



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 111th Edition - May 13, 2022

From the Rector

Dear Friends:

The month of May has traditionally been dedicated to the Virgin Mary. She's a saint about whom we likely feel awkward—probably because in her story we're confronted with an utterly naïve picture of a supernatural event whereby God is brought to birth in this world through an ordinary, simple—and even lowly—human being.

And her story also makes us ask an awkward question: If God could choose to become incarnate by someone like her, why couldn't he also choose to become incarnate by someone like you—or me? In other words, can we bring God to birth in our lives and our world? The temptation is always for you and me to stay on the sidelines of life. When we think about all of the problems of this life and this world, and how huge every one of them is, we're afraid. We don't know where to begin and what to do and say, except to say to ourselves, "All of this is too big to take on, and I'm too small to make a difference."

Yet those huge problems won't go away on their own, and if we close our eyes to the hurt, pain, confusion, misery, and hatred we see everywhere, we will one day open them to find things have gotten even worse.

No doubt we're all worn down and frustrated these days. We're actually aware of the anxiety that gnaws away at us. We can't but feel that the world is teetering on the brink of economic, social, and political collapse—all of which the pandemic has brought into sharp relief. Never in a million years would we have chosen any of this. Yet even now you and I—insignificant though we may be—are called to help bring God's saving word to birth in this world. We might even say that God can't do it without us. Let it be to us according to his word.

Grace and peace,
Leighton



From the Wardens

It's the middle of May and activities at St. Mark's are steadily increasing. Last Sunday we had the privilege of a visit by The Venerable Bill Mous, Archdeacon of Niagara, Executive Officer at the Diocese and Secretary of Synod. It was very nice to have Bill back as our celebrant and preacher.

More Counter volunteers are still needed, but thanks to most of the Parish Council members who are becoming Greeters.

There is a small change regarding giving at Sunday services. We will have the plates on the table as usual before the service, but at the end of the service the Greeters will hold the plates as folks leave. This way we hope to increase our visitors' donations.

A donation of carnations enabled us to hand Mothers a tribute as they left church on Mother's Day. As our attendance was less than anticipated, every lady received one as they all have Mothers in their lives.

June will be a busy month at St. Mark's, with weddings, concerts, a cemetery fundraiser and preparation for the July 9 Cherry Festival. Volunteers are still needed for various activities. Please call the office if you can help.

We close with the sad news of the death of Jean Baker, a longtime member, an author, a hard worker for St. Mark's and a very entertaining, warm person. Please keep Adrian and her family in your prayers.

*Everything can change in the blink of an eye, but don't worry,
God never blinks.*

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

We're Hiring this Summer

St. Mark's seeks two candidates to welcome visitors to our historic church and grounds, describe its fascinating history and lead short tours. The jobs, financed by Canada Summer Jobs, are open to youth aged 15 to 30. The successful candidates will also assist with the Cherry Festival, some heritage work, communications and administrative tasks. The skills required are: an ability to enthusiastically welcome visitors, good communication skills, dependability, initiative and a willingness to learn. Transportation to the church is required. The positions are eight weeks, 35 hours per week, \$15.50 per hour. Application deadline May 17. Please email Andrea Douglas adouglas@bell.net

Parish Updates

Mary Hazell Funeral Service

Saturday, May 14 at 11:00 a.m.

A reception will follow in the Hampton Court room at the Prince of Wales Hotel. Everyone is most

welcome.

Jean Baker Funeral

Visitation

Tuesday, May 24 - 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Morgan's Funeral Home - 415 Regent Street, NOTL

Graveside Service

Wednesday, May 25 - 11:00 am

St. Mark's Cemetery

In-Person Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Please remember that wearing a mask at all times continues to be mandatory.

Live-Stream Sunday Services

Sunday Services are Live-Streamed and you can

view by going to our website and clicking the

"Online Worship" button. Recorded Services are also available in this same location. [Click](#)

[Online Worship Button on St. Mark's Website](#)



On Duty this Week

Greeter(s) - John MacBeth

Reader & Intercessor - Jim Collard

Altar Guild - Peggy Walker, Susan Baxter, Diane Turner

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](#)



For the June 19th Celebration "Save our Stones" Dinner Honouring Donald Combe

The organizing committee for this event is looking for clear bud vases of any height to use at this dinner event. If you can assist, please deliver to Addison Hall. Thank you.

