



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews

135th Edition - November 4th, 2022



From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday—All Saints Sunday—was a marvelous, beautiful, and uplifting day with good congregations both at 8:30 and 10:30. I know that numbers aren't all that matter—where two or three are gathered, and all that—but there is an undeniable *frisson* which comes with a full church. So I hope we'll have good congregations this week for our Remembrance Sunday services, and that we continue the trend as we approach the Reign

of Christ on November 20 and begin a new church year on November 27—Advent Sunday. Last week I heard the great French counter tenor Philippe Jaroussky at Koerner Hall. It was the first big concert I'd been to without a mask, and practically the first concert I'd been to since early 2020. At first I wondered how it would be sitting in a full auditorium without a mask. But it was fine. I felt fine. It was so good to be doing something that I not only love, but which nourishes my spirit. So why hadn't I done it before? It's not like this was the first live concert available to me. Simply put, I had gotten out of the habit and grown used to sitting mindlessly in front of Netflix.

Churches—all churches, not just St Mark's— are struggling to get back to where they were before the pandemic. I think in large part this is because the pandemic disrupted habitual routines and, once disrupted, routines are hard to get back into. Try getting back to the gym after a month's vacation! And going to church *does* require discipline and commitment. There are so many other things which claim our attention and, let's face it, some of these things can be more appealing than writhing under the priest's oratory! So we need to be deliberate about our spiritual lives and serious about our commitment to St Mark's. We're all in this together and there's strength in numbers.

I am not at all despairing of the Church's future. God will enable and renew. But God also needs us. Renewal starts with you and me, with ready hearts and minds and hands. Our Mission Action Planning process is part of this initiative, so please pay attention to the communications about this over the next few weeks. In the meantime, there are many beautiful liturgies planned—liturgies which, like that concert did for me, will nourish your soul.

See you in church!

Grace and peace,

From the Wardens

We have had many positive comments about the All-Saints Sunday Service. To have so many people in church was wonderful. It was a special Sunday.

St. Mark's Remembrance Service is Sunday November 6, 2022. The names of those who lost their lives in the Great Wars will be read out. Their names are engraved on the wall plaques. We won't recall the names of those who survived and returned with many bad memories that stayed with them forever. We don't remember those Canadians who went to Korea, Afghanistan, Iraq and other "hot spots" and were killed or wounded in body and mind. Our Archives Committee found 22 names not on plaques because these veterans survived. Familiar names like Quinn, Ball, Freel, Masters, Garrett, Reid, Blanche Quinn, Norm and Margherita Howe, Doug Rogers and there will always be a few more names. St. Mark's parishioners can be proud of our military contributions. Our Remembrance Day Services over the years have been a celebration of Canada; the free and democratic country we live in thanks to so many who made sacrifices to ensure we could. And today we are represented in many countries as peacekeepers.

By this time next week, we will have had our Sunday Remembrance Service and the 11th of November events in town and across Canada will just be finishing. The local Legion will put wreaths on the Cenotaph. The Act of Remembrance and Benediction will be said. "Lest We Forget". We will go on with our daily lives until the next 11th of November.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

The first Men's Breakfast since pre-COVID was held Wednesday November 2nd. After the 8 a.m. service and communion we were provided a wonderful breakfast prepared and served by Gary Burroughs, Alex Clarkson and Barbara O'Connor. All agreed this was a special gathering.

We encourage all the men of our parish to be at the next one on Dec 7th. Contact the office or Greg Walker at 905-262-6605.

Planning for the Christmas Tea on December 15th is under way. There will be a bake sale and perhaps a few other items. Keep the date.

Please watch our calendar and E-News for other upcoming events.

***HAPPINESS CANNOT BE TRAVELED TO, OWNED, EARNED, WORN OR CONSUMED.
HAPPINESS IS THE SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE OF LIVING EVERY MINUTE WITH
LOVE, GRACE AND GRATITUDE.***

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

Called to Life – Compelled to Love

Your Wardens

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) - Ann Lindsay, Gill Bryan

Reader - Jane De Munnich

Intercessor - Bob Cross

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

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".

