The Monthly Parish Newsletter of SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday School Q & A with the Rector



questions for Paul, Saint Mark's Rector

Recently, as part of a year-end project, a Sunday School class submitted the following questions to Saint Mark's rector Father Paul:

How long have you been here?

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Paul: Saint Mark's called me to be your rector three years ago this summer.

Where were you before you were here?

Paul: I was in Dayton and before that West Virginia. I originally come from a small New England state called Vermont whose name in French means "green mountains."

Is it difficult writing sermons?

Paul: Sometimes, but usually there is something on my mind I want to share.

Where do you get your ideas?

Paul: I try to be open to where God is working in my life the week before and how the scripture for the week applies to that.

Is it horrible for someone else to hear your prayers?

Paul: No, unless you want to pray something privately to God, and you can do that silently at anytime and in any place.

How do you know if your prayers have been answered?

Paul: Since sometimes God answers with a "yes," "no," "maybe," and "not yet" - we have to be assured that God heard us, and has answered as will be best for us in the long run.

What is the difference between doing something wrong and knowing it was wrong versus accidentally doing it?

Paul: God forgives us in either situation provided we are sincere and honest. The fact that we do something deliberately, however, makes it harder to be sincere and honest when we seek forgiveness because we have willfully gone against what we know to have been right rather than just made a mistake. We all make mistakes.

How do we know God is listening to us when we pray?

Paul: We believe God never stops listening.

Who tempts us? Ourselves? Satan? Paul: Yes, as well as other people and the broken parts of our world.

When friends do something wrong, it doesn't seem fair when they aren't honest and still get the same "reward" as others that were honest. Also, how does it work when we don't get the reward because we were honest?

Paul: Being honest and "doing the right thing" is not always rewarded by others or the world, but that doesn't diminish the fact that they are God's will, and ultimately it is only what is of God that will exist in heaven.

What is Maundy Thursday? Paul: It is the day that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples. "Maundy" is from

the Latin "Mandatum novum" meaning "new commandment" ("Jesus said 'I give you a new commandment, to love one another as I have loved you" -John 13:34)

Have you ever heard God speak to you?

Paul: Yes, several times, but not when, where, or what I could have ever expected.

Does God only speak to you in your dreams?

Paul: God speaks to us in our dreams, but also in many, many other ways, including other people and events.

When was the Book of Common Prayer made?

Paul: The Book of Common Prayer is based on the Latin Mass Book, whose roots are in the Jewish Table Prayers (which Jesus used) which go back 3,000 years before Christ. The first English version that we would recognize comes from Archbishop Thomas Cranmer in 1549.

Is there a flower symbol for our church? Bible?

Paul: The symbol for Mark has always been the winged lion, because Mark is the oldest gospel (the lion symbolizing something "royal" or a special significance.) The Bible is filled with so many plants, flowers and trees that one does not stand out. There is a beautiful garden at St. George's Anglican College in Jerusalem that is made up of every one of them mentioned in scripture.

What is your favorite Bible story? Why?

Paul: Joseph and the his brothers, because it was the first production I ever sang in while in the Canterbury Choir when I was ten. It also talks about forgiveness, redemption and the ability to change.



BRUCE'S COLUMN SAINT MARK'S ASSOCIATE RECTOR

A Pilgrimage to Washington National Cathedral

Dear friends in Christ,

You can see the three towers of the great cathedral from the George Washington Memorial Parkway in northern Virginia. There is an even better view of the cathedral as you cross the Memorial bridge from Arlington onto Washington DC. The Cathedral church of St. Peter and St. Paul stands on the Mt. St. Alban's, the highest point in the city. Popularly known as the Washington Nation Cathedral, this magnificent house of prayer for all people is the seat of the Episcopal Bishop of Washington as well as the seat of our Presiding Bishop. Construction of the cathedral which stands on 59 acres was completed in 1990 after more than 80 years under construction.

I last worshipped in this sacred space about 15 years ago when a seminary friend of mine and I drove down from New Jersey for the consecration of a seminary professor of ours as Bishop of Maryland. We did not get a chance to roam through this magnificent place, so I was really looking forward to being able to really soak it all in on this trip!

