

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CANTON, OH



The Lion's Pause

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During the season of Lent, rather than looking at one of the commemorations during the week, it might be fruitful to examine the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love.

The first theological virtue is faith. In his Letter to the Romans, St. Paul states that Abraham was justified by faith. "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." (Romans 4:3)

An honest examination of the life of Abraham shows that he was far from perfect. He attempted to force God's timeline by having a child with Hagar. The result was Ishmael, whose descendants would later pose a challenge to Israel. Twice, Abraham claimed that Sarah was his sister rather than his wife, because he was afraid a king might kill him to steal Sarah from him. Yet Abraham did have something going for him. When God said, "Leave the land of your father, and go to the land that I will show you," Abraham set out and followed God's instructions.

Abraham believed God. Faith is not simply an intellectual assent to a doctrinal statement. As St. James said, "You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe — and shudder!" (James 2:19). When we read that Abraham believed God, it means that Abraham trusted that God was who He said He was. He believed that God could and would do what He promised. At times, that trust and belief wavered, but Abraham turned back to God after each of Abraham's

failures. Not only did Abraham believe that God could and would do what He promised, Abraham believed that God would receive him back after his failings.

Our Christian faith is not just an assent to the Nicene Creed, though it is at least that. Our Christian faith is that the God who is revealed in Jesus Christ can and will do what He said He would do. Because Jesus is who He is, we have the promise that He will forgive us when we fail. We have the promise that He will never leave us nor forsake us. We have the promise that at the last day He will raise us up, and He will lose none of us.

Fr. RJ

Wednesday, February 24

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m. on Zoom

[Bulletin](#)

[Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 964 9956 8072 Passcode: 950301

*Upcoming
Events*

Sunday, February 28

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. on Facebook Live

[Bulletin](#)

[Live Stream](#)

After Service:

Coffee Chat: 10:30-11:30 on Zoom (Join us [here](#))

Meeting ID: 952 9982 6462 Passcode: 718036



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Coffee Chats

SUNDAYS AFTER SERVICE

10:30-11:30 ON ZOOM

Celebrate

February Birthdays

4th- Rick Werren

7th- Tom Turner

20th- Amelia Rowland

22nd- Lauren Hoot

23rd- MaryAnn Kiesling

February Anniversaries

6th- Bill and Beck Rand

23rd- Brad and Sandi Kaustinen

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**.

St. Mark's Online Directory

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as soon as you are able.**

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at **<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>**
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ECW Collection for Somebunny Baskets

The ECW will once again be providing Somebunny baskets for the women and custodial children of the YWCA this Easter.

We need your help in making this a memorable gift to them.



I have purchased the pails. Socks, washcloths, deodorant, and candy are accounted for, and we'll purchase some food items.

Suggested items are lotions, shampoos, bars of soap, packs of Kleenex, razors, emery boards, and unopened cosmetics. Consider donating unused hotel amenities that you might have collected this year.

Pens and note pads, crossword puzzle and word search books, and playing cards are also welcome. For children, consider small toys, books, and/or stuffed animals.

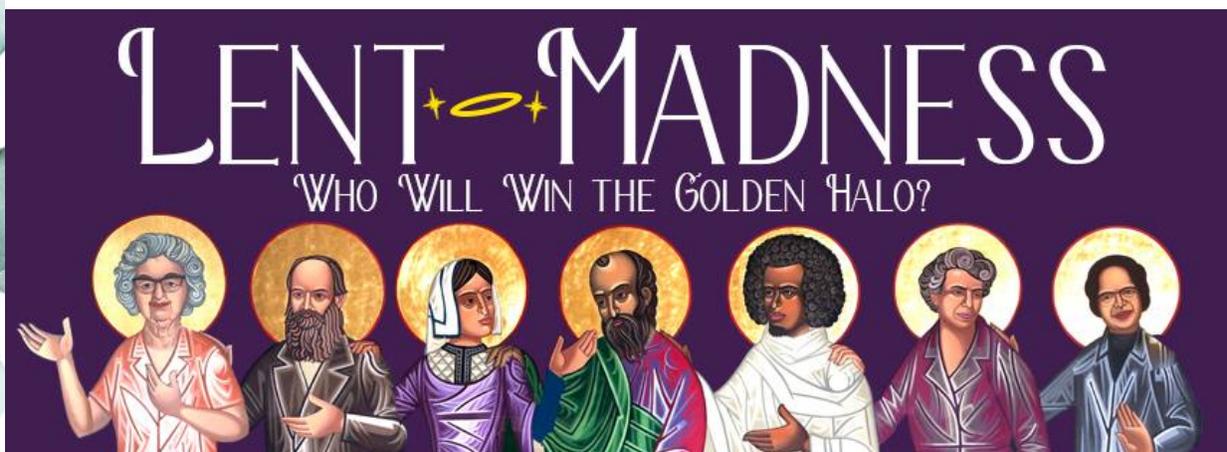
Maximum adult count is 42. I won't know the child count until 10 days before Easter. But since all gift baskets need not be identical, any number and variety of donations are welcome.

