



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 134th Edition - October 28, 2022



From the Rector

Dear Friends,

"Ask not for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for thee," John Donne famously wrote. The image would have been familiar to his first readers—much more so than it is for us. Before technology made communication easy, church bells were tolled for many reasons, one of them being when someone died. The sex of person was denoted by the number of tells (strokes): three times three for men and three times two for women. Over time

the term "tellers" was corrupted into "tailors"—hence the title of Dorothy Sayers's *The Nine Tailors*, a murder mystery in which campanology is a major feature.

But bells were used for other reasons, too. They were used to summon people to church and they were used to alert the faithful to certain important moments of the mass. Some of us have been to the Musée d'Orsay in Paris where Millet's famous painting *The Angelus* is on permanent display. It shows two workers with heads bowed and hands clasped praying silently as the church bell in the distance chimes the Angelus, signifying the end of the work day.

During the service itself, the bells were tolled at various times during the Canon of the Mass (what we now call the Eucharistic Prayer.) First, there was a "warning bell" rung to signify that the bread and wine were about to be consecrated. Then there were bells as the bread and wine were elevated high by the celebrant. Finally there were bells to denote the conclusion of the prayer. All of this was done because the people in church could neither hear the prayer (it was said silently—or at least *sotto voce*—by the celebrant) and even if they could have heard it, they wouldn't have understood it since the priest spoke in Latin.

The necessity of all of these things was obviated by the Reformation. But they still are used, even if in symbolic and ceremonial ways. On Sunday, I am beginning an experiment with bells. Not only will we continue to ring the bell before the service, we're also going to have a "warning bell" and bells after the consecration of the bread and wine. This won't be a weekly practice, but will be used at the great festivals such as All Saints, which we are celebrating on Sunday.

And speaking of All Saints, don't forget to email the names of loved ones who have died

since November 1, 2021. **PLEASE** email me, not Erin in the office. These names will be read during the Eucharistic prayer itself rather than the Prayers of the People. It's a beautiful and moving practice.

I can think of no better ending for this message than the final stanza of A E Housman's Bredon Hill:

*The bells they sound on Bredon
And still the steeples hum,
"Come all to church good people,"—
Oh, noisy bells, be dumb;
I hear you, I will come.*

Grace and peace,
Leighton

From the Wardens

This Sunday is All Saints' Day, when we remember those we have lost over the past year, and previously as well. With all that is going on in the world, we must not forget those who have departed.

The annual poppy campaign is starting. You will see veterans and Legion members at many locations in NOTL. Please donate generously as these donations support our veterans in many ways. A reminder also that our Remembrance Day Service will be on the November 6th. The Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov. 11th is at the Cenotaph at 10:45 am. Afterwards, a free concert by Music Niagara, in partnership with St. Mark's, will take place at noon in our Church. Cash donations are appreciated and will support the Last Post Fund, Indigenous Veterans Initiative. Non-perishable food donations for Newark Neighbours will also be collected.

The last three years we have asked parishioners and donors to consider being part of a 13th month extra giving. It has helped in the past and we encourage you to do that again before December 31st to have it included in your donation receipt.

The first session of our Mission Action Plan will take place on November 3rd. We will be holding three more one-hour sessions. The four areas of planning are: Adult Faith Formation, Reshaping parish culture to enable ministry, fullness of life in the neighbourhood, and Prioritizing the Mission Action Plan. These will be worthwhile, interesting and important meetings. We encourage everyone to participate and determine the areas of focus for St. Mark's.

Another reminder that we have coffee hour after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service. Please stay and enjoy some fellowship. Thanks to Rita Brown and her team for doing this each Sunday.

An Afternoon Tea and Christmas Tree Trimming is scheduled for December 15th, 2022 in Addison Hall. A time has yet to be determined, but will be published in the E-News when it has been decided.

We really hope to see more of you back regularly to your Church. Music is once again a significant part of the service with the choir back, Father Leighton's choice of hymns and the leadership of James Bourne our choirmaster and organist.

Remember "where this a Will there is a way to help St. Marks" . If you need any information or questions regarding Wills or Gifting ,please contact your Wardens.

Watch our E-News for more upcoming events.

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

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, John MacBeth, Steve Hinchliffe

Reader - Wendy Steel

Intercessor - Gary Burroughs

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!

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

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Did you know...

That Robert Addison came to Canada in 1791 and he brought a silver chalice made in 1768 by Emick Romer of London? Addison had been appointed by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts to be "minister and missionary at Niagara."



Weekly Prayers

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Terence and Sandra Davis, Cort Day, Jane De Munnich, and Fred Dixon 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. Michael, Hamilton, The Reverend Jonathon Forbes, Rector, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Rt. Rev. Leslie Wheeler-Dame, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Yukon, and The president, faculty, students, and staff of Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon.

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!

St Mark's November Communion and Breakfast (MCB)

will be held on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, with Holy Communion in the church at 8:00 a.m. followed by a scrumptious breakfast cooked by Gary Burroughs. Breakfast cost will be

\$10 each, a real deal!

Last month, our MCB was cancelled out of an abundance of caution due to an outbreak of COVID19 in our congregation. You can be assured that we will not hold the event if we feel there is a health risk.

Please RSVP gregoryfwalker@gmail.com if you plan to join us so Gary knows how many to cater for.

P.S. Bring a buddy!

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

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.



PWRDF responds to Hurricane Fiona

PWRDF is saddened to see the devastation and destruction wrought by Hurricane Fiona on so many communities in Eastern Canada. From the Magdalen Islands in Quebec to Port aux Basques, N.L., the stories of loss and survival are cause for prayer.

[Click here to go to PWRDF Website](#)

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