

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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The Lion's Pause

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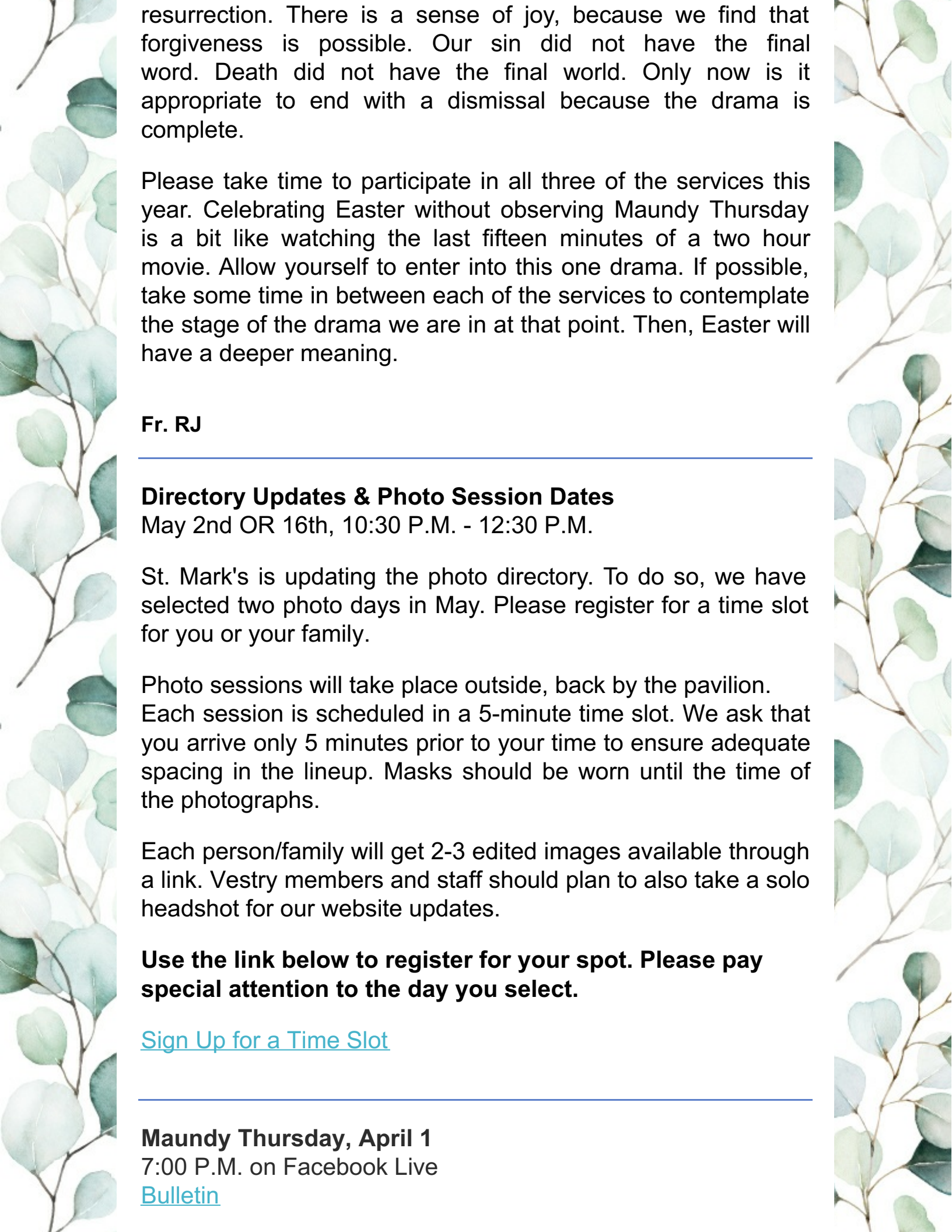
One of the interesting aspects of the Holy Triduum services, the services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter is that the services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday do not end with a dismissal. In some ways, this can make leaving the services uncomfortable. It might leave us asking, "Is it over? Have we seen what we came to see?"

The reason that there is not a dismissal at the end of the Maundy Thursday or Good Friday services is that it is not over. The story cannot be over until Easter. These three services are actually to be taken as one extended service in which we contemplate the acts of God by which the world was delivered from the powers of sin and death.

On Maundy Thursday, Jesus explained to his disciples the meaning of the events that are about to take place. His crucifixion will not be like any other crucifixion. He will give his body and blood for our salvation. Like washing the disciples' feet, Jesus going to the cross is an act of service for us. At the end of the service, we strip the altar, as Jesus was arrested.

On Good Friday, we remember the crucifixion. There is no Eucharist, because what the Eucharist symbolizes is present on the cross. Although everyone assumed the drama was over at that point, the story doesn't end at the cross or with the burial of Jesus.

