

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CANTON, OH



The Lion's Pause

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Greetings!

On Sunday we will observe the last Sunday after Epiphany. In New Orleans, that is a signal for Carnival to go into high gear. Many of the best parades will take place on Sunday and Monday. Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras) will be the grand climax. At midnight, as Mardi Gras turns into Ash Wednesday, NOPD squad cars will slowly move down Bourbon Street, running interference for the large trucks sweeping and washing the street. Carnival will be over. Ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

Lest you become apprehensive, I would offer three reminders about Lent.

First, the name of this season is not an obscure ecclesiastical creation. Lent shares a root with our verb, *lengthen*. In our hemisphere, this is the season in which the days grow longer. What may be our oldest Easter hymn, from the sixth century, speaks of Lent as a period of "days of lengthening light."

Second, while we observe Lent on Sundays with appropriate readings and prayers, we speak of Sundays *in* Lent, not Sundays *of* Lent. If you give up chocolate for Lent, you can stockpile a few bars for Sundays.

Finally, and most importantly, our embrace of this season as an opportunity for self-examination, repentance, and self-discipline does not mean we set aside our identity as the people of Easter. Even as penitents—*especially* as penitents—we are grateful to be among the forgiven, those confirmed and strengthened in goodness through Jesus' love.

On the first Sunday of Lent, when we observe The Great Litany, I will

have more "good news" about Lent to share with you.

Fr. Paul

Last Sunday after Epiphany

Read This Week's
Lessons

Notable

Music This Sunday

Several majestic hymns of the Transfiguration will be sung and the Choir's offering is Dale Wood's "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation." A new item in our organ library will be heard in the prelude - David Cherwien's setting of Parry's "Laudate Dominum."

Upcoming

Events

Thursday, February 20th:

Beginner Yoga, 7:00pm

\$10.00 with Sam Abraham

Please let the office know if you plan to attend.

Saturday, February 22nd:

Altar Guild Cleanup Day, 9:00pm

Sunday, February 23rd:

8:00am Holy Eucharist with Rev. Barbara Bond

10:00am Morning Prayer with Bruce Hixon and Anne Coen

Monday, February 24th:

Knitting, 1:00pm

Tuesday, February 25th:

Shrove Tuesday Dinner 5:30pm

Wednesday, February 26th:

Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM

Wednesday, February 26th:

Study Group, 9:30am

Friday, February 28th:

Security Committee Meeting, 2:00pm



Lent Madness III/XI 2020

The Saintly Smackdown Returns!
+ Ash Thursday +
February 27th

“Why focus on saints during Lent? Like us, their vision may not have been perfect — and they had their share of blind spots. But what binds them together, is a strong faith in Jesus Christ and a willingness to serve him amid the circumstances of their own day. They saw the face of God with perfect clarity and shared God’s love for the world in their own ways. If we allow them into our lives, the saints can serve as a deep source of spiritual inspiration.”

From Lent Madness

www.lentmadness.org



Our food pantry is now in specific

Thankful Thursdays

need of the following: **Boxes of Tissues, Boxed Cereal, Pasta Sauce, Rice, Oatmeal, Canned Chili, and Boxed Taco Dinners.**

Thank you for helping us re-stock our pantry shelves!

Beth Bletzacker, Thankful Thursdays Co-Chair

Prayer Concerns

Vonda Temelkoff, Mary Schumacher, Paul Welch, Ken McPeek, Billie Robertson, Emilie Korosi, Joan Werren, Ron and Peg Hill, Conley Family, Briggs Family, Susan

Family and Friends: Bob Patterson (friend of Diana Cornell), Mike (Bobbi Gordon's uncle), Adriana (Pam McCarthy's daughter's friend), Olivia (friend of Paulette Frech), Jacobo-Quijada Family (Mandy Pelger's Student), Lynn McBride (father of Beth Crowl), Fr. Carey Sloan, Bridgette and Randy (friends of Ron and Cindy Brown), John Grandage (Kim Nadel's brother), Kristina Brinkman (friend of Kathy and Bob Kennedy), Monica McGrath (cousin of Katie Cerroni-Arnold), Ed Ott (friend of Ted and Cricket Boyd), Kellie Shuman (family of Giammarcos'), Baby David (friend of the Schaub's'), A.J. Nelson (family of Sara Strattan), Rose and Brian Gregory (friends of Ten Gall), Linda Kendrick, Marianne L. (friends of Kieslings'), Amara (granddaughter of Ken Jaeb), Conrad Family (friends of the Rands), Nancy Sauer and Helen Carnahan (friends to Diana Cornell), Will Disman (friend of Sandy Paradis' son), John Russell, Erin Barr, Baby Hudson, John Streb (friends of the Mulls), Pastor Marilyn Roman (friend of St. Mark's), Lynnda Hoefler (friend of Sue Little), Linda Gibson (sister of Bobbi Gordon), Fletcher, Jamie, Katie Campbell (friend of Boyds'), Johnny Willoughby, Bobby Guerin (friend of Pam McCarthy), Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver), Michelle Gibson-Garber (friends of the Gordons) Donald Pentz (friend of the Rands)

For all those serving in the armed forces.

For all those who have died.

Please share updates with Bobbi Gordon.

PRAYER CHAIN:

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for 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

Please note, prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Prayer Concerns list appearing here and in the Sunday bulletin, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference.

Servers this Sunday, February 23rd:

Acolytes 8:00am: Joe Hoot

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Eucharistic Minister 8:00am: Diana Cornell

Lay Readers 10:00am: Bruce Schutrum, Pam McCarthy, Fletcher Clark

Ushers: Richard Crawl, Wayne Paradis, Kirk Bletzacker

Vestry: John Wise

Altar Guild: Susie Hines, Louise Moore, Sara Strattan



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