



# THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

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## Final Rector's Rambling

So much has changed over the years. People don't seem to look each other in the eye like they used to. Clear Creek is now civilized. Gone are the days when an angler could imagine himself transported back to the Ohio frontier. In my own life, things have changed as well. Because of the demise of family farming, my beloved and far ranging hounds and terriers have been replaced by closer hunting flushers like Oscar. And I can't think of another priest who still uses the Standard Book of Common Prayer and the Authorized Version of the Bible. It is a very different world, and the pace of change is staggering, but there are some very important things, perhaps the most important things, which stay the same.

Friendship is still available to those who will claim it and cultivate it. Lots of people are looking for relationships that matter and last. If I treat others as I would like to be treated and regularly cultivate those manners which General Lee maintained were the expression of genuine Christianity, there are people who will want to be my friend. God has, you see, made us in his image, and like the Blessed Trinity itself, we are made to be in relationship. For the well-mannered person who respects others and walks in the way of the cross, the prospect of finding friends is very high.

Life will always be filled with problems, but if we live with faith in God, patience, and those disciplines and attitudes enjoined in Scripture, we will generally come out ok. There are those exceptions based on our health or terrible and unexpected events in our lives, but as a general rule, we find the strength to adapt and overcome the vicissitudes of life, and if we, like St. Peter, can keep our eyes focused on Jesus, he will bring us through the storm and welcome us into the ark of safety.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is unchanging. One of the Church Fathers famously said that it is the same for Athens and for Jerusalem, for all places and for all times. Surely Jesus came to us in our hour of need. As Isaiah said, "Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows... by his stripes we are healed." Indeed, "So God loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." And finally, "He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world."

Many of you who read this have been my faithful friends. You will remain long in my thoughts and prayers, and memories of your kindnesses will be with me as I move to my next posting. Many of us have experienced life together in all of its fullness, and in spite of our fears and shortcomings, we have managed, like St. Peter, to keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. The memory of your faith and courage, and of the mercies of God shown forth in our lives will, I am confident, inspire me many times in the years to come. And finally, I rejoice that King Jesus has saved us from our sins, and pray that we all might continue to walk with him in this life "in such a way that in the world to come, we might have life everlasting."

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Thank you all for your kindnesses to me and mine over the years. “May the Lord bless us and keep us. May the Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace.” AMEN

Bill+

<p><b>St. John’s Parish Family Picnic</b></p> <p><b>When: Sunday, May 6th from noon til 4</b></p> <p><b>Where: Rising Park Shelter House (near the swings)</b></p> <p><b>What to bring: Your own table service, drinks, and a dish to share</b></p> <p><b>Meat will be provided.                      Bring games.</b></p>	
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**Congratulations, Lowell Stallsmith .**

Lowell has been named “Richard Benadum Rotarian of the Year” for 2018.

**The Rev. Lynn Carter-Edmands**, Canon for Formation and Transitions will be with us for worship on June 3rd.

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*Please tear off and pray daily for our search for a new rector.* *Deacon Nick*

Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. John’s.  
Be with us and lead us as we seek the next rector for our church.  
We ask your direction and guidance for those who shall choose our new spiritual leader,  
that we may receive an upright and faithful pastor who will care for your people  
and equip us for our ministries.  
Grant us perception, faithfulness and joy, so that we may hear your voice in all our deliberations.  
Grant us also the desire and the ability to truly hear each other and those who have entrusted us with  
this process.  
Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. Come Holy Spirit.

**Birthdays**

- 2 Gitta Sadoni  
Milton Taylor
- 3 Ivan Smith
- 5 Julie Meenach
- 7 Emily Campbell
- 10 Zoe Leonard
- 17 Jennifer Matz
- 20 Kathy Heim  
Tristan Pursley
- 23 Susan Snyder
- 26 Bryce Burton
- 29 Julia Taylor

**Barbara “Bea” Taylor Cardenas**  
**July 29, 1959—April 4, 2018**

“Give to the departed eternal rest. May Light perpetual shine upon her.”

**Mary Josephine “Jo” Voss**  
**December 21, 1931—April 9, 2018**

“Give rest, O God, to your servant with your saints where sorrow and pain are no more.”

**Wedding Anniversaries**

- 11 Andy and Cindy White (02)
- 14 Marty and Robin Harris (82)

**Baptismal Anniversaries**

- 5 Jean Hammer (42)  
Zoe Leonard (96)
- 6 John Eyman (62)
- 7 Sebastian Burton (00)
- 11 Chad Shook (08)
- 15 Richard Davis (11)
- 16 Anna Burton (04)
- 23 Gary Rowley (48)
- 26 Bryce Burton (74)
- 28 Caroline Rockwood (22)
- 30 Elizabeth Baker (10)  
Edward Baker (10)  
Brian Davidson (54)

**Parish Health Ministries Luncheon~3rd Wednesday**

The next Parish Health Luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 16th after the noon Eucharist. Please plan to come and enjoy the fellowship. If transportation is needed, please contact Fr. Bill or the church office. (740-653-3052)

**May Fellowship Breakfast—May 13th**

There will be no breakfast or coffee hour on May 6th Our Fellowship Breakfast will be May 13th. Do join your parish family for one of Chris and Mark’s delicious breakfasts.

