



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 104th Edition - March 25, 2022

From the Rector



Dear Friends:

Sunday will be the fourth Sunday in Lent. The traditional name for this day is Laetare, taken from the first word of the Latin introit for the day: "Laetare, Jerusalem et conventum ..." It's a day when some of the Lenten disciplines are lightened, simnel cakes are served, and sometimes even rose-coloured vestments worn by the clergy. (I'll have to make do with rose coloured trousers under my cassock.)

But the Fourth Sunday in Lent is also "Mothering Sunday." Years ago, domestic servants were given

this day off in order that they could return to their home (or mother) church to worship. We've been open for public worship for a few weeks now. This Sunday, however, is the first Sunday where we have no capacity limits and don't need to pre-register; we can come to church as we used to—albeit still wearing masks. So I hope you'll get into the spirit of the day and come to church and be with your friends and neighbours. It will be wonderful!

Grace and peace,
Leighton

From the Wardens

The ropes are down, the BAS and Hymn Books are in place – no need to register — SO please come to be part of our 10:30 a.m. Sunday service! Masks are still required and not an option.

We had our first new Parish Council meeting Wednesday evening with 98% attendance and welcomed three new members. The agenda was short, however there was lots of good discussion about the coming months, activities and events.

A citation in part reads:

"A stone thrown into a pond sets in motion concentric waves that spread out on the surface

of the water, and their reverberation influences the water lilies and reeds, the paper boat and the buoys of the fishermen at various distances. All these objects are just there for themselves, enjoying their tranquility, when they are awakened to life, as it were and are compelled to react and enter contact with one another.”

Well, here we are throwing a stone in the water while hoping and praying parishioners will react and get involved with parish needs and activities. Events, ideas, volunteering, support – all we do and need to do. The office number is 905-468-3123!

We approved the budget, now we must deliver!

Parish Council with agreement by Corporation decided that the Silent Auction will not be part of this year's Cherry Festival. There is no team leader, the time frame to get donations is too short, the space is better used by Treasures (has a leader) and might use more space in the hall. The Silent Auction could be part of a separate event in the Fall.

We may be able to start our coffee hour after church on Easter Sunday! It has always been a wonderful social visit that we have all missed. Keeping our fingers crossed.

Many drivers will soon receive a refund of their last plate fees. May we suggest you add that to your next church donation? Every dollar helps.

We understand that there are several Ukrainian refugees coming to Niagara in the next few days and weeks. Accommodation is an issue, and the supporting group is looking for locations, homes, and unused suitable space. Please contact the office with any suggestions or offers.

See you in church!

As always, a reminder to advise the office of anyone who needs assistance, including a phone call, food delivery or some phone companionship. Or over the fence.

Stay safe – keep well

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Your Wardens

Holy Week and Easter Services

Sunday, April 10 **Palm Sunday**

Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am

Monday, April 11

Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am

Tuesday, April 12

Holy Eucharist at 5:00 pm

Wednesday, April 13

Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am

Thursday, April 14 **Maundy Thursday**

Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar at 5:00 pm

Friday, April 15 **Good Friday**

The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 12 noon

Sunday, April 17 **Easter Day**

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am

Sung Eucharist at 10:30 am



Parish Updates

We are Open for In-Person Sunday Services

Pre-Registration is no longer required! Please remember that wearing a mask at all times continues to be mandatory.

Email: stmarks@cogeco.net.

Tele: 905-468-3123.

On Duty this Week

Greeter(s) - Ann Lindsay, Gill Bryan

Reader & Intercessor - Peter Manning

Altar Guild - Eve Wylie, Gene Ann Smith, Jennifer Smith

Live-Stream Sunday Services

Sunday Services are Live-Streamed and available on [Facebook](#) only.

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!

Church Envelopes

Church envelopes will be available for pick up at the registration table in Addison Hall on Sunday mornings. Alternatively, you can pick up in the Church Office (Office hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm).

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](#)



Easter Flowers

Lent has just begun but we are already planning for a glorious, festive and flower-filled Easter celebration. If you would like to make a donation towards Easter flowers, there are two ways of doing so. You will find Easter donation envelopes in the church pews; you can return these to the alms basins at the back of the church or deliver

them to the office. Or you can telephone the office to arrange your donation. In both cases you can ask the the donation be in memory or in honour of whom you wish.

Bible Study via Zoom

Our Lenten Bible study continues on Monday. This week we begin our 2-week study of John's version - one which has significant differences from the synoptic accounts. The relevant passage is chapter 18. The Zoom link will be sent out Sunday after church.

Morning Prayer Services - Wednesday Mornings - 9:30 a.m.

You can join the weekly Morning Prayer Zoom service through the Zoom invite sent from Father Leighton.

