

Saint Mark's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CANTON, OH



## The Lion's Pause

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We have examined the theological virtues of faith and hope. The final theological virtue is the virtue of love. Once again, our culture does not understand the virtue of love very well. We used to call it charity, but when people hear charity today, we usually think of donating to a not-for-profit organization. When we think of love, people often think of either infatuation among a couple, or affection among friends. True love, however is much more than either of those.

Most of us know the "Love Chapter," 1 Corinthians 13 in which St. Paul describes the virtue of love. Part of it is easy to understand. Love is patient and kind. That is easy enough to understand. Love does not envy or boast, it is not arrogant or rude. Again, those things seem to be the antithesis of love. Love does not insist on its own way. Again, we understand this, but this one might be a little more challenging. Humans can be very clever about inviting in their own way, even when they are pretending they are not. We call that characteristic manipulation.

Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. This is one that the world may say is not at all loving, because it may cause us to confront those we love with truth. When we see someone doing something that is destructive, the loving thing to do is tell them the truth. Of course, telling the truth is only loving if we are motivated by love. Otherwise it is judgmental, which is not loving. It's hard to tell the truth sometimes. We can be afraid of

rejection. However, it is unloving to let someone continue self-destructive behaviors.

Perhaps the hardest things St. Paul says about love is that love believes all things and hopes all things. These qualities of love mean that we look at one another with an eye toward possibility. Love is not credulous, but love does not look at a person with suspicion. Love may honestly assess where a person is at the moment, but also looks past that to the possibility of what that person can be by God's grace.

It might be helpful to read through the chapter sometime this week looking in two directions. First, remember that Christ loves you. All of the characteristics St. Paul cites about love describe what Jesus thinks about you. The second direction is to ask ourselves what characteristics of love are most difficult for us.

**Fr. RJ**

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Have you colored the coloring page from your lenten pack yet? It is part of a butterfly that we will put together as a collage to present on Easter! Just snap a photo or scan your finished page to e-mail to Emily Gordon ([ecgordon16@gmail.com](mailto:ecgordon16@gmail.com)) who will put it all together. Select one of the pages of the document to color. If you need a digital copy, please email the [office](#). We'd love for kids and adults to join in on the fun to create some beauty for Easter!

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**Wednesday, March 10**

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m. on Zoom

[Bulletin](#)

[Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 979 5245 1051

Passcode: 761686

*Upcoming  
Events*

**Sunday, March 14**

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. on Facebook Live

[Bulletin](#)

[Live Stream](#)

**After Service:**

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

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Coffee Chats

SUNDAYS AFTER SERVICE

10:30-11:30 ON ZOOM

## Celebrate

### March Birthdays

- 1 Ken Jaeb
- 4 Sandy Paradis
- 6 Bernard Reed, Charlie Kiesling, Chuck Violand
- 11 Brooks Deuble, Colin Jenkins
- 12 Geoff Gordon
- 13 Carol Hayn
- 18 Emmett Cerrone-Arnold
- 25 John Werren, Sue Little
- 28 Joe Hoot

### March Anniversaries

- 4 Richard and Marcia Tirpak
- 13 Geoff and Bobbi Gordon
- 21 Christopher and Tasha Smith
- 22 Carol and John Hayn
- 27 Sara Strattan and Tom Burns

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](mailto:office@stmarks-canton.org).

## Cluster Dinner Update

Cluster Dinner Groups have morphed into Zoom Cluster

Groups. Two afternoon groups and one evening group have met on Zoom, for an hour each. There are 7-8 folks in each group, including Fr. RJ. Seeing and visiting with each other w/o masks proved to be a sharing fellowship opportunity. And some of us met Fr. RJ for the first time.

If you would like to participate, email the office or MaryAnn Kiesling. The groups will meet every 2-3 weeks.

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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.)

