

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CANTON, OH



The Lion's Pause

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A couple of decades ago, church leaders were encouraged to make their churches culturally relevant. This led to worship bands replacing the organ and projectors replacing hymnals. It led to coffee shops in the narthex, which was renamed the lobby. Our churches needed to look cool. They needed to look like the culture around us. For a while it worked. Then, it didn't. There is nothing wrong with praise bands and good coffee. However, in our attempt to be relevant, we often lost a sense of purpose.

April 14 is the commemoration of Edward Demby and Henry Delany. Edward Demby was the first African American Bishop in the Episcopal Church, and served in Arkansas and the Southwest Province of the Episcopal Church. Henry Delany was the second African American Bishop in the Episcopal Church, and served in the Diocese of North Carolina. Both were ordained in 1918.

The ordination of these two men as Bishops in the Episcopal Church would not have been viewed as culturally relevant, especially in the Southern United States in 1918. It was, in fact, counter-cultural. It was a way of living out the Gospel and realizing what St. Paul wrote in Galatians 3:27-28. "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

The world does not need the church to be culturally relevant. The world needs to see a church that proclaims the Gospel of Christ in word and in deed.

Fr. RJ

E.C.W. Somebunny Easter Baskets

Thank you to all who generously donated to this annual project. Your donations of basket items and cash were overwhelming. We were able to fill a pail and Easter basket for each of the seven children housed there plus pails for the 42 women and one man. (There is a 4-unit apartment building nearby, where mothers with older male children and sometimes a daddy are housed.) Food items were purchased in bulk at Sam's and hygiene items came from Dollar Tree. The intake person, Megan, was most pleased to see a case of Tide Pods added to the donations. Thanks to Bruce Hixon who loaded my car for the trip to the Y.W.C.A.

Sue Little

Reminder! Sign Up for your Updated Directory Photo! Directory Updates & Photo Session Dates

May 2nd OR 16th, 10:30 P.M. - 12:30 P.M.

St. Mark's is updating the photo directory. To do so, we have selected two photo days in May. Please register for a time slot for you or your family.

Photo sessions will take place outside, back by the pavilion. Each session is scheduled in a 5-minute time slot. We ask that you arrive only 5 minutes prior to your time to ensure adequate spacing in the lineup. Masks should be worn until the time of the photographs.

Each person/family will get 2-3 edited images available through a link. Vestry members and staff should plan to also take a solo headshot for our website updates.

Use the link below to register for your spot. Please pay special attention to the day you select.

[Sign Up for a Time Slot](#)

Wednesday, April 14

Evening Prayer

[Bulletin](#)

[Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 951 1965 1743

Passcode: 194488

Sunday, April 18

Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. on Facebook Live

[Lessons](#)

[Bulletin](#)

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Sunday School

St. Mark's Sunday School is continuing with their lessons each Sunday via ZOOM. All of our wonderful teachers are doing a great job of keeping the lessons creative in this remote setting. If a child in your life is interested in joining us, please contact Emily Gordon at ecgordon16@gmail.com.

Bob's Music Notes

Our good friend and chorister John Werren was acolyte master of some 128 young people for many years - no adults. He tells me that the architect for St. Mark's was member Ken Breting. Ken and his wife Evelyn eventually moved to Scottsdale AZ and - of all things - established an Episcopal parish called St. Anthony on the Desert. Evelyn passed away at age 82 and was preceded in death by her husband. Two years after Ken's original St. Mark's building was erected, more Sunday School space was added. The Sloan Family Room became a reality under the guidance of the late Rachel Fisher Renkert. She was an accomplished business woman, a founder of Fisher-Price Toys and designer of ornamental tiles which were produced by her husband's brick firm. The original windows on the north side of the sanctuary were plain glass, but with the addition of the family room, the present lovely stained glass windows were installed. The Bishop of Ohio at this time was Nelson Marigold Burroughs, a low-churchman, who was delighted at the

founding of St. Mark's. He also founded eighteen other parishes. John adds that the low church tradition avoided the sign of the cross, but now it is widely practiced (even in Methodist circles).

Online Giving

The Diocese has continued to offer easy online giving through their website during this pandemic. To use this, please select "St. Mark's Canton" from the dropdown, and choose either a one-time or recurring gift. The Diocese transfers these funds to us monthly.

We thank you for your continued support and prayers.

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Mark's

April Birthdays

1 Sarah Highman
10 Barbara Whitehouse
12 JD Cerrone-Arnold, Susie Hines
20 Katie Cerrone-Arnold
25 Stew Hudson
26 Sandi Kaustinen
27 Karen Violand

If you would like to have your birthday or anniversary listed in the bulletin and Lion's Pause, please send them to office@stmarks-canton.org.

Prayer Concerns

Jane Schutrum, Amelia Rowland, Ron Brookes, Jack & Pauline Briggs

Family and Friends: Jackie & Dave, Lynnda Hoefler, Terri, and Christine (friends of Sue Little), Cathy & Caleb (step-mother & nephew of Mandy Pelger), AJ (family friend of Temelkoffs), Carol Jones (daughter of Buck & BJ Jones), Steve

O'Krepki, Corinna (family of Beth Crowl), Marilyn Cobb (former member of St. Mark's), Don Stewart (uncle of Kathy Kennedy), Dr. Angela Peters, and Rev. Carol Fleming (friends of Kathy Kennedy), Steinsapir family, Adriana, & Bobby Guerin (friends of Pam McCarthy), Sherry Hixon-Davis (cousin of Bruce Hixon), Eddie Hornsby (friend of Father RJ), Sandy Snyder (friend of the Rands), Jerry Burris (friend of the Thorleys), Paula Temelkoff (daughter-in-law of the Temelkoffs), Linda Kendrick (friend of the Kieslings), Bridgette (Friend of the Browns), Lesley (family friend of Paulette Frech), Addelyn, (friend of Judy Hixon), Jim Bellamy (friend of Marcia Tirpak), , Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler), Gabrielle Karam (friend of Diana Cornell), Adriana (Pam McCarthy's daughter's friend), Lynn McBride (father of Beth Crowl), Baby David (friend of the Schaub's), Nancy Sauer and Helen Carnahan, Bob Patterson (friends of Diana Cornell), John Streb & Pastor Marilyn Roman (friends of the Mulls), Johnny Willoughby, Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver).

For all those serving in the Armed Forces.

For all those who have died.
Bernard Reed

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.

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.



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