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## E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 141st Edition - December 16th, 2022

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### From the Rector

As you all know, on Tuesday I celebrated my fiftieth birthday. Thank you to everyone who sent me birthday wishes - and for the splendid birthday cake in the shape of St Mark's! (This was planned and arranged by our administrator Erin. Thanks, Erin!)

Sometimes people ask me if I'm going away for Christmas. Many years ago I cheekily responded to someone who asked me this, "No. It's the boss's birthday. I'm required to go to the party." I don't know if he thought I was funny or

sacrilegious.

But in just over a week's time, it will indeed be our annual observance of the birth in time of the timeless Son of God. We haven't been able to do this the previous two Christmases, so the sense of excitement and joy is palpable. The Christmas Tree in the church looks sensational, and the floral decorations in the church will be glorious. The music will be beautiful and familiar. And the congregation—I trust—will be large. I sincerely hope you can attend either at Christmas Eve at 5 pm, or Christmas Day at 10:30 am.

I was given many lovely gifts this week, but the loveliest were the friends—many of whom I haven't seen in a long time—who came here to see me. The gift of presence is always the most meaningful. A well-known Christmas hymn asks:

*What can I give Him,  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a Shepherd  
I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man  
I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give Him,  
Give my heart.*

So come and by your presence you will give the gift of your heart, the gift which is in turn returned by your heart's desire: love incarnate.

Grace and peace,

Leighton

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### From the Wardens

The Christmas Bake Sale Thursday was a great success. The stormy weather didn't deter buyers as the sumptuous choice of goodies sold quickly. Our thanks to everyone who donated and purchased. A big thank you to Greg Walker and his team for their hard work that made it all happen. Well done!

Another thank you to those who organized the celebration after church last Sunday to mark Father Leighton's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to our parish administrator Erin McKinley for the one-of-a-kind cake. (see above)

Filming for the Addison Diaries video continued Monday at Lake Lodge where Robert Addison lived in the early 1800s. Jane De Munnich and Andrea Douglas stepped back in time to portray Addison family members. (see below). Many thanks to all those involved in this exciting project funded by a New Horizons grant. We can't wait to see the result!

The Christmas trees in the church and Addison Hall are shining "bright and beautiful." Please see the service times for Christmas Eve and Christmas morning.

There has been a terrific response to our request for 13<sup>th</sup> month donations. Thank you! Donations postmarked Dec 31<sup>st</sup> or delivered to the church office by Dec 24<sup>th</sup> will receive a 2022 tax slip. Donations can also be made by E-transfer.

The 2023 budget and financial information will be presented in January before our annual Vestry Meeting in February. A date will be announced later.

On a sad note, we share news of the death of Ethel Walker, the mother of Will and mother-in-law of Candace. Please keep Will and Candace in your prayers.

Please also remember Tammy Zalepa and the loss of her father Wayne McRae. Please keep the Zalepa family in your prayers also.

Greeters for 2023 are very much needed. Please help in this important role. The rotation is once a month. Greeters welcome people to the service, hand out the service sheets, pass the donation plates, and guide people for the Eucharist. Please call the office to sign up.

The Men's Breakfast continues January 4<sup>th</sup>. Let Greg Walker know if you are attending and please bring a guest.

For many who will be travelling over Christmas and New Year's to be with family and friends, we wish you safe travels, happiness and good health and our prayers will travel with you wherever you may be. Our last ENews will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December. The next will be on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**A reminder that our office will be closed from December 23rd until Tuesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Emergency contact information details will be in next week's ENews.**

**We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.**



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## **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) - Allan Magnacca and Candace Bennett

Reader - Wes Turner

Intercessor - Diane Turner

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize, Pat Kingdon and Mary Webster

### ***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](#)

[Click here to access St. Mark's Anglican Church Facebook page](#) You can also access our Facebook page when on our website by clicking on the Facebook icon that looks like an "f".

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It is a tradition at St Mark's Church that Christmas flowers are donated by parishioners. These can be given in memory of family or friends and a list of these people is included in a Christmas bulletin inserted into the order of service for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. If you wish to contribute towards Christmas flowers, you will find envelopes in the pews and at the back of the church. You can leave your envelope with a greeter or bring your contribution to the office in an envelope with your name and the name of the person(s) in whose memory you are making the donation.