The original plan was to get a bus load of folks from the Diocese of southern Ohio to go down to Washington, DC for "Ohio Day" at the Cathedral. We ended up with about 200 Episcopalians – lay and clergy – from our diocese and the Diocese of Ohio, as well as our Bishops on this pilgrimage. Four full buses of people of all ages! Our diocese had 2 buses – one coming up from Cincinnati and the other coming out of the Dayton area. I boarded the Cincinnati bus at St. Andrew's, Pickerington around 9am on Friday, April 23. On the way down we were treated to two excellent DVDs about Washington Cathedral. But, there was also plenty of time for napping, reading and listening to iPods. We finally arrived at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel around 7pm... checked in... and made our own arrangements for dinner. I joined some clergy colleagues in the hotel dining room.

Saturday morning, April 24, we all gathered at the Church of the Epiphany in downtown Washington for a meeting with Alex Baumgarten from the Episcopal Public Policy Network (Washington office). We also spent an hour with broadcast journalist Judy Woodruff from PBS who lives in the DC area and is a member of St. Columba's Episcopal Church in the northwest section of the city.

After lunch, we were free to whatever we wanted to do. I spent the afternoon touring the Newseum and then walking around the Mall and the Smithsonian before heading back to the hotel and then joining some good friends for dinner.

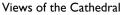
Sunday morning, after checking out of the hotel, the buses took us up to the Cathedral where we spent the rest of the morning and part of the afternoon. Following continental breakfast in the cafeteria of the Cathedral's girl's school, I explored the cathedral and all its chapels. There was folk mass going in one of the chapels in the undercroft, and a prayer group was meeting in another. The bookstore was open, and I took out my credit card! Then around 10:45 we clergy gathered in the Bethlehem Chapel – the first worship space ever used in the cathedral - to vest for the Holy Eucharist at 11:15 – the main service on Sunday.

There must have been about 1000+ people gathered for worship in the nave, as the great organ began the prelude, then after the choir introit, the procession started. That procession moved very quickly down the center aisle, very quickly. I'm used to the slower pace at Saint Mark's, but they have a much greater distance to cover at the Cathedral!

Today was Earth Day and the hymns and readings were chosen for the occasion. The folks from Ohio, including the vested clergy were seated in the North transept, but we had a good view of the altar which has been installed at the crossing. Bishops Breidenthal and Hollingsworth co-celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and some of the clergy and laity from Ohio served as chalice bearers.

There were times during the day when I was moved to tears, I think because of just being in this wonderful and awesome sacred space that truly is a house of prayer and a center of ministry for all people. It was also quite moving to see people from all over our nation and maybe even the world – from different worship traditions gathered together to worship God.

It was a long bus ride back to Pickerington, more napping, reading and talking with new friends about the experience. The bus pulled into Pickerington around 11:15 pm. and still had to go drop off folks in Cincinnati!





Shalom,

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The Rev. Bruce Smith, Associate Rector

For more information, a copy of the service bulletin and a video of the service itself, go to our diocesan website at www.diosohio.org and click on the Washington Cathedral links.

At and Around our Parish

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT AND AROUND SAINT MARK'S? CHECK IT OUT!

Now Registering for Vacation Bible School!



Now registering for Saint Mark's VBS! Walk-ins are welcome. Grab a friend and sail away with us on our High Seas Expedition June 14 to 18. Volunteers are still needed and always appreciated! Contact Kathy Drobny at 459-2056 or kdrobny@att.net.