On Easter, we experience the surprise of the



resurrection. There is a sense of joy, because we find that forgiveness is possible. Our sin did not have the final word. Death did not have the final word. Only now is it appropriate to end with a dismissal because the drama is complete.

Please take time to participate in all three of the services this year. Celebrating Easter without observing Maundy Thursday is a bit like watching the last fifteen minutes of a two hour movie. Allow yourself to enter into this one drama. If possible, take some time in between each of the services to contemplate the stage of the drama we are in at that point. Then, Easter will have a deeper meaning.

Fr. RJ

Directory Updates & Photo Session Dates

May 2nd OR 16th, 10:30 P.M. - 12:30 P.M.

St. Mark's is updating the photo directory. To do so, we have selected two photo days in May. Please register for a time slot for you or your family.

Photo sessions will take place outside, back by the pavilion. Each session is scheduled in a 5-minute time slot. We ask that you arrive only 5 minutes prior to your time to ensure adequate spacing in the lineup. Masks should be worn until the time of the photographs.

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](#)

Maundy Thursday, April 1
7:00 P.M. on Facebook Live

[Bulletin](#)

Good Friday, April 2

Noon on Facebook Live

[Bulletin](#)

Sunday, April 4, Easter Sunday

Service at 9:00 A.M. on Facebook Live

[Lessons](#)

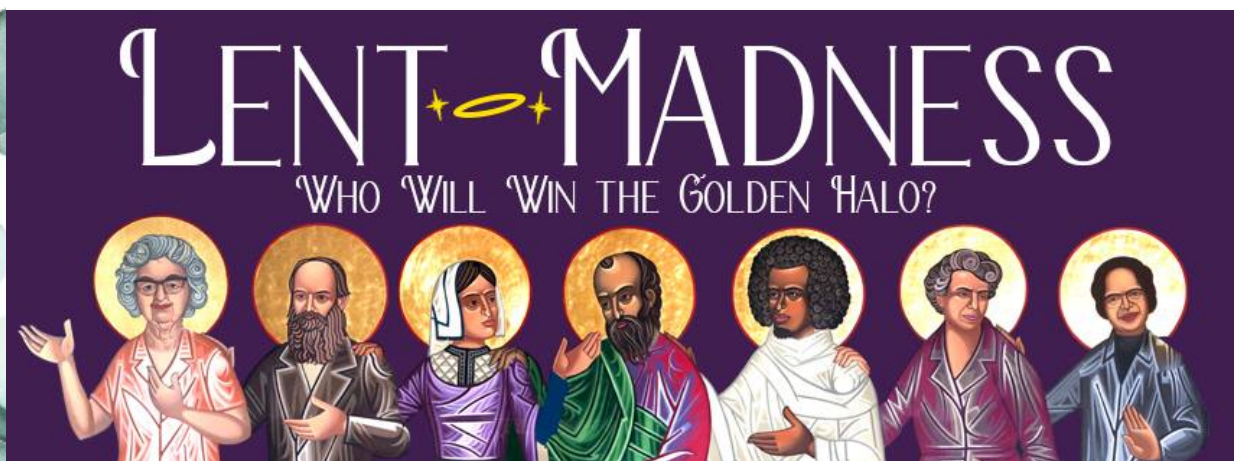
[Bulletin](#)

[Live Stream](#)

After Service:

Coffee Chat: 10:00 A.M. on Zoom (Join us [here](#))

Meeting ID: 952 9982 6462 Passcode: 718036



Lent Madness

The Faithful Four.....

Benedict the Moor v Ives of Kermartin

and

Catherine of Genoa v Absalom Jones

.....battled it out the past two days !

