

Saint Mark's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CANTON, OH



## The Lion's Pause

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### Lion's Pause Update

Beginning next week, the Lion's Pause will regularly be sent on Friday instead of Wednesday. This will better allow us to include information from the Diocese. Please submit content you wish to have included by the prior Friday.

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When we see events like the collapse of the Champlain Towers Condominium in Surfside, FL, one of our natural instincts is to ask questions like, "Why did this happen?" When we ask why, we are not only seeking technical reasons, such as a deteriorating foundation. We are usually asking an existential question. Why do bad things happen? Why are there fires, earthquakes, hurricanes, and other such disasters?

Some people will say they are divine retribution. Others will say there is no reason. Still others will say that we do not understand now, but we will understand in the end. It is like a grand puzzle that will only be revealed when it is finished.

Would it really help if we knew the reason for every bad thing that happens in the world? If we could explain the reason for the building collapse to the families of those who perished, would that be a comfort to them? Or, do they need something more? As Anne pointed out in her sermon last week, perhaps the question of why is not the right question.

In Romans 8:18-22, St. Paul wrote:

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now."

Our Christian hope is not that we will understand everything someday. Our Christian hope is that God is going to set things right. This is the message that we can take to people who are hurting. We may not have simple answers to questions about why bad things happen. We do, however, have hope. We can point forward to that time when God will wipe away every tear from every eye, that time when sickness and death will be no more. When we tell people about our faith, the most compelling message is that hope.

Fr. RJ

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### **Outreach: Blessing Box at Hope Outreach Ministry**

Volunteers have built a unit to provide for the homeless when the shelter is not open. "The Blessing Box", will be filled with personal items and some food and emergency items.

**Items we can help with:** toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, toilet paper, tissues, hand sanitizer, paper towels, deodorants, band-aids, and other personal care products, 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. Please place them in or near the Hope Chest located across from the coatroom.

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## Wednesday, June 30

Evening Prayer, 4:00 P.M.

[Bulletin](#)

[Zoom](#)

*Meeting ID: 953 3968 6293*

*Passcode: 570180*



## Sunday, July 4

Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.

In-Person and Live Stream (*inside*)

[Lessons](#) (Track 2)

[Bulletin](#)

[Live Stream](#)

## Monday, July 5

Office Closed in Observation of Independence Day

## Wednesday, July 7

Vestry Meeting, 5:30 P.M. (Library)

## Monday, July 12

Knitting, 1:00 P.M. (Family Room)

**NO BOOK CLUB THROUGH SUMMER**

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

## Yoga Retreat at Bellwether Farm



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Join **Valerie Williams** in a yoga retreat at Bellwether Farm on **July 23-24**.

Participants will practice meditation, intention-setting, and yoga amidst the fields, forests, ponds, and livestock of Bellwether Farm. A farm-to-table lunch will be served on Saturday. While the bulk of programming is scheduled for Saturday, participants are encouraged to arrive Friday evening for dinner, a bonfire, and overnight respite. The cost is \$40 per person for Saturday only. A single retreat room is an additional \$110 and a double occupancy room is an additional \$150. **Registration** is required by July 19. More information is available on the **Bellwether Farm website**.

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### Bob's Music Notes

Following retirement in 1994 Kathleen and I sampled living in Florida. The highlight of our four-month rental was an invitation to visit organist/composer Robert Christian Hebble at his Palm Beach home and his church in a nearby village. Hebble was an assistant to organ virtuoso Virgil Fox and actually was the mastermind in editing Fox's published arrangements with a sizable catalog of his own works. While in Palm Beach I had the honor of playing some duets with Hebble and re-living my association with Fox (now a Palm Beach resident) who had been my first organ teacher in Baltimore when I was 15. Another happy event associated with Florida, Fox, and Hebble was a visit to the apartment of Ethel Smith, "queen" of the Hammond Organ. Her recording of "Tico Tico" earned a million dollars, it has been said. She invited Fox, Hebble, Diane Bish, Kathleen and me, and a handful of others to her Palm Beach dwelling where, for two hours, all from memory, she played on her Hammond Concorde a fabulous recital with her spikey high heels doing pedal solos, never missing a note - and she was 80 years old.

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### 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

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### **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; Eddie Hornsby (friend of Father RJ); 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); 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 & family and Joanna, Zoey, Liam, Pat, & Paul (friends of Kathy Kennedy); Adriana, the Steinsapir family, & 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); 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); Baby David (friend of the Schaub); Bob Patterson (friends of Diana Cornell); Camila Guzman family and 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](mailto: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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