



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 136th Edition - November 11th, 2022



From the Rector

Dear Friends,

A friend in Calgary sent me a photo earlier this week which he'd taken from the window of his 39th story apartment. It was a familiar Calgary scene showing a calamitous, city-stopping whiteout. I could hardly see the downtown streets in the photo. So, because I'm a "good" friend, I sent him a picture of the back garden of the rectory in all its unseasonable, autumnal glory.

The weather has been amazing. But it won't last. In fact, I just got a text from the friend I'm having dinner with in Toronto tomorrow bemoaning the fact that it's going rain - or at least be very gloomy. Well - who cares? It's not like our plan was to dine al fresco.

Isn't it funny that you and I are so easily drawn into being negative and gloomy? We've had an unseasonably warm autumn and instead of celebrating that fact, my friend is focusing on rain. Instead of being grateful for the amazing (and unexpected) gift of these glorious and golden days, he's feeling downcast.

As Christians, we have so much to celebrate and yet too often we are dragged down by a spirit of defeat and resignation. We let the disappointment of the present time make us forget just how good we've had it - and that good and beautiful times will come again. Rainy days don't last forever. Neither will this present time of ecclesiastical statis.

The leaves which were so glorious but which are now dead on the ground will become part of a larger ecosystem; what has happened to them is a necessary part of a natural cycle. And the same is true of us and our religious institutions. The clouds of darkness and death are never the final word for God. We know the future is bright and full of promise. The trick is for you and me to not lose heart and hope. To say with confidence as the psalmist did, "Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning."

For me, that joy is known each and every Sunday when I celebrate the Eucharist for and with you - the greatest possible privilege. And even though that silver cup contains the blood of Christ, it's also is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. It's fuel for the journey. It's the promise that better things are yet to come.

See you in church!

Grace and peace,

Leighton

From the Wardens

It has been a very sobering week starting with our well attended November 5th Remembrance Service. The Rector's sermon, the right hymns with our choir and thanks to Doug Hunter and the Rector's Warden Allan Magnacca for reading out the names of the St. Mark's parishioners who lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars. We remember, too, those who did return and found life was never the same for them.

Today is the Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph on Queen Street, followed by soup at Addison Hall generously donated by the Olde Angel Inn and a Music Niagara concert at 11:45 a.m. It is all very fitting to end our Remembrance week.

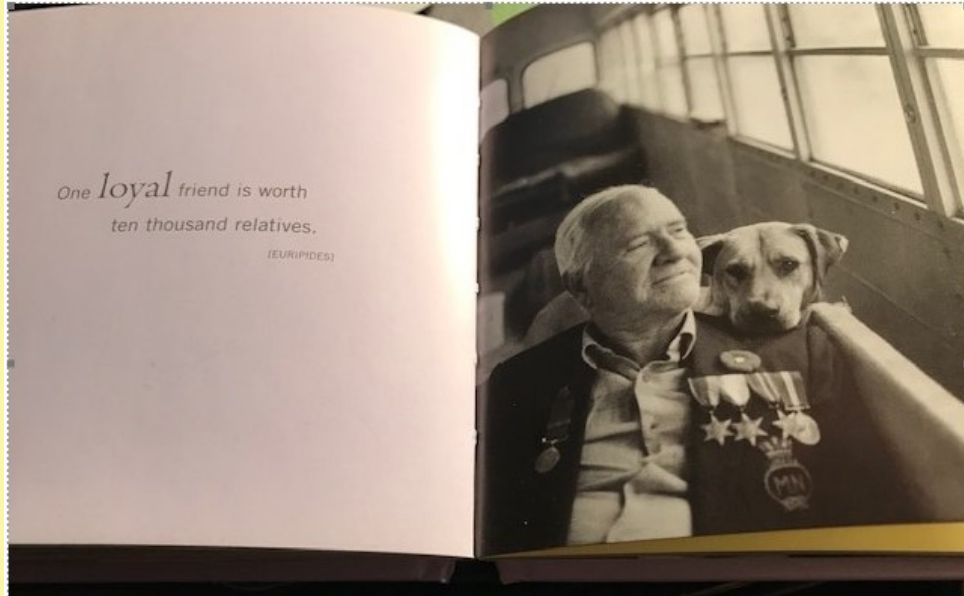
The local Legion branch distributed Poppies these last two weeks. As usual, Niagara-on-the-Lake residents responded generously. The Legion president, Allan Howse, commented how times have changed. At every corner and entrance to establishments there would always be a Veteran in their Legion Dress to supplement what was donated in small boxes in the stores. There are fewer now to do this. This also reflects on the Legion Branches where membership has dwindled and fundraising is an issue. The refrain is still so important,

"We Will Remember Them."

The November calendar is filling up with events and plans are well underway for a December Tea and Bake Sale on Dec. 15th. St. Mark's is part of the Rotary Holiday House Tour on Friday Dec. 2nd and Saturday Dec. 3rd and our kitchen team will be providing lunch on both days. **Volunteers are needed** to help serve lunch and to greet visitors to our church. There is a wonderful holiday spirit around this event that makes it so enjoyable for everyone. Please contact the office if you can assist.

As we have for the past three years, we are asking our parishioners to make a 13th month donation. It has been very successful in past years and made a significant difference to our revenue. If possible, making the donation before the 5th of December would be appreciated.

We are working diligently to resume our online services. We did not receive any volunteers and have requested outside help to provide what has become an essential need to our friends and parishioners.