Weekly Prayers

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Douglas and Colleen Hunter, Faith Jago, Syme Jago, and Janet James and their families.

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

In the Cycle of Prayer for the Niagara Diocese we pray for St. George's, Guelph; The Interim Team; Canon Jean Mitchell, Priest Assistant; the Reverend Dan Cyr, Honorary Assistant; the Reverend Craig Luccock, Honorary Assistant; Canon William Rainey, Honorary Assistant; Archdeacon Peter Moore, Honorary Assistant; the Reverend Gordon Walls, Honorary Assistant, Dr. Barbara Sykes, Honorary Assistant, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Rt. Rev. John Organ, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland, and the dean, council, and congregations of the Georgian, Huronia and Bay Areas of the Eastern Synod.

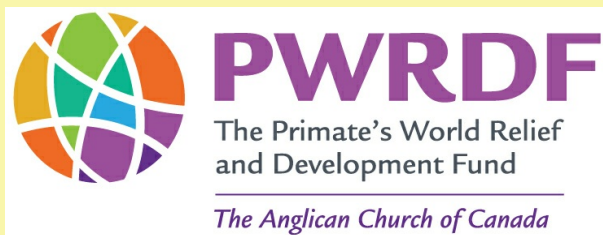
We pray for the sick, especially remembering Jackie White, Jean Baker, Jack Taylor, Margaret Stimson, Gillian MacKay, Terry, Jan Brown, Lisa, Dorothy Walker, Sharon, Dick, Bev Garrett, Jodey Porter, Sean, and Joshua.

Newark Neighbours Food Bank Donations!

A "yellow" collection bin is in Addison Hall (by the check-in table) for you to leave donations to the Newark Neighbours Food Bank. [Click here](#) for a list of needed items. Bill Ford will again deliver the donations to Newark Neighbours, who serve 60 needy families in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Your assistance is always appreciated!

Save the Date! Cherry Festival 2022 - Volunteers Needed! Saturday, July 9 - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Cherry Festival 2022 Jewelry Donations: The Jewelry Team is asking for you to drop off your jewelry donations to St. Mark's Church Office. They can be left in the office for the Jewelry Team to pick up. Kindly note, we are asking for jewelry that is in good condition, and, that has been cleaned, prior to donation. We also ask you donate the jewelry on or before June 15th deadline, as our team will need enough time to sort, price and organize the pieces. We are always looking for extra help on the Jewelry Team if you would like to volunteer. Please contact Donna Bell (Jewelry Team Co-Leader) @ (905) 357-0159 if you have any questions; OR Anjulika Chand (Jewelry Team Co-Leader) @ (905) 347-1711. Thanks to everyone as we look forward to a wonderful Cherry Festival this year.



PWRDF is [supporting Ukrainians forced to flee their homes](#) due to the Russian invasion. The initial grant of \$20,000 issued to an ACT Alliance appeal has been increased to \$50,000. The grants will fund the work of Action by Churches Together (ACT) member Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA).

As the war began on February 24, tens of thousands of Ukrainians fled for safety elsewhere in Ukraine or to neighbouring countries. Yelena was one of hundreds of Ukrainians in line at a border crossing into Hungary, waiting with her three children while her husband is on the frontlines. She told ACT, "We heard that the Polish border is completely jammed, so we decided to cross the mountains and try to make it into Hungary. My sister is still on the way, I have no idea where she or my nieces are."

On February 27, HIA set up a 24-hour refugee support point on the Hungarian side of the border at Beregsurány, where the line of refugees trying to cross into Hungary is kilometres long, says an ACT communiqué. HIA is providing hot tea, sandwiches, refreshments, blankets and basic hygiene items for Ukrainians, including many elderly and children who are waiting long hours to cross the border into Hungary.

"We've been standing here at this border checkpoint for more than five hours," says Yelena. "It is cold and my children are freezing. It is amazing to see that people are here to help, and even just talking to you gives us hope for a better future."

This is a rapidly evolving situation, please monitor PWRDF's website and social media to stay up to date on new developments.

How you can help

To make a donation to this response online, [click here](#)

You may also donate by phone at 416-822-9083 or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and PWRDF will return your call, or mail your cheque to PWRDF, 80 Hayden, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2. Please mark Ukraine in the memo field.



Frozen Cherry Pies and Canned Goods

The following items are available now to purchase from the Church Office. Pass it on!

- Frozen Cherry Pies - \$20 each
- Frozen Pea Soup - 1 Litre - \$15
- Cherry Juice - 1 Litre - \$15
- Cherry Juice - 1/2 Litre - \$8
- Picked Beets - Medium - \$8
- Cherry Jam - Small - \$5
- Cranberry Sauce - Medium - \$8
- Cranberry Sauce - Small - \$5
- Stewed Tomatoes - 1 Litre - \$15

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