

## The Lion's Pause

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
CANTON, OH



Greetings!

Given our concerns about the coronavirus, you may not feel much like celebrating. (Neither do I.) But this week's calendar gives us two reasons to "lift up our hearts."

First, Tuesday was **St. Patrick's Day**. Cheers! You will find a thorough biography by James Kiefer at <http://www.satucket.com/lectionary/Patrick.htm>. I will mention just a few details that may have escaped your attention.

- Patrick was not Irish. He was born either in Scotland or Wales. He was the son of a deacon.
- St. Patrick was never canonized.
- St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin is Anglican, not Roman Catholic. It is the national cathedral of the Church of Ireland.
- Patrick became acquainted with Ireland when Irish pirates kidnapped him and sold him as a slave to an Irish farmer. After six years he escaped and returned to Britain.
- He returned to Ireland in 435 as a bishop and missionary. He was highly successful in his efforts to convert the Irish to Christianity.
- He may have been stout, but he did not invent Guinness.

Our collect for St. Patrick's Day is as follows:

*Almighty God, who in your providence chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle of the Irish people, to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light*

*and knowledge of you: Grant us so to walk in that way that we may come at last to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever.*

For at least seven centuries, the Church has celebrated the fourth Sunday in Lent as **Rose Sunday**, an opportunity to take a breather from the rigors of Lent in order to anticipate the eventual joy of Easter. As Fr. Stephen Weissman observes, "Now in the Lord you are light" is a theme appearing in the first reading, the epistle, and the Gospel appointed for the day. In churches that can afford vestments appropriate for only two Sundays each year (the other one is the third Sunday of Advent), the priest may wear a rose-colored chasuble. Some "high church" parishes make the investment.

I regret that we will not be worshipping in the same space on Rose Sunday—at least, not physically—but we are working on the technology needed to enable me to come into your home electronically with a homily and a few prayers. So I will look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Fr. Paul

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### Fourth Sunday in Lent

[Read This Week's  
Lessons](#)

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#### **A Note from Mr. Bob Morrison:**

With St. Patrick's Day just behind us, it's refreshing to note the words of the hymn "St. Patrick's 'Breastplate:' I bind unto myself today the strong Name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three." The good saint goes on to cite all the things that support his resolve: faith, Christ's incarnation, baptism, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, cherubim, even the 'Well done' at Judgment. It's a complete statement of faith, and then concludes with asking Christ to be behind, before, beside, beneath, above, in quiet, in danger, in mouth of friend and stranger. What a hymn this is! And the splendid poetic gifts of none other than Cecil



For updates on the winners and the losers, check out the large LM poster on the bulletin board next to the office window. Or, log on to <http://www.lentmadness.org>.

Remember - one vote per computer!  
Learning + Humor + Friendly Competition

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Many thanks to everyone who participated in our Covid19 Response survey. Your feedback is appreciated and is being utilized as we make our plans moving forward. If you have any additional feedback, please [email](#) Katie in the office.

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St. Mark's Church  
invites you to  
kickoff summer  
Saturday, May 30  
6:00-8:00 pm  
with a

# LUAAU

Restoration Campaign Fundraiser

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Thankful  
*Thursdays*

On Thursday evening, March 12, we sorted and packed up loads of emergency food for our Schreiber



School families. We were able to give them plenty to last 3 weeks, while school is not in session. The food and supplies were delivered to them on Friday, March 13 for which they were extremely thankful. **Thank you, St. Mark's parishioners for keeping our Food Pantry well stocked!!**

You should be aware of the following that is being provided to school children:

"During the next 3 weeks, Mon-Fri, 3 bagged meals will be provided by the Nutrition Dept at any Canton City School between 9am-11am. Each recipient must be present, and between the ages of 1-18. Enrollment is not necessary to receive food. Please feel free to go to the closest school to your home."

Your Thankful Thursday committee is "on top" of this situation, and will be coordinating with Mandy Pelger to help provide for these families in the future. **\*\*WHEN CHURCH SERVICES RESUME\*\***, the Food Pantry will be in particular need of the following: Canned Chicken, Noodles (for casseroles), Boxed Dinners (like Hamburger Helper, etc), Mac and Cheese, Rice, Pasta Sauce, Jelly, Cream of Chicken & Mushroom Soups, Oatmeal, Canned Fruit, and Boxed Tissues.

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## Prayer Concerns

Vonda Temelkoff, Paul Welch, Ken McPeek, Billie Robertson, Emilie Korosi, Joan Werren, Ron and Peg Hill, Conley Family, Briggs Family, Susan

**Family and Friends:** Stacy Biglin (acquaintance of Derek Gordon), Autumn (granddaughter of Kerry and Zev), Bob Patterson (friend of Diana Cornell), Adriana (Pam McCarthy's daughter's friend), Olivia (friend of Paulette Frech), Jacobo-Quijada Family (Mandy Pelger's Student), Lynn McBride (father of

Beth Crowl), Bridgette and Randy (friends of Ron and Cindy Brown), John Grandage (Kim Nadel's brother), Kristina Brinkman (friend of Kathy and Bob Kennedy), Monica McGrath (cousin of Katie Cerroni-Arnold), Ed Ott (friend of Ted and Cricket Boyd), Kellie Shuman (family of Giammarcos'), Baby David (friend of the Schaub's), Rose and Brian Gregory (friends of Ten Gall), Linda Kendrick, Marianne L. (friends of Kieslings'), Amara (granddaughter of Ken Jaeb), Conrad Family (friends of the Rands), Nancy Sauer and Helen Carnahan (friends to Diana Cornell), Will Disman (friend of Sandy Paradis' son), John Russell, Erin Barr, Baby Hudson, John Streb (friends of the Mulls), Pastor Marilyn Roman (friend of St. Mark's), Lynnda Hoefler (friend of Sue Little), Linda Gibson (sister of Bobbi Gordon), Fletcher, Jamie, Katie Campbell (friend of Boyds'), Johnny Willoughby, Bobby Guerin (friend of Pam McCarthy), Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver), Michelle Gibson-Garber (friends of the Gordons) Donald Pentz (friend of the Rands)

**For all those serving in the armed forces.**

**For all those who have died.**

**Fr. Carey Sloan**

**Please share updates with Bobbi Gordon.**

**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)

Please note, prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Prayer Concerns list appearing here and in the Sunday bulletin, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference.



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