

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CANTON, OH



The Lion's Pause

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On Sunday, May 2, we will observe the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, the patron saint of our parish. Who exactly was St. Mark?

Although there is some dispute about the exact identity of the author of the Gospel According to Mark, the strongest evidence comes from the Second Century. In his writing, *Exegesis of the Lord's Oracles*, Papias, bishop of Hierapolis, wrote, "Mark became Peter's interpreter and wrote accurately all that he remembered, not, indeed, in order, of the things said or done by the Lord. For Mark had not heard the Lord, nor had he followed him, but later on, as I said, followed Peter, who used to give teaching as necessity demanded, but not making, as it were, an arrangement of the Lord's oracles, so that Mark did nothing wrong in thus writing down single points as he remembered them. For to one thing he gave attention, to leave out nothing of what he had heard, and to make no false statements in them."

In the Acts of the Apostles, Mark is referred to as John Mark, the son of a woman named Mary, in whose house in Jerusalem the early church met. Her house was also the house where Jesus celebrated the Last Supper.

John Mark accompanied Paul and Barnabas on Paul's first missionary journey (Acts 12:25). For some reason John Mark abandoned the mission at Perga (Acts 13:13). For this reason, Paul refused to take him on his second journey. Instead, John



Mark returned to Cyprus with Barnabas. Eventually, he and Paul were reconciled (Colossians 4:10 and Philemon 23-24).

The final reference to Mark in the New Testament is found in 1 Peter 5:13, where Peter refers to him as his son. This reference is not a literal family relationship. Rather Peter refers to Mark as one of his closest students. It was probably at this time when Mark gathered the materials for his account of the Gospel.

Fr. RJ

Sunday Setup

As we return to in-person services, we will again require setup teams to assist with setup.

The outside setup consists of hooking up the sound system, bringing out tables and chairs, and putting masks/hand sanitizer out for parish use.

If you are able and willing to help, please sign up [here](#).

Sunday, May 2: In-Person Worship Returns

Last month the Diocese of Ohio made the decision to allow parishes to return to in-person worship when they are ready to do so. **St. Mark's vestry has decided to resume in-person worship this Sunday (Sunday, May 2.)**

To help us ensure safe services, please:

- Only attend if you are well and have not been in recent contact with someone who has COVID19.
- Utilize our hand sanitizer stations for frequent hand cleaning.
- Maintain 6 ft. of distance from anyone not in your household.
- Wear your mask at all times over your mouth and nose.
- Check-in at our attendance table.

We thank you for your patience during the last year and we look forward to finally being together as the church.



Sunday School UPDATE:

Starting Sunday, May 2, Sunday School will plan to meet in person!! If weather allows, we will meet outside in the grassy area just down the hill from our front parking lot. If we must meet inside, we will hold our lesson in the Family Room to allow more space for social distancing.

- Please check-in with your child as you would for the service. The teacher that day will be near the check-in table and will gather the kids and take them to the proper area for our lesson.
- Please have your child sanitize their hands upon arrival.
- Please have your child wear a mask.

If our lesson is done before the service is complete, we will quietly bring the children into the sanctuary or outdoor chapel area to be with you for the remainder of the service.

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Gordon at ecgordon16@gmail.com.

REMINDER: Sign Up for Your Updated Directory Photo!

Directory Updates & Photo Session Dates

May 2nd OR 16th, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

St. Mark's is updating the photo directory. To do so, we have selected two photo days in May: **May 2** OR **May 16**.

Please register for a time slot for you or your family between **10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.** on one of those two days.

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

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 28

Evening Prayer

[Bulletin](#)

[Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 991 6463 4174

Passcode: 884883

Sunday, May 2

Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M.

[Lessons](#)