We are accepting cash donations and/or donated items at the church on March 21st at 2 p.m.

If you prefer to pay by check, please write "Somebunny" on the memo line and mail to the church or drop in St. Mark's mailbox as soon as possible. (As you know, mail is taking longer these days.)

Due to COVID, women will fill their own pails this year on Tuesday, March 30.

Thank you in advance!
Sue Little (330-704-4501)



Lent Madness

2018 (I-IX) and 2020 (III-XI) were notable years for the St. Mark's LM players -- aka "The Mad Markers" -- when one player each year selected the Golden Halo winner for that year: Anna Alexander in 2018 and Harriet Tubman in 2020.

Who were these Mad Markers? Will we have another winning year in 2021?

This year's bracket, calendar and scorecard can be found at:

[Bracket 2021 | Lent Madness](#)



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.

Online Giving

To facilitate stewardship during this difficult time, the Diocese has launched an online giving resource. Simply set up your one-time or recurring gift and select your parish from the pull-down menu (Canton, St. Mark's). The Diocese will transfer your gift to St. Mark's. We thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Designate a Gift to St.
Mark's

Second Sunday in Lent

Read This Week's
Lessons

Music Notes
with Bob Morrison

Teaching my first Canton, Ohio, organ pupil was a happy adventure.



Nurse Kathleen Sanders was quite serious in wanting to learn, and I told her she'd be welcome to come to First Methodist and practice as her schedule permitted. She was diligent in that regimen, which meant that I would see her often whenever she came to rehearse. Since she worked in the operating room she would come for her practice or lesson in the late afternoon.

It wasn't long before I decided to have dinner with her at Frank Mergus' restaurant across the street, which became a regular event. On occasion, we'd splurge and share a shrimp cocktail which, at \$1.95 nearly wrecked our budgets. Mergus had started as a chef with Bender's restaurant and eventually opened his own, which, due to his strict supervision, was quite a success.

Meanwhile, Kathleen's diligence paid off to such an extent that, within a few months, she was able to substitute for me when I had a Sunday off.

And then another aspect of her talent was about to blossom...

**Jane Schutrum, Amelia Rowland,
Jack and Pauline Briggs, Ron
Brookes**

Prayer Concerns

Family and Friends: Adriana, Steinsapir family, & Bobby Guerin (friends of Pam McCarthy); Chris Lamb (daughter of Bernie Reed); Sherry Hixon-Davis (cousin of Bruce Hixon); Ann Warren (Norm Warren's mother); 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); Christine, Anne, & Lynnda Hoefler (friends of Sue Little); Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler); Lynn McBride (father of Beth Crowl); Baby David (friend of the Schaub); Nancy Sauer, Helen Carnahan, Bob Patterson & Gabrielle Karam (friends of Diana Cornell); John Streb & Pastor Marilyn Roman (friends of the Mulls); Johnny Willoughby; Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver); Michelle Gibson-Garber (friend of the Gordons).

For all those serving in the Armed Forces.

For all those who have died.
Harry Kit, Charles Becker

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 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.



We seek to unite all people with God and each other in Christ through worship, fellowship, education, and service.

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