



The Lion's Pause

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
CANTON, OH



Greetings!

This Sunday (September 8) Anne Cohen will lead the congregation in Morning Prayer. Many will find this liturgy familiar and comfortable. Those who are visiting or who have joined our community recently may not.

Prior to the introduction of our "new" Book of Common Prayer in 1979, which declares clearly that the Eucharist should be seen as "the principal act of Christian worship on the Lord's Day and other major Feasts" ("Concerning the Service of the Church," *BCP*, p. 13), many parishes celebrated the Eucharist at their principal service only on the first Sunday of the month. They shared Morning Prayer every other Sunday.

I am among those who celebrate this renewed emphasis on the Eucharist as a profound and long overdue liturgical reform. But if we ignore Morning Prayer entirely, we are depriving ourselves of a glorious and meaningful tradition, one rooted deeply in the monastic tradition.

In its structure and emphasis, Morning Prayer echoes the Daily Office that monks, ordained persons, and many others continue to observe. According to the online *Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*, this tradition honors an even older one, the Jewish tradition of prayer at several times during the day. Although our service of Morning Prayer reflects Thomas Cranmer's condensation of three morning "hours" (matins, lauds, Prime) into a single liturgy, we can still identify those elements in our liturgy that correspond to the monastic hours. You can find the details at

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/morning-prayer>

For churches that want to maintain worship through Morning Prayer while celebrating the Eucharist as "the principal act of Christian

worship," there is a clear option, to use Morning Prayer as the Liturgy of the Word prior to the celebration of Eucharist. There is no reason why St. Mark's cannot make use of this option from time to time. If this interests you, let a Vestry member know.

Fr. Paul

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Read This Week's Lessons



Several parishioners have recently moved or changed contact information. Please pick up an updated directory in the lobby.

Notable

Music This Sunday

A melodic "Serenade" by Mark Andrews, Britisher who emigrated to our shores and became a naturalized citizen and an officer in the American Guild of Organists. will comprise the Prelude. Soprano Sandi Kaustinen will sing the Psalm of the day, Psalm 1: "He Shall Be Like a Tree." The hymns will include "As Longs the Deer," "Father All Loving" (a new one), and the familiar "Take My Life" as the Gospel selection.

Delaney Ryan, as



pictured in
Church Life
Magazine,
working as camp
counselor at
Bellwether
Farms.

Office Manager Katie interviews Gary Giammarco:

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

Born in Ohio Valley Hospital, Steubenville, Ohio

Fond Memories: Visiting my grandparents after 10 am Mass, and enjoying the aroma of Spaghetti Sauce simmering on the stove and a chicken roasting in the oven. Doesn't get any better than that. Also have a fond memory of my Phil Rizzuto baseball glove and my Mickey Mantel 150 H , 32 oz, wooden bat. A lot of hits in that bat.I slept with that bat many nights.



How did you end up in the Episcopal Church?

Being Catholic and Grace Presbyterian the Episcopal Church was a logical, comfortable compromise for both of us.

If you could use magic to do one mundane task for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Between my home and my work, there are seven traffic lights on Applegrove, Whipple, Dressler and Everhard Rd. I would like to get all green lights just once.

Tell us something about yourself we wouldn't otherwise know.
I can floss all my teeth at a red traffic light.

What is the worst fashion decision you've ever made? Do you have a picture of it?

Flat Top haircut. My head comes to a point and it just didn't work.

Is there an item you think will be obsolete in 20 years? Is there something from your past years that is obsolete now?

I think cars that you have to physically drive will eventually become obsolete. Wooden bats have disappeared in amateur baseball.

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

When it comes down to any institution it's the PEOPLE. Also the Eucharistic Service

How did you meet your wife?

I met Grace at a backyard cookout. We only lived three houses apart. Her mom was away and she was staying at our next door neighbor's. The rest is history

If you had to live in a sitcom, which one would you pick?

Seinfeld. That's my kind of humor.

Who do you nominate for the next interview?

