

Saint Mark's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CANTON, OH



## The Lion's Pause

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Last week, we examined the first theological virtue, faith. The second theological virtue is hope.

The way the word "hope" is usually used expresses a certain level of uncertainty. We all hope that Spring is here. We hope that the days of isolation due to the pandemic are almost over. However, we don't have any level of certainty that these hopes will be realized.

Christian hope is a different matter. Like faith, our hope is based on the nature and character of God. When the Sadducees, who did not believe in the resurrection, asked Jesus their question about the woman who had been widowed seven times, and who her husband would be in the resurrection, Jesus said their problem was that they did not understand the nature of God. He reminded them that when God met Moses on the mountain, God said, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. He is the God of the living, not the dead. To him all are alive." (Mark 12:18-27)

Christian hope carries a high degree of certainty because it is based on the promise of God. Perhaps the best summary of the content and basis of Christian hope is found in Romans 8. In that chapter St. Paul writes that all of creation is waiting for redemption, which will bring a new heaven and a new earth. We, with creation, are awaiting the resurrection of our bodies. He finishes the section with the statement, "For I am

sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38-39)

Keeping this hope in mind enables us to endure the various hardships that we face now. The way the world is now is not the way the world will always be. God is at work preparing a world in which there will be no more tyrants. He is at work preparing a world where the lion will lie down with the lamb. He is at work preparing a world in which there will be no more suffering or death. Our hope is that God will raise us up in such a world, where we will have eternal life.

**Fr. RJ**

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Have you made your Lenten pretzels from your take home package yet? Emily, Derek, Zeke, and Jack have made all kinds of pretzel creations! Make sure to check out the items packed in your bag for this Lenten season.

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### **Wednesday, March 4**

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m. on Zoom

[Bulletin](#)

[Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 992 7592 1517 Passcode: 504159

### **Sunday, March 7**

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. on Facebook Live

[Bulletin](#)

[Live Stream](#)

### **After Service:**

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

Meeting ID: 952 9982 6462 Passcode: 718036

*Upcoming  
Events*



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Coffee Chats

SUNDAYS AFTER SERVICE

10:30-11:30 ON ZOOM

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**2021 Winter Convocation Recorded Workshops**

View [HERE](#)

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## 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 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).

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## St. Mark's Online Directory

**Please complete your family profile  
as soon as you are able.**

To view directions, please click the "Directory How To" [HERE](#).

Members can log into the Online Member Directory  
at <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>  
*Please use your email and create a password.*

Print copies will be made available when the directory is more  
complete.

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### **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.

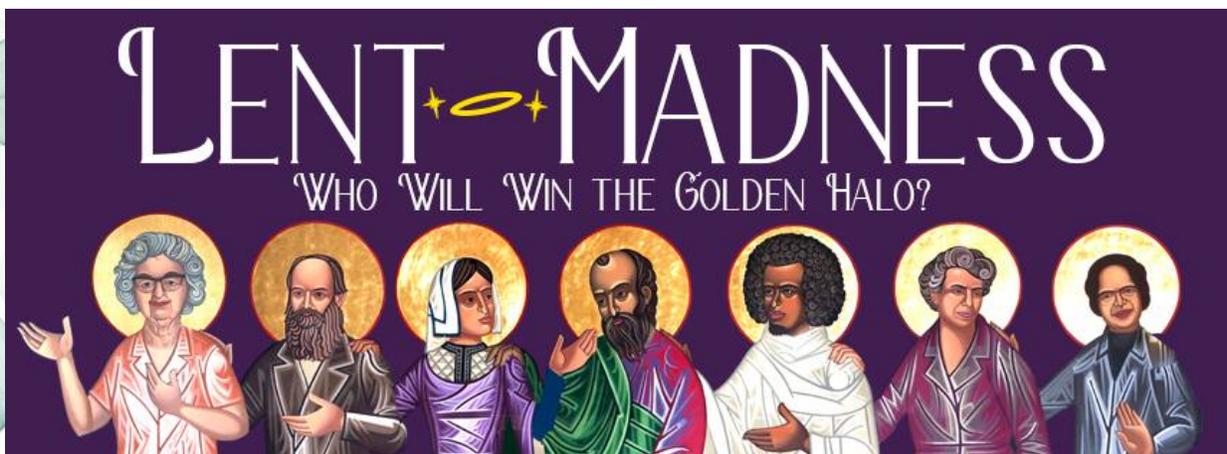
Maximum adult count is 42. I won't know the child count until 10 days before Easter. But since all gift baskets need not be identical, any number and variety of donations are welcome.

**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)**



### **Lent Madness**

With a great start to the Round of 32, players across the globe have chosen these match-ups for the Saintly Sixteen:

**Camillus de Lellis v Hermione,**

**Catherine Booth v Constantine,**

**Albert the Great v Theodora  
the Empress,**

**and Arnulf of Metz v Egeria**

If you have not submitted your bracket sheet to the co-commissioners, please do so ASAP.

**[bruceschutrum@att.net](mailto:bruceschutrum@att.net)**

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](mailto: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.

**Designate a Gift to St.  
Mark's**

### **Third Sunday in Lent**

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

Trinity Lutheran Church--a lovely building with red doors--was located midway between Christ Presbyterian and First Methodist in downtown Canton, Ohio.



The choirmaster there was Professor Karl Trump from the College of Wooster, who would journey to Canton every Thursday, teach private singing lessons in the afternoon, and rehearse the choir at night. For a while, he did this at Trinity, but then asked if he could use a Methodist Sunday School room for his teaching. In return, he would give me vocal lessons, and I would accompany his students.

One day Mr. Trump said that he had been approached by one Kathleen Sanders for voice lessons and asked if I knew her? I told him of her musical strengths, and he started teaching her, which was to continue for 24 more years!

Meanwhile, interesting things were happening at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

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

Family and Friends: 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), Adriana, Steinsapir family, and 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), Christine, Anne,

Prayer  
*Concerns*

and Lynnda Hoefler (friends of Sue Little), Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler), Gabrielle Karam (friend of Diana Cornell), 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 and 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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