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**We thank some friends of David Galloway's for decorating the tree in his memory at Christmas.**

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### *Did you know...*

...know that the boulder in St. Mark's Cemetery used to be at the edge of the Niagara River and that General Brock could often be seen sitting there in 1812 contemplating the machinations of the American forces at Fort Niagara ?



## Weekly Prayers

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Steve Hinchliffe, Jacqueline Hollesen, Marsha Howe, and Peter Howe and Judy McLeod 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, Lynn Taylor, and Jason.

In the Cycle of Prayer for the Niagara Diocese we pray for St. Luke, Burlington, The Reverend Canon Stuart Pike, Rector; The Reverend Dr. Leonel Abaroa-Bolona, Pastoral Associate; The Reverend Michael Coren, Assistant Curate; The Reverend Deacon Sheila Plant, Deacon; The Venerable Suzanne Craven, Honorary Assistant; The Reverend Carole Langlotz, Honorary Assistant, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully, Director, and the staff of Faith, Worship, and Ministry; Sheilagh McGlynn, Youth Ministries Animator; the Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman, Animator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, and Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop, Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations; Deacon Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the National Bishop, Youth and Leadership.



Extending a heartfelt thank you to everyone who took the time to bake and donate incredible sweets, pies, cookies, cakes, breads and other delectable goodies.

Thank you also to Gary Burroughs for the delicious Cottage Pies and Lasagna.

Thank you all for contributing to **St. Mark's Festive Christmas Bake Sale.**



**Addison Hall was beautifully decorated for the Festive Christmas Bake Sale.**

**Thank you to all our volunteers who made this event such a success.**

**If you could not make it to our Festive Christmas Bake Sale, take heart! Baked goods will be available to purchase on Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, immediately following 10:30 service.**

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# *St. Mark's Christmas Services*

Christmas Eve 5 p.m.  
Christmas Day 10:30 a.m.

**Service will last approximately 75 minutes**



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## **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](mailto:rector.stmarks.notl@gmail.com)

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## **Wednesday Morning Eucharist - 10:00 a.m.**

We look forward to seeing you in Church!

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## **Men's Communion and Breakfast**

**Next date January 4th, 2023.**

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.

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## **FINAL CALL FOR DONATIONS TO Newark Neighbours**

currently has 69 registered clients for the food bank, 39 of whom are children.  
Four Ukrainian refugee families, including 9 children, are also registered.

You can donate non-perishable food items and/or Christmas gifts for the children on Sunday December 18th, 2022 at the church after the 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. service.

Please click on the links below to see a list of much needed food supplies and a list of gift suggestions for the children.

**Non-perishable food donations** can be dropped off at the office or placed in the yellow Newark Neighbors' donation bin in Addison Hall.

**Gifts** can be placed under the Christmas tree in Addison Hall or in the donation box at the back of the church.

**All food donations will be picked up by Newark Neighbours on Monday December 19th, 2022.**

## **PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THOSE WHO NEED OUR SUPPORT**

**If you have any questions please contact Greg Walker 905-262-6605 or [gregoryfwalker@gmail.com](mailto:gregoryfwalker@gmail.com)**

**Newark Neighbours Food Requirements**

**Newark Neighbours Gift Requests**

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**Volunteers are required to work in the Winter Kitchen.**

If you prepare a bone in ham, please consider donating the bone and any leftover ham to "St. Mark's Winter Kitchen". Those who donate will receive a 1 litre container of pea soup. St. Mark's Winter Kitchen will be preparing pea soup, tomato sauce, cottage pies, pickled beets and lasagna.

**Please call the office if you are interested in volunteering.**

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## **PIE AND JAM MAKERS REQUIRED**

**Cherry Jam makers are required for two sessions in February and March. Jam makers are required on Wednesday February 22nd and Thursday March 2nd 9 a.m.**

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!**



# St. Saviour's Queenston

## The Brock Memorial Church

### Seasonal Carols and Readings

Featuring

## The Newark Singers

(Conductor: Michael Tansley)

Sunday December 18th, 2022 4 p.m.

Please join us! Free Admission! Freewill Offering

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***Please be advised that St. Mark's office will be closed for the holidays from December 24th, 2022 to January 2nd, 2023, reopening at 9 a.m. on Tuesday January 3rd, 2023.***

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