

Saint Mark's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CANTON, OH



## The Lion's Pause

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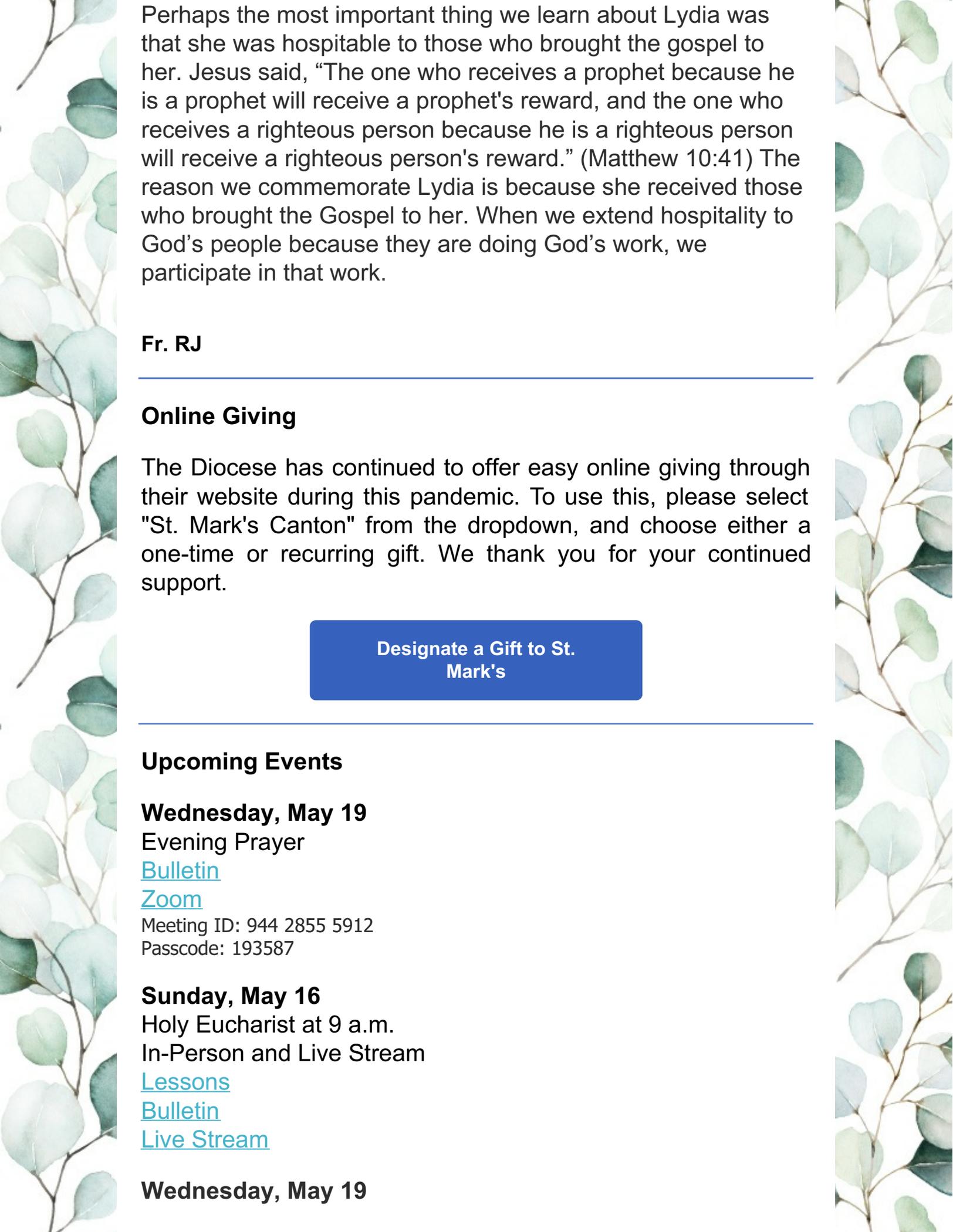
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Friday, May 21, is the Commemoration of Lydia of Thyatira. Lydia is the first European whose conversion to Christianity is recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. The brief record of Lydia is found in Acts 16:13-15:

"And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.' And she prevailed upon us."

There are a couple of things that we can say from this account. Even prior to hearing the message of the Gospel, Lydia was a "worshiper of God." Those who embraced the tenants of the Jewish faith, but had not converted to Judaism, are often referred to as "God Fearers" in the New Testament. It appears that Lydia was one of these "God Fearers."

Second, Lydia had significant wealth. Purple fabrics were very expensive in the first century. In general, they were associated with royalty, because the average person could not afford them.



Perhaps the most important thing we learn about Lydia was that she was hospitable to those who brought the gospel to her. Jesus said, “The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward.” (Matthew 10:41) The reason we commemorate Lydia is because she received those who brought the Gospel to her. When we extend hospitality to God’s people because they are doing God’s work, we participate in that work.

**Fr. RJ**

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## **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. We thank you for your continued support.

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Wednesday, May 19**

Evening Prayer

[Bulletin](#)

[Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 944 2855 5912

Passcode: 193587

### **Sunday, May 16**

Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.