Cherry Festival 2022

Saturday, July 9

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Cherry Festival plans are moving ahead with many former group leads agreeing to carry on

with their tasks.

Donations of:

- **Good quality clothing** including **hats, scarves, gloves and purses** will be accepted in Addison Hall starting June 20
- **Treasures** - Can be dropped off to Joan Bourk now - please contact Joan at jbourk@beemont.ca or call 905.468.0835 to arrange
- **Jewelry** donations are welcome now (see below)
- **Book donations are welcome** and starting June 20 books can be dropped off at Addison Hall



Please contact the office if items must be dropped off before June.

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) at (905) 357-0159 if you have any questions; OR Anjulika Chand (Jewelry Team Co-Leader) at (905) 347-1711. Thanks to everyone as we look forward to a wonderful Cherry Festival this year.

Queen's Jubilee Concert - June 4, 2022 - 7:30 p.m.



Celebrate the Queen's Jubilee at St. Mark's with The Newark Singers and Orchestra. **They will be performing the four Coronation Anthems by G.F. Handel.** Poetry of Royal substance will be interspersed between the Anthems, read by Donna



Tickets are \$20 each and St. Mark's "Box Office" will be open to purchase tickets **in person only** (cash or cheque) in Addison Hall on the following days and times in May (when tickets are sold out, we will announce this in E-News and on the website):

Addison Hall

Mondays in May – 9:30 am to Noon
Tuesdays in May – 9:30 am to Noon
Thursdays in May – 9:30 am to Noon

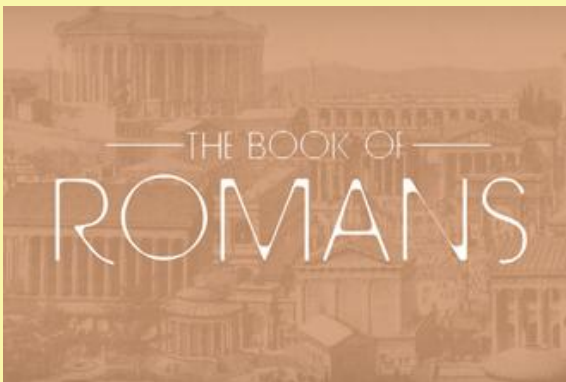
Belleville and Jamie Mainprize.

Reminder that all Concert attendees must wear a face mask. At the time of ticket purchase, the purchaser will need to leave their name, email, and telephone number in case the Concert has to be cancelled due to any Covid protocols that may arise and tickets will be refunded.

Between Sunday Services

Sunday, May 22 – 9:15 am – 10:15 a.m.

Please note that we cannot take ticket pre-orders or orders by telephone or email. In-person only on dates noted above. Thank you.



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

The next scheduled Bible Study is on Monday, May 16, 2022.

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

You can join the weekly Morning Prayer Zoom service through the Zoom invite. Note that the Service Sheet is on the [Website](#); a link is also included in the Zoom email.

Weekly Prayers

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Peter and Janis Manning, Doug Mantegna, The Venerable Lynne Marchant, and Maureen Matthews 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. Paul's, Mount Forest; the Reverend Dr. Shirley Christian, Rector, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ontario, and the Assistants to the Bishop and the staff of the Saskatchewan Synod.

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

We pray for those who have died remembering especially Mary Hazell and Jean Baker.

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Development Fund is receiving

donations for our partners in Ukraine.

These include:

- Hungarian Interchurch Aid, supporting Ukrainians seeking safety on both sides

of the Hungarian-Ukrainian border;

- HelpAge International, supporting seniors and their families seeking safety on both sides of the Moldovan border;
- Initiative E+, providing medical supplies, equipment and care to Ukrainians who have been injured by Russian attacks
- Fight for Right, supporting a 24-hour hotline for people in Ukraine with disabilities receive the care they need or safe evacuation

...And more.

How you can help

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

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



Canned Goods

The following items are available now to purchase from the Church Office.

- 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

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