

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CANTON, OH



The Lion's Pause

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In First Corinthians 13:13, St. Paul wrote, regarding the theological virtues, “So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

Love is the greatest of the theological virtues for a few reasons. First, love is the only one that will be needed after Jesus returns to make all things new. The dead will be raised. Sickness and decay will be done away with. Every tear will be wiped away from every eye. At that point we will no longer need hope because what we have hoped for will be our present reality. In other words, we do not hope for what we already have. Likewise we will fully know God as God fully knows us, so, in a sense the reality of our faith will be present.

Although the first two theological virtues will not be necessary, love will remain a necessary part of our life with one another and with God. We will never move beyond the need for love.

Second, as Jesus said, the law is fulfilled in two statements, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

This is the reason that St. Paul began the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians by saying that without love, nothing we do is worth anything. Without love, we are outside of God’s law.

Finally, love reflects the nature of God. Humanity was created in the image and likeness of God. We were created to reflect the character of God. We were created to live in loving relationships with God and with one another.

As we travel through the last few weeks of Lent, take some time to reflect on the virtues of faith, hope, and love. How are you putting each of these virtues into practice in your life? Is there one that you need to have strengthened? Ask God, by the power of the Holy Spirit to increase these virtues in you, particularly the virtue of love.

Fr. RJ

SAVE THE DATE(s)

St. Mark's Directory Update Picture Days
May 2nd and 16th after Services

Shoots will be at no cost to parishioners and be scheduled in 5 minute increments to ensure social distancing. Sign ups will start soon.

Wednesday, March 17

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m. on Zoom

[Bulletin](#)

[Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 984 0070 6162

Passcode: 988139

*Upcoming
Events*

Sunday, March 21

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. on Facebook Live

[Bulletin](#)

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After Service:

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

Meeting ID: 952 9982 6462 Passcode: 718036



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Coffee Chats

SUNDAYS AFTER SERVICE

MOVING TO 10:00 AM 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.

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

WHO WILL WIN THE GOLDEN HALO?



Lent Madness

The **Round of 32** (the first primary of LM) ended last week. You can check your choices here <https://www.lentmadness.org/bracket/>

In the first challenges of the **Saintly Sixteen**, Camillus de Lellis passed by Melangell, and Catherine Booth - of Salvation Army fame - beat Constantine.

John Cabot a daily commentator in LM wrote this about Camillus;

"Saint Camillus, with a leg past repair
Formed his Order to offer health care.
It's instructive to ponder
Whether this first responder
Could foresee the red cross everywhere."

Camillus organized a group of lay and ordained people to become servants of the sick, later becoming the Order of the Ministers of the Infirm. He chose red crosses on black cassocks and capes to terrorize the devil while they cared for the sick and dying. (From LM 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

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**

Fifth Sunday in Lent

**Read This Week's
Lessons**

Music Notes with Bob Morrison

The MacDowell Music Club, one of Canton's oldest musical groups, invited me in the fall of 1951, to play a recital at St. Paul's Episcopal on their four manual Skinner - but only fifteen ranks. (The present organ at Crossroads UMC is 80 ranks, Christ Presbyterian 76, and the same large specification at the Basilica of St. John.) I remember playing "To A Wild Rose" by MacDowell at this event. Since then I've joined this group which not only has regular concerts but a fine scholarship program and is headed by our own Episcopal priest Dr. Barbara Bond.



Kegg did a renovation of this old Skinner with modern controls and extra ranks to make it more serviceable. Kegg also built a modest-sized organ for St. Peter's, but with the acoustics of that great space, it sounds a lot bigger than it is. Trinity Lutheran, noted for its red doors, had a Schantz that was

voiced by a Canadian firm to make it a great neo-Baroque instrument. When the church closed, that organ went to St. Sebastian in Akron. This area has a wealth of beautiful organs.

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 Rand's), Jerry Burris (friend of the Thorley's), Paula Temelkoff (daughter-in-law of the Temelkoff's), Linda Kendrick (friend of the Kiesling's), 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's), 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

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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