

## ***Sign-ups for Mardi Gras end today!***

We're having a **Mardi Gras party at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1!** There will be eat-in, take-out, and delivery options for a dinner of delicious New Orleans-inspired dishes, including jambalaya pasta and salad, a fried chicken po'boy, or a Cajun rice entrée, and dessert. After the meal, we'll burn the palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday and bury the Alleluias. (So, bring your palms from last year.)

**Sign-ups end today at noon.** Call the Church Office (732-892-7478) to reserve your spot.

## ***Need offertory envelopes?***

If you would like offertory envelopes, please contact the Church Office (732-892-7478).

## ***Lent Madness begins next week***

Lent madness is a unique, March-Madness-inspired Lenten devotional created by Forward Movement. Informative and fun, it involves 32 saints—different ones each year—who compete for “the coveted Golden Halo.” This year’s bracket consists of four themed quadrants: Martyrs & Mystics, Theologians & Thinkers, Healers & Helpers, and what is dubbed the Confusion Corner.

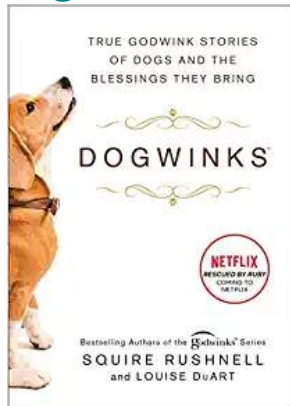
At the start, 32 saints are placed into a tournament-style single elimination bracket, and you can vote for your favorite saint. The competition is open to all for voting; just go to [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) and select the Bracket tab to cast your vote during the voting period for the first round, for the saints who make it to the Saintly Sixteen, the Elate Eight, the Faithful Four, and the two who make it to the Championship round before the winner is selected.

Meanwhile, you can see the bracket poster in Bristol Hall and read more about the saints who will be competing. We've got the *Saintly Scorecard* booklet containing their biographical information, available for viewing at Coffee Hour.

## ***Items needed for St. Gregory's Pantry until 2/27***

Just like the rest of us, the clients of St. Gregory's Pantry are facing empty shelves at the stores, making it difficult to find toiletries, basic household supplies (laundry detergent, dryer sheets, paper towels, dish detergent, sponges, bath tissue) and everyday items for children (peanut butter, juice boxes, breakfast cereal, baby shampoo, diapers, etc.) Please consider picking up a few of these items as you shop for your own family. Outreach has placed containers in Bristol Hall and in the lobby of the Church Office, where “saints” can donate purchased items. We'll be collecting them until **Feb. 27.**

## Dog lovers: Borrow this book!



You don't have to be a dog lover to enjoy this book, *Dogwinks*, which will be available in Bristol Hall for you to view. If you'd like to borrow the copy for a week, just remember to put your name on the sign-out sheet.

The title of the book alludes to the term "Godwinks," coined by the author to refer to coincidences that bring blessings or messages from God. In this case, the uplifting coincidences and revelations brought by dogs.

Each true story, including one about a New Jersey family and their dog who get separated during Superstorm Sandy, is followed by a reflection that spurs our thoughts about the special relationship between people and dogs, about faith, and about finding grace in seemingly ordinary coincidences.

One of these stories has been made into a film, "Rescued by Ruby," which will premiere March 17 on Netflix.