In-Person and Live Stream

[Lessons](#)

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[Live Stream](#)

### **Wednesday, May 19**

## MOD (Men Out Dining) Squad

Walther's Twin Tavern

6:30 p.m.

Contact Tony Keenan if you'd like to attend

## **Book Club**

Zoom, 7 p.m.

Second Monday of the Month

Next Book: *I Heard the Owl Call My Name* by Margaret Craven

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## **We Have Resumed In-Person Service!**

**Join us Sundays at 9 a.m., either in person or by live-streaming.**

- Only attend if you are well and have not been in recent contact with someone who has COVID-19.
- 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.

## **Sunday School**

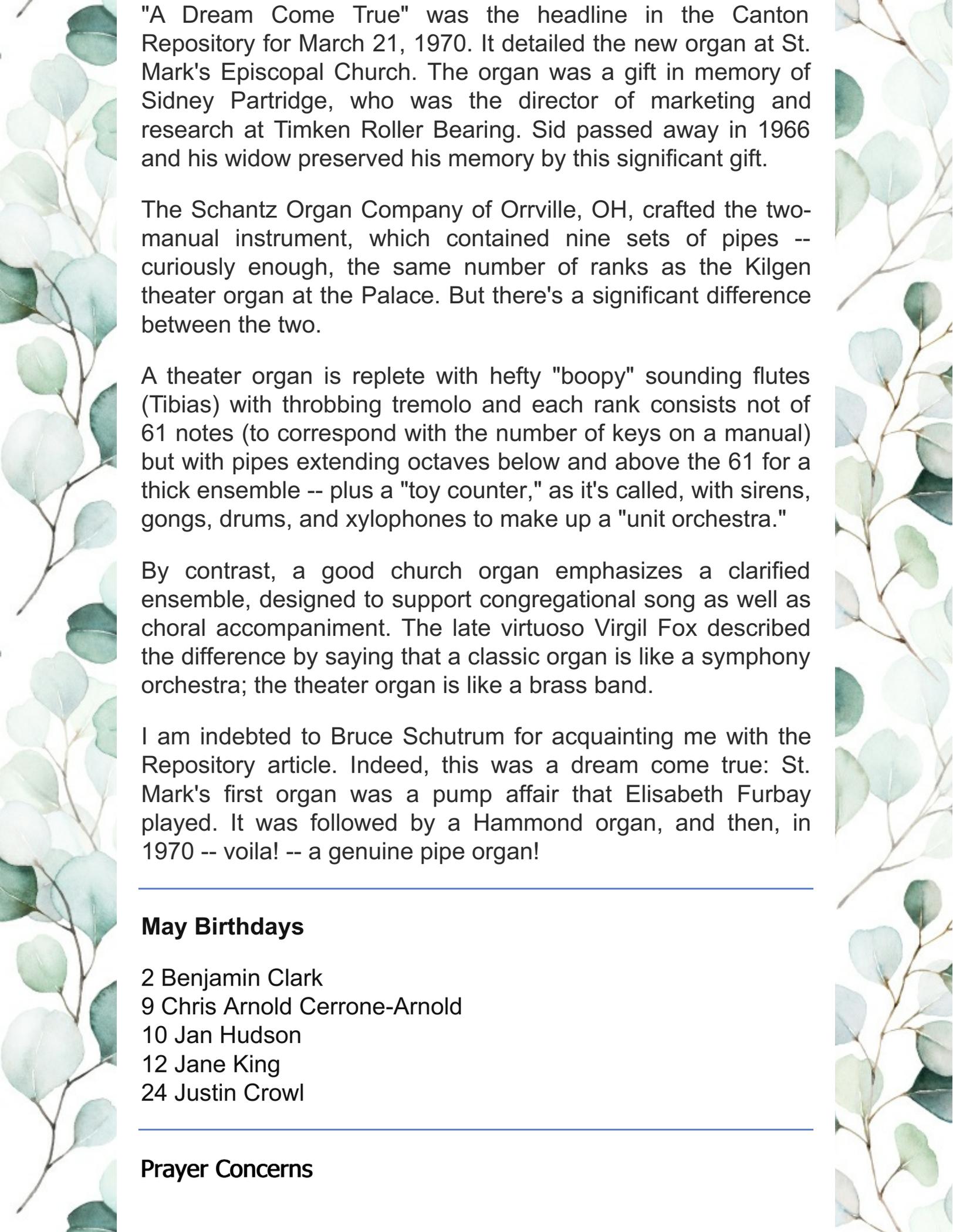
- Please check in with your child as you would for the service. The teacher that day will be near the check-in table and will gather the children and take them to the proper area for their lesson.
- Please have your child sanitize his or her hands upon arrival.
- Please have your child wear a mask.

## **Sunday Setup:**

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

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## **Bob's Music Notes**



"A Dream Come True" was the headline in the Canton Repository for March 21, 1970. It detailed the new organ at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. The organ was a gift in memory of Sidney Partridge, who was the director of marketing and research at Timken Roller Bearing. Sid passed away in 1966 and his widow preserved his memory by this significant gift.