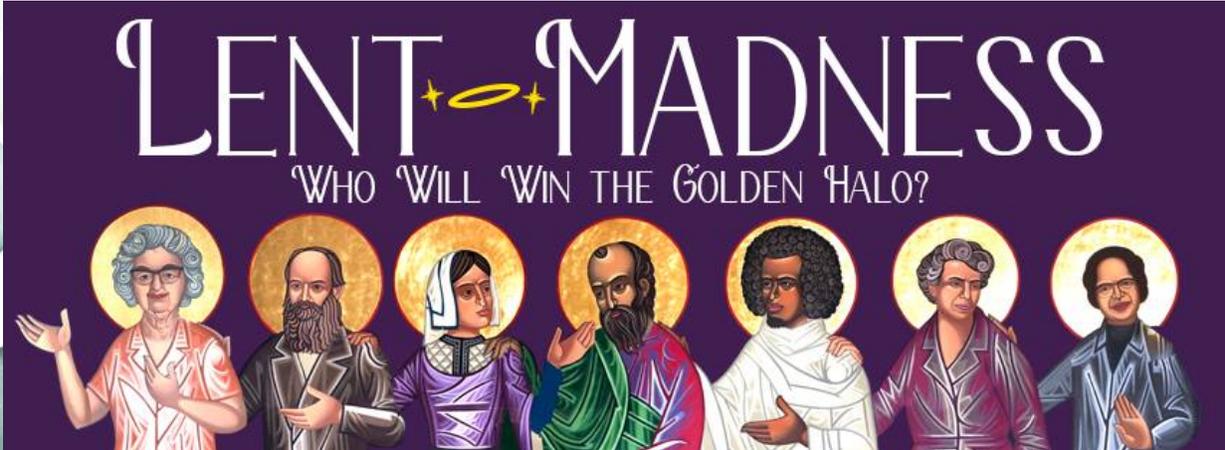
Due to COVID, women will fill their own pails this year on

Tuesday, March 30.

Thank you in advance!

**Sue Little (330-704-4501)**

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### **Lent Madness**

- Lent Madness and Voter Fraud -

Yes, it has happened before and it has happened again this year ! But, be assured, the LMVSU has handled the situation as they have in the past, by removing these fraudulent votes and blocking the suspect addresses.

Remember - "those who perpetrate voter fraud in LM will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the Law of Moses."  
None of us want to be "cast into the outer darkness of Lent Madness." \*

\* from the Lent Madness Voter Security Unit

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

[Bracket 2021 | Lent Madness](#)

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### **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](mailto:ecgordon16@gmail.com).

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### **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](#)

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### Fourth Sunday in Lent

[Read This Week's Lessons](#)

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### **Music Notes with Bob Morrison**

Some organ history. The original organ at First ME was a Johnson made in Westfield MA and powered by a water motor. This was followed by an Estey made in Brattleboro VT and presided over by parish musician Don Farley. This was replaced by the Calvin Ball Memorial Aeolian-Skinner dedicated March 5, 1950, by Professor Arthur Poister of Syracuse University, 71 years ago this month.



The Presbyterians down the street had an old tubular pneumatic organ played by Phil Hodel, upgraded to a large Schantz from Orrville OH in 1953, and dedicated by Virgil Fox. I talked with John Schantz about this organ and he told me the company hired none other than the famous builder Ernest M. Skinner as their tonal director. When Skinner, well into his 90s, prepared the design for this organ, the Schantz folks made some changes which they felt was necessary. Over the years each organist made alterations to the design. The final ones resulted in the best herald trumpets I've ever heard, voiced by Burton Tidwell, and the recently retired David J. Kienzle supervised a complete renovation.

St. John the Baptist had an Allen electronic organ which was replaced by an instrument cobbled together by their organist Chuck Blair. It was replaced most recently by an impressive Kegg Organ from Hartville, with a case that would match anything you might see in Europe. St. Paul's Episcopal had a 1926 Skinner with four manuals but only fifteen ranks which I had a chance to play for a special event.

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

# Prayer Concerns

**Family and Friends:** 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), Lynnda Hoefler and Christine (friends of Sue Little), 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 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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