Quiet Spaces at Saint Mark's:

If you are seeking a quiet place for prayer and meditation or for just a few minutes away from the hustle and bustle of a busy life, we recommend several spaces at Saint Mark's – inside and outside. The **Memorial Garden** is on the western end of our campus fronting on Dorset Road. Come sit on the bench and enjoy all of the white flowers in bloom. The **Narthex Garden** can be reached through the doors between the coat closets in the Narthex. At the south end of the Narthex next to the full length stained glass windows is the **Chapel** which has been used over the years for informal worship services as well as for personal meditation. In the Nave, we invite you to walk and meditate on the **Stations of the Cross** (there is a brochure about the Stations on the table in the Narthex) or to just sit quietly in one of the pews. Then, there is the new **Bishops' Library** on the ground floor in the Education Wing. This space, which used to be Fr. Bruce's office, was recently renovated to provide a relaxing space for quiet conversation or to browse through some of the many reference and picture books available. We also have a good number of books of a more devotional nature as well as books by favorite authors such as Frederick Buechner, Madeleine L'Engle and C.S. Lewis. All books in the Bishops' Library may be signed out. Our parish offices are usually open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., so if the doors to the church building are locked, a staff member will be happy to unlock the doors for you.

Sunday Morning Forum Update:

Sunday Morning Forums will not be held during the months of June, July and August. The Forum will not meet on September 5 but will resume on September 12 with an eight-part series on the history of the early church. We will be viewing and discussing the PBS video: "From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians." This video was shown on Tuesday evenings in April and was so well received by those attending that series that we have decided to offer the program during the forum.

Journey to Adulthood Thanks:

"I would like to thank Carolyn Botti, Sarah Drobny, Katie Turner, Mathias Thompson and Emma Wheeler for their participation in our new Rite 13 class for middle school children. I would also like to thank their parents and Katie Renner for their support. Without them, we would not have had a successful start. Our class wishes to thank Roberta Morton for her generous gift certificate to Kiva, which allowed us to fulfill our wonderful outreach project, helping mothers and children in Central America. Much of our work is on display in the Youth Center for everyone to view at their leisure. I look forward to seeing everyone next year! Hopefully some new faces, too!" —Kathy Drobny

Tour de H₂O—Pedaling for Progress—An Update:

"Despite threatening weather the ride went off on Saturday, May 22 without any major hitches. Due in part to the support from Saint Mark's and the Diocese, both financial and by riders, the ride was able to meet their goals. With the money raised we will fund two new water wells in Kenya. A very big thank you to all Saint Mark's members for their love and generosity!" —Mark Baldwin

MUSIC NOTES

FROM SAINT MARK'S DIRECTOR OF MUSIC GARY L. GARBER

On Saturday, June 5, at 4 p.m. former Canterbury Chorister Laura Crone will present a flute and voice recital in our Choir Room, assisted by former Canterbury Choir Chorister – and current Saint Mark's Choir chorister – Madeleine Crone. The members of the parish are cordially invited to attend. A reception will follow in Johnston Hall. I'm very proud of Laura and Maddie and what they have accomplished! (See formal invitation to the right.)

Michael's organ voluntaries during June will feature the music of the great French master Louis Vierne (1870-1937). Vierne was the blind organ at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris from 1900 until his death at the console there during a recital.

His life was physically and emotionally difficult, with spiritual trials that are occasionally echoed in his music. He was not completely blind, but was what would be called today "legally blind." Early in his career, he composed on outsized manuscript paper, using a large pencil. Later, as his sight continued to diminish, he resorted to Braille.

He was deeply affected by a separation and subsequent divorce from his wife, and he lost both his brother René and his son Jacques to the battlefields of the First World War. Though he held one of the most prestigious organ posts in France, the Notre Dame organ was in a state of disrepair throughout much of his tenure at the instrument. He eventually undertook a concert tour of North America to raise money for its restoration.

A street accident in Paris caused him to fracture his leg, and it was briefly thought it would need to be amputated. The leg was saved, but his recovery, and the task of re-learning his pedal technique, took a full year during one of the busiest times of his life. Despite his difficulties, his students uniformly described him as a kind, patient and encouraging teacher. He composed some of the finest twentieth-century music for the organ.

Enjoy!

Faithfully, Gary

YOUTH NEWS

SAINT MARK'S YOUTH GROUP: LAST EVENT BEFORE SUMMER! The last Saint Mark's Youth Group event before summer will be an ice skating gathering at the Chiller on Sunday, June 13. Meet at Saint Mark's at 1:30 p.m. and we will head over to the skating rink. Eat lunch before you come and bring \$10 for skate rental and admission. We'll be back to the church by 4:30 p.m. Come join us for a last fun event before summer really gets going!