The Schantz Organ Company of Orrville, OH, crafted the two-manual instrument, which contained nine sets of pipes -- curiously enough, the same number of ranks as the Kilgen theater organ at the Palace. But there's a significant difference between the two.

A theater organ is replete with hefty "boopy" sounding flutes (Tibias) with throbbing tremolo and each rank consists not of 61 notes (to correspond with the number of keys on a manual) but with pipes extending octaves below and above the 61 for a thick ensemble -- plus a "toy counter," as it's called, with sirens, gongs, drums, and xylophones to make up a "unit orchestra."

By contrast, a good church organ emphasizes a clarified ensemble, designed to support congregational song as well as choral accompaniment. The late virtuoso Virgil Fox described the difference by saying that a classic organ is like a symphony orchestra; the theater organ is like a brass band.

I am indebted to Bruce Schutrum for acquainting me with the Repository article. Indeed, this was a dream come true: St. Mark's first organ was a pump affair that Elisabeth Furbay played. It was followed by a Hammond organ, and then, in 1970 -- voila! -- a genuine pipe organ!

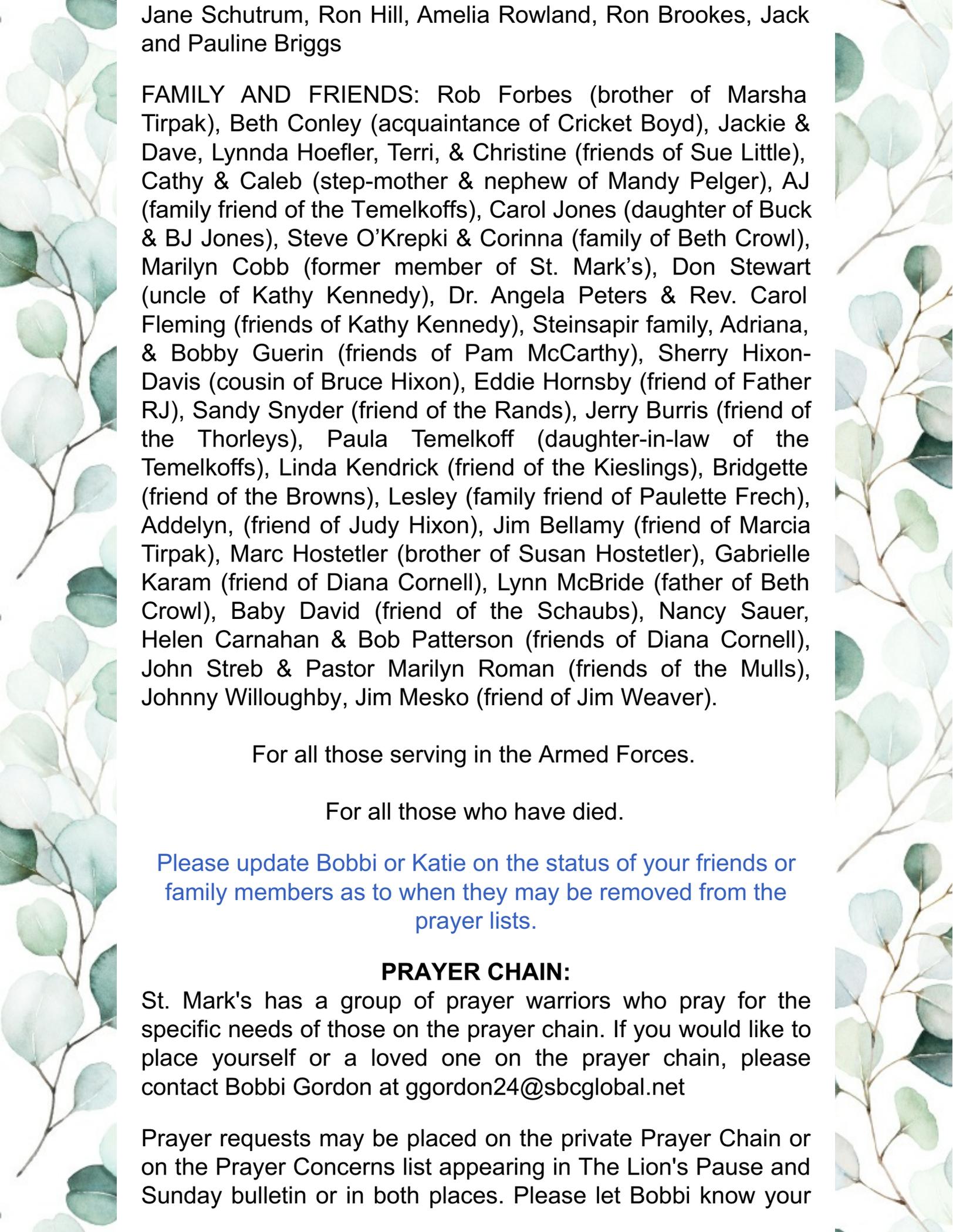
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### **May Birthdays**

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

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### **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, & Christine (friends of Sue Little), Cathy & Caleb (step-mother & nephew of Mandy Pelger), AJ (family friend of the 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 & 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, 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](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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