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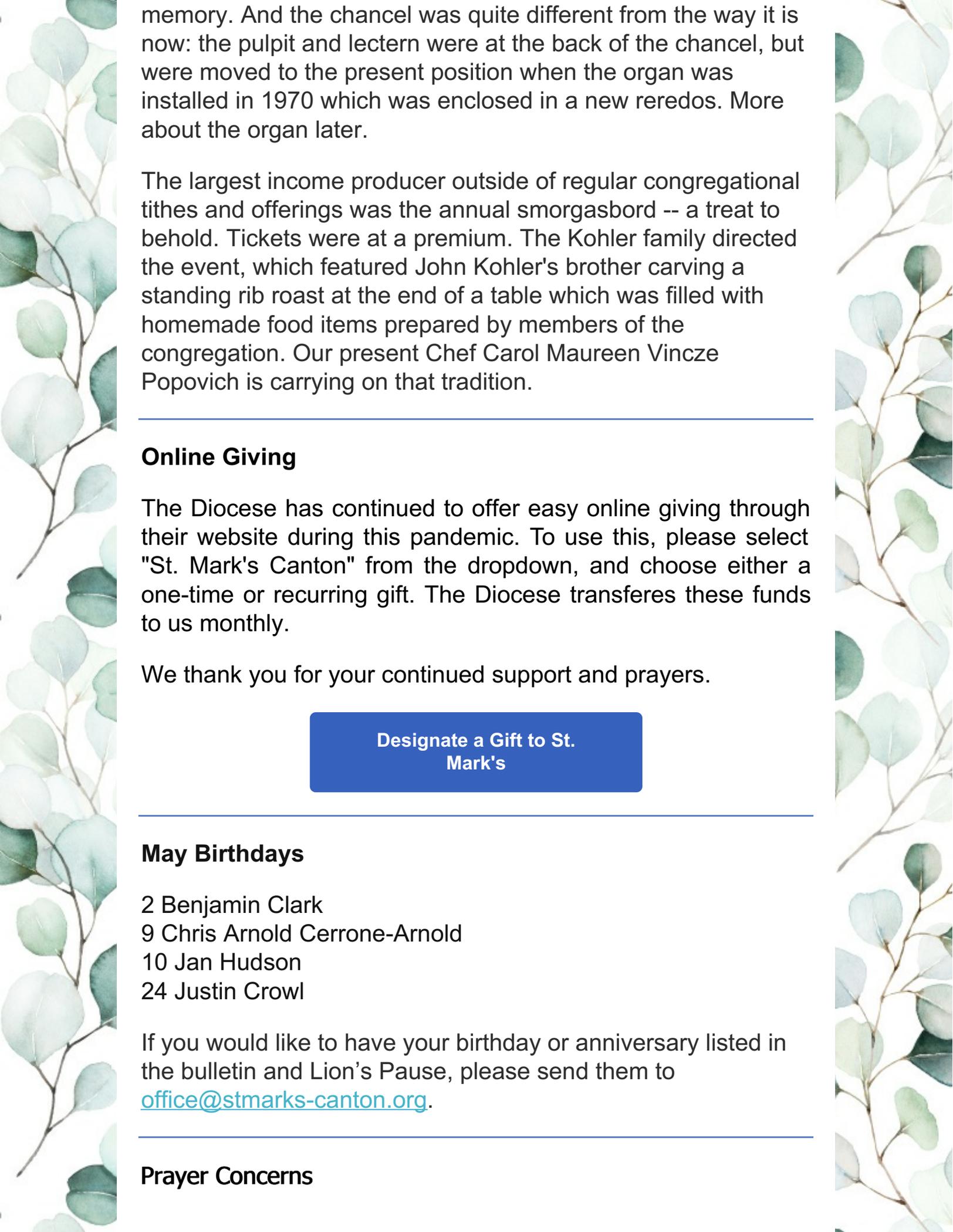
Bob's Music Notes

More St. Mark's history, courtesy of John Werren:

Don Merwin was an attorney with Black, McCuskey, Arbaugh, Souers Law Firm. His wife Rachel was a member of the choir. Both were active St. Mark's parishioners. [Don and his partners were responsible for the reopening of the Harter Bank, which had closed during the Depression. The efforts to accomplish this ended up at the Ohio Supreme Court, which approved the plan.] The Merwins lived on South Woods Lane in North Canton where the first service was held in their backyard.

When the church building was erected, Don did not like the altar that architect Ken Breting had designed. Don thought it looked like a butcher block and came up with a way to cover it: a "Tree of Life" tapestry that is used to this day. John Werren expresses surprise at the good condition of this covering which is now 50 years old. Breting also designed the altar (and the high hanging cross) to be turned facing the north side as a chapel for seating of small groups such as the Wednesday Men's Prayer Breakfast. Lucy Bunn cooked a great breakfast for this affair.

Two candles were given by the Richard Gibbs family in his



memory. And the chancel was quite different from the way it is now: the pulpit and lectern were at the back of the chancel, but were moved to the present position when the organ was installed in 1970 which was enclosed in a new reredos. More about the organ later.

The largest income producer outside of regular congregational tithes and offerings was the annual smorgasbord -- a treat to behold. Tickets were at a premium. The Kohler family directed the event, which featured John Kohler's brother carving a standing rib roast at the end of a table which was filled with homemade food items prepared by members of the congregation. Our present Chef Carol Maureen Vincze Popovich is carrying on that tradition.

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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May Birthdays

2 Benjamin Clark
9 Chris Arnold Cerrone-Arnold
10 Jan Hudson
24 Justin Crowl

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, Ron Hill, Amelia Rowland, Ron Brookes, Jack and Pauline Briggs

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Rob Forbes (brother of Marsha Tirpak), Beth Conley (acquaintance of Cricket Boyd), 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), Lynn McBride (father of Beth Crowl), Baby David (friend of the Schaub), 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.

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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