Come Join Us!

An Invitation Please join us for Laura Crone's Senior Recital Oboe and Voice With piano accompaniment by Madeline Crone



Works by Albinoni, Britten, Hindemith, Loeffler and Marcello

Saturday, June 5, 2010 4:00 p.m. Choir Room, Saint Mark's Episcopal Church 2151 Dorset Rd., Columbus, 43221

> Reception to follow RSVP by e-mail: marthcrone@aol.com

THE NEXT DEADLINE for the July 2010 issue of THE EPISTLE is MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2010

Submit all relevant articles, photos and news to Jessie in the Parish Office via phone (486-9452) or e-mail: saintmarks@ameritech.net, by noon on Monday, June 21. We will fold the July 2010 EPISTLE on Thursday, June 24 at 9:30 a.m. Please join us—light refreshments are provided!

SAINT MARK'S MINISTRIES & OUTREACH Get Connected! Questions? Contact Jessie in the Parish Office: 486-9452, ext. 301.

Saint Mark's Evening Book Group:

Saint Mark's Book Club will have its June meeting on Monday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Pat Kirkley (3524 Rue de Fleur, UA 43220). Book of the month is SOMEONE KNOWS MY NAME by Lawrence Hill. Discussion leader is Lou Lenz. RSVP to Pat via phone (451-0657) or pjdaumier@aol.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Do you like to knit or crochet—or want to learn how? The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** fellowship group meets on the **first** and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Education Wing. June meetings will take place on June I and 15. Contact Joy Sargent at 457-0567 for more information.

Bridge Club News:

The Bridge Club has voted to return to the 11:30 a.m. start time with bringing a bag lunch (coffee and tea will be provided). Those who still want to attend the 12 noon service may do so—we will just hold their seat till 12:30. The next Bridge Club meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 16 at 11:30 a.m.

Supper Group Grand Finale:

Saint Mark's Supper Group will have its last meeting of the 2009-2010 year on Saturday, June 5 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the home of John and Marlene Marchak. Information has been sent out via mail to those who regularly attend, but new members are <u>always</u> welcome, so please contact Anice Ellis, 529-9597, for more information!

Friends of LaLabor Meetings:



Interested friends and travelers of this summer's LaLabor, Guatemala mission trip are encouraged to attend upcoming travel meetings, to be held Wednesdays June 2, 15, 30 and July 7 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. each evening in Room 203 (above Education Wing). Please join us, whether or not you plan to travel to LaLabor this summer! If you have questions, contact Paul, **486-9452, ext. 302**.

St. John's Town Street News:

"On Sunday, May 2 at 1 p.m., a group of Saint Mark's parishioners attended "Street Church" sponsored by St. John's Episcopal Church on a vacant lot at the corner of West Broad Street and Schultz. Deborah Morton, our Outreach Co-Chair, organized our visit, and brought volunteers together to make lunches to serve the neighborhood folks who came to Street Church. We made 60 bag lunches, each containing a meat and cheese sandwich, cracker packs, pudding, and a banana. When we arrived at the vacant lot, it was strewn with trash, so volunteers hunkered down to make the lot look inviting. Lee Anne Reat, her Senior Warden, Cheryl Corbin, and her Deacon set a table with bread and grape juice, and we all joined hands to sing and pray. After a short but meaningful sermon, the group celebrated Holy Communion followed by lunch and conversation. Thanks to all who helped and participated: Pat Barton, Marilyn Smith, Marilyn Karl, Deborah Morton, Roberta Morton, B.J. Hauswirth, Rick Moore, Sylvia Moore, Bruce Smith, Susan Smith, Pam Thurston, Sue Barna, Sally Rechner, and Cullie Rechner. It was a meaningful experience for all of us, and we hope to sponsor another lunch sometime soon. Meanwhile, Street Church is held every Sunday at I p.m. at the corner of West Broad and Schultz (near the intersection of West Broad and I-70). Everyone is welcome to participate any and every Sunday. You will be glad you did!" -Pat lams, Outreach Co-Chair, 486-1532.