Did you know...

That on the occasion of the 1955 World Jamboree, the Scout Troop from Coventry, England presented St. Mark's with a Coventry Cross made of nails from St. Michael's Cathedral built in 1170 and badly bombed during World War II? Sadly this treasure has been lost.



Weekly Prayers

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Arlene Dolynski, Andrea Douglas, Harold and Debbie Dutton, and Christine Earl 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. Stephen on-the-Mount, Hamilton, The Reverend Naomi Kabugi, Rector, The Reverend Canon Bob Brownlie, Honorary Assistant, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Principal, faculty, students, and staff of the Vancouver School of Theology, and The Principal-Dean, faculty, students, and staff of Martin Luther University College. Remember those who died in war and pray for renewed commitment to work for peace.

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.



**IN HONOUR OF THE MEN OF THIS PARISH WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN
THE GREAT WAR
1914-1918**

EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Private Robert Best 2nd Battalion Central Ontario Regiment
Private Robert Houghton 15th Battalion Ontario Regiment
Private Thomas Houghton 4th Battalion Central Ontario Regiment
Private William Mercer 2nd Battalion Central Ontario Regiment
2nd Lieutenant Norman Nelles 1st Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment
Private Harry Pierre 18th Battalion Central Ontario Regiment
Bugler Gordon Blake Ryan 92nd Battalion Highlanders Central Ontario Regiment
Sgt. Reginald Thomas 20th Battalion Stretcher Bearer Central Ontario Regiment

**IN HONOUR OF THE MEN OF THIS PARISH WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE
SECOND WORLD WAR
1939-1945**

Flying Officer Clare Arthur Connor DFC Royal Air Force
Pilot Officer Albert Digby Cooper Royal Canadian Air Force
Captain George C.E. Dinwiddie Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment Canadian
Intelligence Corp
Trooper John Grimstead Three Rivers Regiment Canadian Armoured Regiment
Flying Officer George Scott Royal Canadian Air Force



MUSIC NIAGARA FESTIVAL | 2022

Remembrance Day Concert

November 11 @ 12 pm (noon) at St. Mark's Church in
Niagara on the Lake

Admission is free. A cash donation is appreciated.
All proceeds will go to the "Last Post Fund" - Indigenous
Veterans Initiative. CASH donations can be made when arriving at St. Mark's.
We ask that you bring a non-perishable food item to the event.
Food donations go to "Newark Neighbours" food bank and will
be collected from St. Mark's after the performance.



***Turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed
on***

Saturday November 5th, 2022

THIS IS ALSO A GREAT TIME TO :

- PUT NEW BATTERIES IN YOUR SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS
 - REMOVE EXPIRED ITEMS FROM YOUR REFRIGERATOR
 - REPLACE EXPIRED ITEMS IN YOUR FIRST AID KIT
 - CHECK FLASHLIGHT BATTERIES
 - CHECK YOUR FURNACE FILTER
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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 30 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.

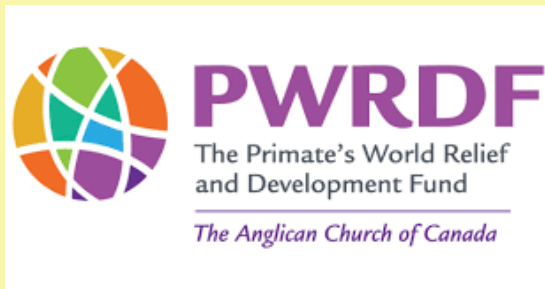
All proceeds go to St. Mark's Church

Bethany Mennonite Church Bazaar

Saturday November 12, 2022

10:00 a.m.
572 East & West Line
Virgil

office@bethanymennonite.ca 905-468-8505



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Christmas Cards 2022



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.

Celebration of Life

for Elisabeth Fischer

November 5, 2022

**1 pm
Addison Hall**

The family invites you to come and share your memories and bring your stories of this remarkable woman.



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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