**Jr. Warden Assistant Needed**

Our Jr. Warden, Travis Kling, could use some help. If you could assist by doing odd jobs in the church or commercial building, it would be greatly appreciated. If you have the gift of “handyman,” please call Travis at 217-493-9376.

**Digital Photographs Needed**

We are going to be updating our website and would like to include some photographs (new and old) depicting events at St. John’s (picnics, swim parties, skating, Christenings, marriages, blessing of the animals, etc.). If you have photographs that you would be willing to share, please send them to our senior warden at (roblnrd@aol.com).



## Senior Wardens Wafflings

### Appointment of a Transition Priest

The Vestry requested a list of transitional Priests to start the interview process. There has been no list forthcoming as the availability of transitional Priests is scarce. The Vestry will continue to search, however a contingency plan is being developed for the summer months to utilize supply Priests once or twice per month and use Deacon Nick and lay preachers for the other Sundays.

Due to the lack of transition Priests, the Vestry is exploring the Priest-in-charge route. This route will bypass the transitional Priest and move to a search for a full time Priest.

### Long Term Parish Financial Stability

The Vestry have established the scope and objectives of the committee. The scope includes:

Establishing a continual re-assessment schedule of the financial portfolio to ensure best returns and manage risk.

Review building assets opportunities and recommend future strategy for best return on investment.

Investigate and identify other potential income sources.

Review expenses seeking potential savings.

I have already had a couple of volunteers, if anyone else is interested in serving on this committee, please let me know.

### B.I.P. Initiative (Bums In Pews)

The Vestry conducted a brain storm session to identify potential ideas and suggestions to promote St John's within the community. The input from the Vestry was outstanding with over 60 ideas being identified. These ideas will be reviewed in more detail at the May Vestry meeting, and an action plan put in place to implement several of the ideas.

### Capital Investment Projects

The Durable Slate Restoration Company has started the renovation of the front steps to the Church. This should be completed mid April (depending on weather).

The Vestry has commissioned Durable Slate Restoration to perform a drone survey of the Church building and provide a comprehensive report as to the condition of the complete building along with recommendations and cost estimates of the findings.

Next Vestry meeting is May 13th (after coffee hour), I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely

Robin Leonard

**Hannah Hurdley**, daughter of Jeff and Chris Hurdley, graduates from Lancaster High School (“LHS”) this year. Hannah is graduating with honors and third in her class. While at LHS, Hannah was a member of the National Honor Society, Chamber Singers, and was active in sports. She lettered as a varsity soccer player during all four years of high school. She also lettered as a varsity thrower on the track team for all four years, and qualified for the State Tournament in discus during her sophomore year. Hannah will attend The Ohio State University in the fall, plans to major in environmental science, and will participate in the OSU Scholars Program. At St. John’s, Hannah has been an acolyte since the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and is a current vestry member.



Mr. and Mrs. Chad (Mary) Shook are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter **Catherine L. Shook**, from Lancaster High School.

Catherine (Katie) will be graduating with valuable healthcare experience. She has been a member of the Health Tech program for both her junior and senior years. Katie was awarded the 2017 Health Tech Outstanding Care Giver Award and the 2017 Junior Health Tech Award. Katie earned her STNA Certification in July 2017 and was named Career Tech Student of the Month for November 2017.

Her club involvement over the years at LHS included the French Club and Varsity L Club. She was also a member of the Cantari Choir (freshman year), Women’s Ensemble (sophomore year), and Chambers Choir (senior year).

Catherine was not only a revered Health Tech student, she was an accomplished athlete. She was a four year Varsity letterman for the LHS Swim Team. She was named “Rookie of the Year” her freshman year and received the “Golden Gale” award her senior year. She was recognized as the Athlete of the Week in the Eagle-Gazette multiple times for her athletic prowess. Catherine was the two-time Ohio Capital Conference Champion in the 50 and 100 Freestyle her junior and senior years. She was a four year District and Sectional Qualifier. Her senior year she earned her first appearance at the Ohio High School Athlete Association State Swim Meet in both the 200 and 400 Free Relays. This was the first time LHS had ever sent girls relays to the State meet. Catherine was part of the four person team that holds three school records in the 200 Medley, 200 Free, and 400 Free Relays.

Catherine also swam competitively for the Lancaster YMCA Swim Team (LYST). While she only swam with LYST for two years, Catherine was a YMCA Short Course National Qualifier in both 2017 and 2018. Catherine also holds two LYST team individual records in the 50 and 200 Breast.

When she’s not in the pool, she’s around it. Katie has been a lifeguard since 2015 at Valley View and is a lifeguard at the Fox Family Y.

Katie will be attending Central Ohio Technical College (COTC) this fall where she will be pursuing her Surgical Tech degree.

**James Paul Sutter** is the son of Holly Coffill and Michael Sutter and the grandson of Sally Sutter and the late John Sutter and the late Ralph and Connie Messenger.

