friend of Father RJ); Jerry Burris (friend of the Thorleys); Lesley & Holly (friends of Paulette Frech); Jim Bellamy (friend of Marcia Tirpak); Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler); Baby David (friend of the Schaub's); Bob Patterson (friend of Diana Cornell); Camila Guzman family and Pastor Marilyn Roman (friends of the Mulls); Johnny Willoughby; Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver).

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.



515 48TH ST. NW CANTON, OH 44709
330.499.2662 | OFFICE@STMARKS-CANTON.ORG
WWW.STMARKS-CANTON.ORG

We seek to unite all people with God and each other in Christ through worship, fellowship, education, and service.

[St. Mark's Church](#)
[The Episcopal Church](#)
[The Diocese of Ohio](#)
More Links [HERE](#)
[Bellwether Farm](#)

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

[Shop Here](#)