

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CANTON, OH



The Lion's Pause

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November 18 is the commemoration of Hilda, Abbess of Whitby. She was the daughter of King Edwin of Northumbria, and was respected by church and civil leaders. During her lifetime, the church in the British Isles was divided between those who were influenced by the church in Rome, which dominated England, and those influenced by the Celtic tradition, which dominated Wales, Scotland, and Ireland.

The differences between Roman and Celtic Christianity had to do more with practice than doctrine. There were disagreements over the proper clothing and haircuts for those in religious orders, and what the appropriate vestments for clergy were. The conflict that caused the greatest contention was the correct calculation for Easter.

In 644, representatives from the English and Celtic Churches gathered for the Synod of Whitby. It was decided that the Celtic Church would adopt the Roman method for calculating the date of Easter so all Christians on the British Isles could celebrate Easter on the same day.

Although Hilda personally preferred the Celtic customs, she endorsed the decisions made by the Synod. For the sake of the unity of the church, she put her personal preferences aside, and encouraged others to do the same.

It is important that we remember the difference between matters that are essential, and matters of preference. Following



the example of Hilda we can set aside matters of preference for the sake of unity. This is the fruit of the greatest Christian virtue, the virtue of love.

Fr. RJ

Christmas COVID Care Packages

This past week, the St. Mark's Vestry approved a new outreach project presented by Bradley Mull to help area needy during the COVID-19 pandemic. In conjunction with Hope Outreach Ministry, he will provide 250 Christmas COVID Care Packages to be distributed during the annual community Christmas event at Hope. Normally, that event would feature lunch, clothing distribution, a Christian service, and gifts for children. The event serves over 750 people, many who are homeless and all who are in need. But with COVID-19 casting a cloud over our daily lives, the day will be different this year. Meals will be to go, clothing will be limited, the Christian service will be only in spirit, and there will be no Christmas party as usual.

Bradley's plan is to provide 250 care packages that will include hand sanitizer, masks, COVID fact sheets, small toys, coloring books, crayons, card games, stretchy gloves, Christmas treats, and personal items to children ranging in age from infant to teens. He is in the process of lining up sponsors, but can use help from St. Mark's. If anyone would like to join in, he is looking for sponsorships for the children (\$5 per child), sponsorships for items (for example, \$10 for 10 coloring books), or any other amount that people wish to donate. And if anyone has access to any of the items listed to be donated, that would be great also.

Checks can be made out to St. Marks (note FBO Hope Outreach Ministry at the bottom). Also, please know that Bradley is hoping to use this for his Eagle Scout project. He will be involving his scout troop, classmates, and any St. Mark's youth that are looking for community service hours. Thank you!

Christmas Poinsettias

It is time to order poinsettias for decorating our church for



Christmas. Altar Guild is offering them for **\$15 each**. After Christmas we will find a way to get them to you, if we are not meeting in church. Since we are now streaming our services, it would be particularly nice to be visually festive.

A form is being sent to all parishioners this week. Please fill out the form with your dedication and include your check made out to St. Mark's Altar Guild. **Orders must be in/received by November 25** when our count must be turned in.

Any questions? Phone Susie Hines at 330-494-2215 or 330-904-2080. Thank you!

It's Time for Vestry Nominations!

Submit your vestry nominations [here](#) by **December 11**.



Upcoming

Wednesday, November 18

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m.

[Bulletin](#)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 985 5466 2753

Passcode: 803733

Sunday, November 22

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m.

(If Stark County is Yellow or Orange, we will offer in-person. If Red or Purple, we will offer streaming only.)

[Sunday Bulletin](#)

[Sunday Live-Stream](#)



St. Mark's Sunday School is continuing with their lessons each Sunday via ZOOM. All of our wonderful teachers are doing a great job keeping the lessons creative in this remote setting. There are some fun plans in store for the Advent season, so keep a look out for that! If a child in your life is interested in joining us, please contact Emily Gordon at 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**

Last Sunday after Pentecost

**Read This Week's
Lessons**

Music Notes with Bob

Morrison

Approaching an unfamiliar console can be panicky for an organist: Where is the on/off switch? Where are controls for the music rack and pedal lights? Are there any dead notes?



Are all the mechanisms in working order? Is it in tune? A lady who was substituting for me at St. Mark's phoned me and said "How do I turn it on?" and I referred her to a little rocking tablet under the *Viola Celeste* stop.

At my audition at Canton's First Methodist Church on July 5, 1951, I found no problem whatever with the lovely organ and played for about a half-hour for the Worship Committee. They then ushered me back to the Narthex where about twenty folks asked all manner of questions about what I considered a music ministry - a most cordial exchange. But I was anxious to get back on the bench and explore this Aeolian-Skinner, considered the "Cadillac" of the organ world.

Amelia Rowland, Harry Kit, Ron Brookes, Charlie Becker, Paul Welch, Ron and Peg Hill, Jack and Pauline Briggs

Prayer *Concerns*

Family and Friends: John Reft (family of Bill and Beck Rand), Judy Locke (friend of Ken Jaeb), Dr. Sanford Lopater (friend of Mulls'), Megan Nelson (family friend of Sara Strattan), Jan Atkinson (friend of Hixons'), Addelyn (friends of Hixons'), Jim Bellamy (friend of Marcia Kiesling), Bonnie Manos (friend of Judy Gibbs), Nancy Stewart Matin (friend of Norm and Rhonda Warren), Sarah (daughter of Bill and Beck Rand), Anne (friend of Sue Little), Karen Belden (friend of Cricket Boyd), Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler), Gabrielle Karam (friend of Diana Cornell), Dave Jarvis (family of Ron and Peg Hill), Cody Hixon (cousin to Bruce and Judy Hixon), Don, Suzy Clark (friend of Hixons'), 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), Lynn McBride (father of Beth Crowl), Monica McGrath (cousin of Katie Cerroni-Arnold), Baby David (friend of the Schaub's'), Marianne L. (friend of Kieslings'), Conrad Family (friends of the Rands), Nancy Sauer and Helen Carnahan (friends to Diana Cornell), John Streb (friend of the Mulls), Pastor Marilyn Roman (friend of St. Mark's), Lynnda Hoefler (friend of Sue Little), 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.**

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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