Sue Little. *(For view an article about ECW featuring Sue Little, please visit the lobby bulletin board.)*

You may have noticed a slight change in the parking lot last week. Due to our standing as a polling location, the Board of Elections asked that we upgrade our lot to reflect current ADA standards for handicap accessible parking. Seeing this was something we should be working towards as a church and for Weaver's purposes, we allowed them to proceed at no cost to St. Mark's. We are hopeful this new striping and signage makes us a little more accommodating to those with accessibility needs who utilize our building.





Join us on September 15th
for the Sermon on the Mount and Blessing of the
Backpacks

One Service at 10:00am

Picnic to follow

Free-will offering

Father Gaston will offer a blessing of the backpacks for all school-agers. Don't forget to bring your packs for this special blessing. What a great way to start off the school year!



CLUSTER DINNERS

Cluster Dinners began about 7 years ago as an adult fellowship opportunity. Singles or couples sign up and are assigned to groups of 8-10 persons for a potluck meal, usually dinner and in a parishioner's home.

Sign up on the kiosk by Sept 15 or email MaryAnn Kiesling. Please indicate if you would like to host your group.

Groups meet 2-3 times between the end of September to the first week of December. Cluster Dinner groups take a hiatus in the winter, resuming in April.

Upcoming
 Events

Sunday, September 8th:

Morning Prayer

Puppet Gang Practice, 9:00am

Sunday School Begins, 9:00am

Monday, September 9th:

Knitting, 1:00pm

Book Club, 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 11th:

Study Group, 9:30am

Group Walk, 6:30pm

Veterans Community Park, 1714 Schneider St., Canton, 44721

Sunday, September 15th:

Welcome Guild Meeting, 9:00am

Meet in the Family Room.

Sermon on the Mount/Blessing of the Backpacks,
10:00am (no 8am service)

Picnic to follow.

Thursday, September 19th:

Beginner Yoga, 6:00pm, \$10.00

Sunday, October 6th:

Commissioning/blessing of ushers, greeters, and
members of Welcoming Guild.

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, September 8th:

Acolytes: Joe Hoot, Susie Hines

Lectors: Tom Turner, Rhonda Warren

Ushers: John Willoughby, Bill Rand, Gary Mull

Altar Guild: Susie Hines, Rhonda Warren

Vestry Coffee Host: Derek Gordon

Fortnightly Informal Discussions at St. Mark's

Sept 29

How do we respond? You're in an elevator with an acquaintance or co-worker. They ask you about the Episcopal Church and about St. Mark's. You have perhaps two minutes to respond. What three or four points do you make? *Note: this discussion is especially appropriate for those considering Reception or Reaffirmation on October 20.*

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

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?



Welcome Back to St. Mark's Sunday School 2019-2020

Jesus loves the little children and so does St. Mark's. We are excited to announce the start of Sunday School classes for children ages 3 – 12. Students will meet with their teachers in the Sunday School Room / Library located across from the church office beginning September 8th at 9am (changing to 10am at all subsequent Sundays). Parents, please stop in to fill out a brief registration/contact information form and meet the teachers. (Teachers will also meet with Emily Gordon to briefly discuss plans for the year)

Children will return to their parents in church prior to communion. We look forward to seeing everyone. If you would like to be a volunteer or have any questions or concerns, please contact Emily Gordon ecgordon16@gmail.com

St. Mark's Health and Wellness

Beginner Yoga

3rd Thursday of every month at 6:00pm

\$10.00 per person/bring your own mat



Prayer Concerns

Donna Brookes, Ken McPeek, Billie Robertson, Emilie Korosi, Ken Pakenham, Joan Werren, Ron and Peg Hill, Conley Family, Briggs Family, Susan

Family and Friends: Nancy Sauer and Helen Carnahan (friends to Diana Cornell), Will Disman (friend of Sandy Paradis' son), John Russell, Justin Spring, Pastor Marilyn Roman (friends of the Mulls), Lynnda Hoefler (friend of Sue Little), Don Reede (friend of the Thorps), 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 Nadel's), Erin Barr (friend of the Mulls), Baby Hudson (friend of the Mulls), 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 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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