James is graduating from Berne Union High School on May 20, 2018. He has been working as a Student Helper since he was a Sophomore. He is working on the school newspaper this year as part of his Journalism class. James is planning to go to Trade school after graduation. His field of choice has not been chosen at this time.

**Leyton William Rowley Mathias**, son of Mark and Sheli Mathias and grandson of Frankie Mathias, will graduate from Pickerington Central High School May 26. Leyton plans to attend The Ohio State University-Newark to study aviation. Honors and Activities: 4-yr. Varsity Tennis, Cross Country—2 yrs., Honors Diploma and Optima Supra, Sunny Side Up (Leadership Award), PCHS football and state Champion—1 yr. Varsity award, National Honor Society, 2018 spring musical “Little Shop of Horrors”, Peace United Methodist Church Youth Group: Active member, and leader.

# St. John's Episcopal Church

## May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 8:00P AA Meeting 3:15 Pizza and God Talk	<b>2</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:00 HC <b>Graduate Recognition</b> <b>12-4 Parish Family Picnic</b> 5:00 Women's Bible Study	<b>7</b> 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>8</b> 8:00P AA Meeting 3:15 Pizza and God Talk	<b>9</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9:00 HC 10:00 Fellowship Breakfast 5:00 Women's Bible Study	<b>14</b> 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>15</b> 8:00P AA Meeting 3:15 Pizza and God Talk	<b>16</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 12:30 Parish Health Ministry Luncheon	<b>17</b> 1:00 Eagle and Lamb deadline	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour 5:00 Women's Bible Study	<b>21</b> 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>22</b> 8:00P AA Meeting 3:15 Pizza and God Talk	<b>23</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 5-8 p.m. Fr. Bill's Retirement Party
<b>27</b> 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour	<b>28</b> 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

From Deacon Nick

Save me from trendy religion that makes cheap clichés out of timeless truths.

Rich Mullins

## May 2018 Serving Schedule

May 6	9:00 AM	Readings
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Ivan Smith & Holly Coffill	Acts 10:44-48
<b>Acolytes</b>	Asher & Joanna Carr	Psalm 98
<b>Lectors</b>	Sarah Perlow & Charlie Voss	I John 5:1-6
<b>Ushers</b>	Robin Leonard & Mike Whiley	John 15:9-17
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sarah Perlow & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Mid Hall & Janet Kling
May 13	9:00 AM	Readings
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Ivan Smith & Frankie Mathias	Acts 1:15-26
<b>Acolytes</b>	Nikki Sutter & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm 1
<b>Lectors</b>	Frankie Mathias & Joan Ream	I John 5:9-13
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Wood & Robin Leonard	John 17:6-19
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
May 20	9:00 AM	Readings
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Tom Hammer & Jim Merton	Acts 2:1-21
<b>Acolytes</b>	Asher & Joanna Carr	Psalm 104:25-37
<b>Lectors</b>	L. Sheffield & Ivan Smith	Romans 8:22-27
<b>Ushers</b>	Robin Leonard & Tim Hall	John 15:26-27; 16:4-15
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Peggy Merton & Gita Sadoni	Set-up: Mid Hall & Peggy Merton
May 27	9:00 AM	Readings
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Tom & Jean Hammer	Isaiah 6:1-8
<b>Acolytes</b>	Max Black & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm 29
<b>Lectors</b>	Jim Merton & Mark Davidson	Romans 8:12-17
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Whiley & Steve Wood	John 3:1-17
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bobbi Beebe & Frankie Mathias	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl

**\*\*If you are unable to serve, please arrange for a replacement from the list below. If you cannot find one, please let Fr. Pursley know by Saturday evening (740-215-3900).**

<b><u>CHALICE BEARERS</u></b>	<b><u>ALTAR GUILD</u></b>	<b><u>ACOLYTES</u></b>	<b><u>LECTORS</u></b>	<b><u>USHERS</u></b>
Holly Coffill 740-652-9124	Bobbie Beebe 614-837-0838	Asher & Joanna Carr 740-385-1356	Holly Coffill 740-652-9124	Tim Hall 740-654-5795
Mark Conrad 740-243-4933	Mid Hall 740-654-5819	Libby Garbrandt 740-653-9639	Mark Conrad 740-243-4933	Robin Leonard 740-808-4814
Tom & Jean Hammer 740-687-6134	Jean Hammer 740-687-6134	Hannah Hurdley 740-654-7831	Caitlin Hurdley 740-243-0295	Mike Whiley 740-654-4306
Robin Harris 740-215-2311	Janet Kling 217-201-0111	Nicole Sutter 740-652-9124	Frankie Mathias 740-653-5559	Steve Wood 740-653-7435
Frankie Mathias 740-653-5559	Frankie Mathias 740-653-5559		Sarah Perlow 740-654-4459	
Jim Merton 740-974-4838	Peg Merton 740-974-7137		Joan Ream 740-687-4554	
Ivan Smith 740-503-8880	Sarah Perlow 740-654-4459		<b>L.M. Sheffield</b> 440-653-1865	
	Gita Sadoni 740-243-8809		Ivan Smith 740-654-3859	
	Sally Stallsmith 740-654-6592		Charlie Voss 740-654-4225	
	Carol Uhl 740-569-6190			

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