Parish Updates

In-Person Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Wearing a mask is now an individual's choice.

On Duty this Week

Greeter(s) - Chris Bjorgan

Reader - Larry Bourk

Intercessor - Larry Bourk

Altar Guild - Jennifer Smith, Virginia Mainprize

Order of Service

The Order of Service can be found on our website: [Order of Service Web Site Page](#)

Church Bells

A reminder to all that the Church Bells play on Sundays at 12:05 pm. Enjoy!

Staying Up to Date!

Click on this link to find this and recent copies of our E-News: [View our recent E-Newsletters](#)

Click on this link to view our Calendar: [Visit our Calendar](#)

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In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns
below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

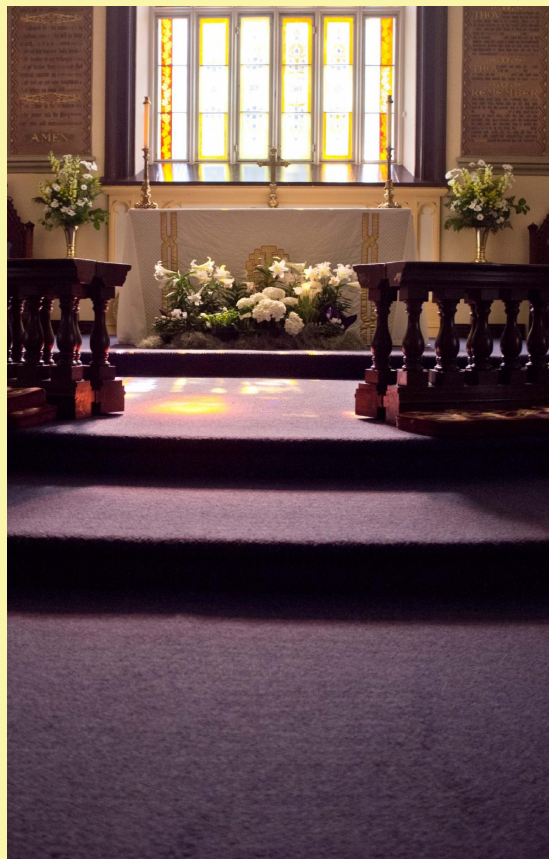
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep,
 though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

-John McCrae



Did you know...

...that the Rococo style cross and candle holders on the altar have been in use for 97 years? They were given in memory of Gertrude Bent Wright.



In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for David and Valmai Elkins, Fred and Judy Evans, and Brian Fiedler and Christy Chia and their families.

We pray for those shut in their homes, Fred Habermehl, Fred Dixon, Joy Ormsby, Selina Appleby, and Joan Draper.

We pray for the sick, especially remembering Jacquie White, Jack Taylor, Margaret Stimson, Terry, Jan Brown, Lisa, Dorothy Walker, Sharon, Dick, Bev Garrett, Jodey Porter, Sean, Joshua, Ben Buholtz, and Lynn Taylor.

In the Cycle of Prayer for the Niagara Diocese we pray for St. Paul, Jarvis, The Reverend Canon Richard Moore, Rector, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for the members of the Council of General Synod and the members of the National Church Council.

Bible Study via Zoom

We are sending Zoom invites via Constant Contact to those who regularly join the Bible Study group. If you would like to attend Bible Study via Zoom, please contact the Rector to have your name added to the distribution. rector.stmarks.notl@gmail.com

Wednesday Morning Eucharist - 10:00 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you in Church!

Men's Communion and Breakfast

On the first Wednesday of each month, men of our congregation and their guests will participate in a quiet spoken Eucharist service in the church at 8:00 a.m., followed by breakfast at 8:45 a.m. If you would like to join us, please contact Greg Walker by email or phone (905) 262-6605 by Noon on Tuesday prior so that we can confirm numbers for breakfast.



You say "tomato" and I say "tomahto"

No matter how you pronounce it, Gary Burrough's **STEWED TOMATOES** are the best! And they are going fast - only a few jars left! At \$15.00 a jar they will not last long.

You can get your **STEWED TOMAHTOS** by contacting Erin in the office Monday-Friday 9-2 p.m.

PIE AND JAM MAKERS REQUIRED

Cherry Jam makers are required for two sessions in January OR February.
Cherry Pie makers are required for four sessions in April 2023.

If you are interested in joining a jam or pie making team please contact

Diane Turner
at
19ab39@gmail.com
289-362-1827

Newcomers are welcome!



Bethany Mennonite Church Bazaar **Blankets, Borscht, Brown Bread, Baked goods & Preserves**

Saturday November 12, 2022
10:00 a.m.
572 East & West Line
Virgil

Cash only please

office@bethanymennonite.ca 905-468-8505





Christmas Cards 2022



Choose one or both designs



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Counters

Counters are needed to collect and record the envelope and open plate funds after the 10:30 a.m. service each week. On a rotation basis, a counter would need to volunteer only once per month. Counting takes about 15 minutes and always requires two people. Please call the office or Allan Magnacca 416-727-0839 to volunteer or if you have questions.



Queenston Women's Chorus

HERE WE COME A-CAROLLING!

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH

TRILLIUM UNITED CHURCH

415 LINWELL ROAD, ST. CATHARINES

3 O'CLOCK

TICKETS \$20/ADULTS, \$15/STUDENTS

SPECIAL GUESTS -
NIAGARA STAR SINGERS

*Net proceeds to Newark Neighbours & Niagara Festival of
Performing Arts Scholarship Fund*

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