

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CANTON, OH



The Lion's Pause

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Wednesday, June 16, is the commemoration of Joseph Butler, a Bishop and Theologian. Butler is probably best known for his refutation of Deism in his work The Analogy of Religion, Natural and Revealed, to the Constitution and Course of Nature, which is often simply cited as Butler's Analogy.

In the 18th Century, Deism was probably one of the greatest threats to the church in Europe and North America. A substantial number of clergy had adopted practical Deism, as had many members of the church. This is even evident in the writings of several of the founding fathers. For example, George Washington was both an Anglican and a Deist.

Most Deists believed that the world was created by God, and what could be known about God was revealed through nature. They also believed in the ethical teachings of Jesus, but did not believe that he healed the sick or was bodily resurrected from the dead. The reason many Deists rejected the notion that God interferes in history is that they did not think a good God would command many of the things the God of the Old Testament commanded.

Butler's chief objection to Deism was that human knowledge is limited. He acknowledged that there are serious puzzles in the scriptures which we may not be able to solve. However, without God's self-revelation, we are left with a universe without meaning.

Because he was reasonable, and took those with whom he differed seriously, Butler's works were highly admired, even by those who did not agree with him. Although Deism is not the threat to the church that it was in the 18th Century, there are many competing views of God in our culture. One of the tasks of the church is to, like Joseph Butler, offer Christian answers in a way that will make sense to those who pose the questions, and to show that we take their questions seriously.

Fr. RJ

Emergency Contact Info

St. Mark's keeps emergency contact information for parishioners who wish to share information. If you'd like to fill out a form or submit an updated form, please grab one from the lobby table and return it to Katie. This information will remain confidential.

On the Schedule?
Keep track [here](#).

Blessing Box at Hope Outreach Ministry

Now that the doors are open once again for St. Mark's parishioners, it is time to re-visit our outreach programs. We have some exciting news from Hope Outreach. Volunteers have built a unit to provide for the homeless when the shelter is not open. As you may recall, about 30% of the people served at Hope, including children, are homeless. The newly constructed outside storage unit, called "The Blessing Box", will be filled with personal items and some food and emergency items. We can help by bringing in small packages of toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, toilet paper, tissues, hand sanitizer, paper towels, deodorants, band-aids,



and other personal care products. The small containers everyone brings home from hotels and motels would be perfect for this. They are also in need of food items, such as cans of fruit, applesauce, tuna fish, crackers, and any ready-to-eat items. Remember that anything in a can should have a pull top since can openers are not necessarily available. You can drop the items off at church on Sundays or anytime the office is open. Please place them in or near the Hope Chest located across from the coatroom. We will update this list as needs change. Thanks to all for their ongoing support of this important mission.

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. We thank you for your continued support.

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Mark's

Upcoming:

Wednesday, June 9

Evening Prayer at 4 p.m.

[Bulletin](#)

[Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 924 0973 1525 Passcode: 749790

Sunday, June 20

Morning Prayer with Anne Coen at 9 a.m.

In-Person and Live Stream (*inside*)

[Lessons](#)

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Fr. RJ will be out of the office June 18-25.

Katie will be out of the office on June 21.

Bob's Music Notes

The original Schantz organ specification for St. Mark's Episcopal, Canton, called for seven ranks plus preparation for two more. When Craig Jaynes came on the scene in 1969, he requested that the entire organ be enclosed behind shutters (for expressing volume changes) and that the shutters be built, not only in the front, but also the side nearest the choir so the singers could better hear the organ. And Craig (thank goodness) insisted on a celeste rank -- pipes tuned gently sharp to impart a warmth and sweetness to the string stop.

But all this increased the cost. Craig discussed it with Rector Fredenburgh and the donor, Kate Partridge, who graciously approved. Schantz representative Jim Madden was shocked when Craig suggested a deep-toned 32' pedal stop "Contraflutterblast" -- a jest, since the name wouldn't even fit on the stop tab.

Craig is now parish musician at St. Colman of Coyne Church in Washington Court House, Ohio, and operates an English Garden Farm in Jamestown with acres of roses, shrubs, annuals, and perennials. It is open to the public.

He remembers his time at St. Mark's with affection. Many of the male choristers had been trained at St. Paul's downtown -- a great asset. The children's choir was exceptional with many solo voices. One Christmas Eve Craig wanted to hire a harpist. When he called the Cleveland Institute of Music, they said all their harp students were already booked. Craig had waited too long.

But the informant said it might be possible to contact Alice Chalifoux -- likely the most famous harpist in the world -- and shazam! She was available. For a time the only female member of the Cleveland Orchestra, Alice received a Grammy for one of the Cleveland Orchestra's recordings. She lived to the age of 100.

June Birthdays

1 Judy Hixon



3 Carol Popovich
9 Jeff Turner, Tim Turner
17 Evan Jenkins
24 Bruce Schutrum
28 Abi Highman

June Anniversaries

1 Ronald and Joyce Rupp
17 Charlie and MaryAnn Kiesling
20 Beth and Kirk Bletzacker
27 John and Sarah Highman

Prayer Concerns

Judy Hixon, Jim Weaver, Sue Little, Jane Schutrum, Ron Hill, Amelia Rowland, Ron Brookes, Jack and Pauline Briggs

Family and Friends: Father RJ's father; Emmy (Great-granddaughter of Temelkoffs); Gail (friend of the Kieslings); Rick and Denny (friends of the Browns); Ray Slinger (friend of Bob Morrison), Janet Sheatzley Morgan (Barb Siegfried's sister); Joanna, Zoey, Liam (friend of Kathy Kennedy); Beth Conley (acquaintance of Cricket Boyd); Lynnda Hoefler & Christine (friends of Sue Little); Caleb (nephew of Mandy Pelger); Carol Jones (daughter of Buck & BJ Jones); Steve O'Krepki and Corinna (family of Beth Crowl); Don Stewart (uncle of Kathy Kennedy); Dr. Angela Peters and Family: Joanna, Zoey, Liam, Pat, & Paul (friends of Kathy Kennedy); Steinsapir family, Adriana, & Bobby Guerin (friends of Pam McCarthy); Addelyn, (friend of Judy 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); Lesley (family friend of Paulette Frech); 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); Baby David (friend of the Schaub's); Bob Patterson (friends of Diana Cornell); Camila Guzman Family & 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.

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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