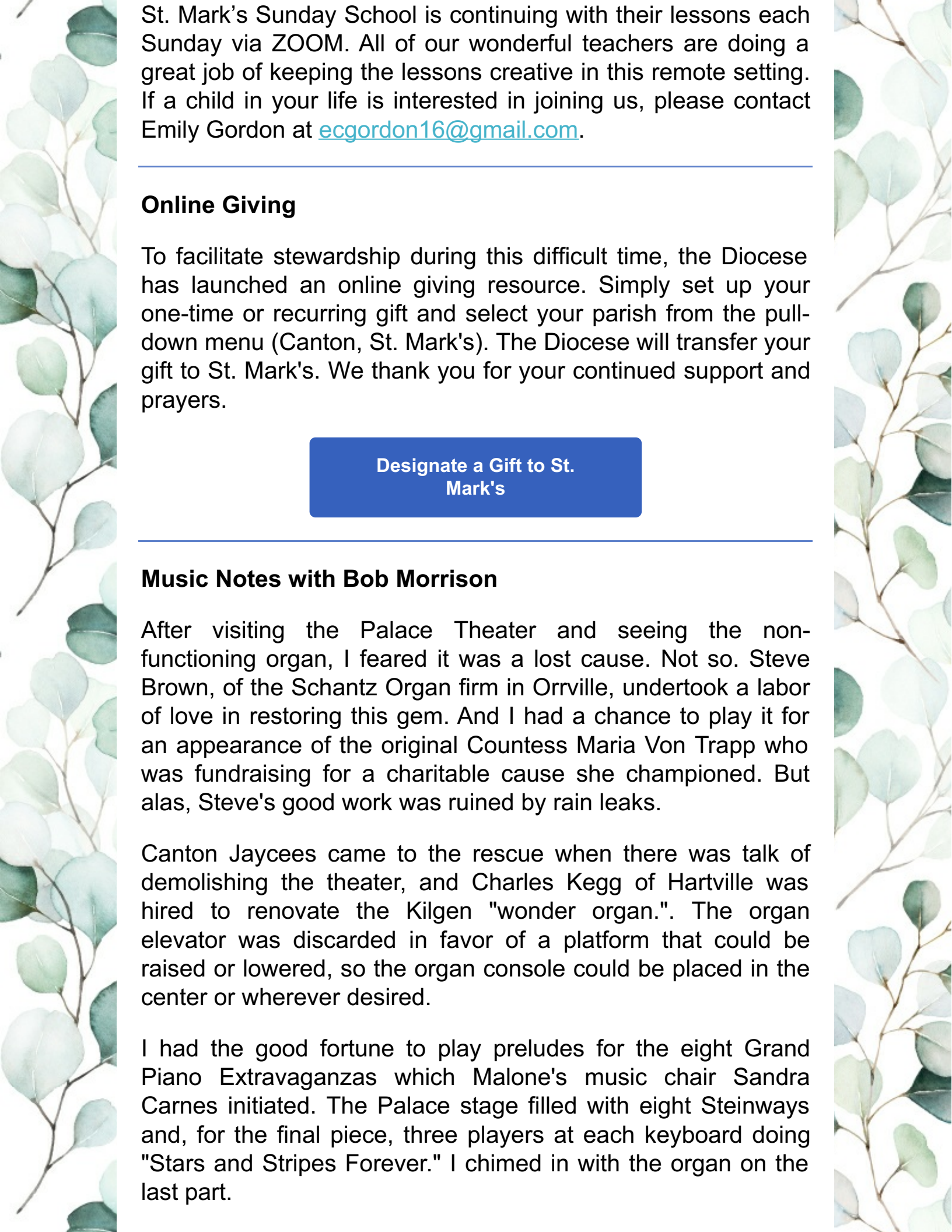
Today, aka Spy Wednesday, the two winners - "the titans of faith" - face each other.

Tomorrow, Maundy Thursday, at 8:00 am Eastern time, the winner of the ultimate prize will be announced!

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.

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Music Notes with Bob Morrison

After visiting the Palace Theater and seeing the non-functioning organ, I feared it was a lost cause. Not so. Steve Brown, of the Schantz Organ firm in Orrville, undertook a labor of love in restoring this gem. And I had a chance to play it for an appearance of the original Countess Maria Von Trapp who was fundraising for a charitable cause she championed. But alas, Steve's good work was ruined by rain leaks.

Canton Jaycees came to the rescue when there was talk of demolishing the theater, and Charles Kegg of Hartville was hired to renovate the Kilgen "wonder organ.". The organ elevator was discarded in favor of a platform that could be raised or lowered, so the organ console could be placed in the center or wherever desired.

I had the good fortune to play preludes for the eight Grand Piano Extravaganzas which Malone's music chair Sandra Carnes initiated. The Palace stage filled with eight Steinways and, for the final piece, three players at each keyboard doing "Stars and Stripes Forever." I chimed in with the organ on the last part.

Bruce Schutrum has provided good information on Steve Brown's memoir and he also tells me that the St. Paul's Episcopal Skinner was 24 ranks of pipes, not 15 as I reported.

April Birthdays

1 Sarah Highman
10 Barbara Whitehouse
12 JD Cerrone-Arnold, Susie Hines
20 Katie Cerrone-Arnold
25 Stew Hudson
26 Sandi Kaustinen
27 Karen Violand

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, Amelia Rowland, Ron Brookes, Jack & Pauline Briggs

Family and Friends: Jackie & Dave (friends of Sue Little), 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), Debbie Hostetler, Dr. Angela Peters, and Rev. Carol Fleming (friends of Kathy Kennedy), Steinsapir family, Adriana, & 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), , Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler), Gabrielle Karam (friend of Diana Cornell), Adriana (Pam McCarthy's daughter's friend),

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), Michelle Gibson-Garber (friend of the Gordons)

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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