Another great big thank-you to those helping to provide another St. John's Town Street Dinner on Wednesday, May 12. The lasagna continues to be a favorite and even the mixed vegetables are becoming more and more popular! We continue to have a hardworking crew who works so well together and it is always so great to spend time with Lee Anne Reat. Thanks again to Pat lams, Mary Kirkey, Jack Lutz, Justin Griest, Jim Acton, Roberta Morton and Cullie Rechner. Upcoming dates for dinners are September I, October 27 and November 17. We are always looking for new helpers so please call with any questions! Sign-up sheets will be up mid-August. Enjoy your summer! —Sally Rechner

Saint Mark's and Episcopal Community Services Foundation:

Once again this year, Saint Mark's Outreach Ministry (with your generous pledge money and gifts) will contribute \$1000 to ECSF. Throughout 2010, we would like to tell true stories of the people assisted by the grants given by ECSF. "Frank has been coming to Street Church at St. John's, Columbus, for two years. He lived in a tent that he received from St. John's until this summer when he started working the AA program with a member of the parish. That led to his decision to go into treatment. Frank is now waiting to enter a V.A. long-term treatment program through which he will be eligible for permanent supportive housing, financial assistance, and job training. He credits his decision "to his friends at St. John's and his renewed faith in God" (The Rev. Lee Anne Reat). Saint Mark's Outreach has collected tents in the past, we regularly serve meals at St. John's, and we have an opportunity to begin to plan and serve lunch to the 40+ folks who attend the Street Church. Please talk to Pat lams or Deborah Morton if you would be interested in this ministry. If you are able to contribute funds, please write a check to Saint Mark's Outreach, note to ECSF, or go to ecsf@eos.net. Thank you for your support!

Southern Ohio Lay Leadership Initiative (SOLLI)

The purpose of "SOLLI" is to train lay leaders for effective service in congregations, the Diocese, the local community, and ecumenical agencies.



Knowledge of the people and programs of the diocese Knowledge of Anglicanism Prayer and Bible study Discussion of inter-faith and ecumenical relationships Commitment to peace and justice Training in group dynamics and process Training in leadership of congregations

Who should consider SOLLI?

Members of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio who...

- are 18 years of age or older.
- want to learn how to become effective leaders in congregations, on vestries and Bishop's committees, and on diocesan committees and commissions.
- want to acquire the background information to facilitate responsible decision making in the church.
- want their volunteer commitments and leadership to be grounded in scripture, prayer, and the Anglican tradition of lay ministry.
- feel called to offer themselves in leadership.
- want to represent the Anglican position helpfully in ecumenical and interfaith cooperative efforts.
- want increasingly to understand and exercise the ministry which is theirs as baptized Christians in our Episcopal Church.
- SOLLI is a two-year program. Each year includes three two-night weekends. During these times, SOLLI focuses on leadership, learning goals, and commitment to form a mutually responsible learning community. Our life and work together is shaped by scripture, prayer, and reflection. Between the weekends, learning projects will be developed. Participants will study and become immersed in outstanding examples of ministry in the diocese. The goal of these projects is both to present case studies in leadership and to build a network of lay leaders across the diocese.
- The cost of SOLLI is \$250 per year. Scholarship assistance is available.
- For more information visit www.lifeformation.diosohio.org. and contact Father Bruce: 486-9452, ext. 303.

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YOUR JUNE 2010 EPISTLE HAS ARRIVED!



Saint Mark's, a parish in the Diocese of Southern Ohio, held its first worship service September 9, 1951 in a converted Methodist Church in Grandview. Having achieved parish status in 1953, Saint Mark's broke ground for a parish hall the next year. Services were held in the parish hall from 1955 until our magnificent church was completed and dedicated in March 1958. The house next door was purchased and converted to become the All Saints Center, dedicated in August 1989. Renovations and the construction of the Eldred Johnston Parish Hall were



completed in 2005.

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