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## E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 130th Edition - September 30 , 2022

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### From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Yesterday was the feast of Michael and All Angels. The English word “angel” is derived from the Greek word *aggelos* which means messenger. It also reminds me of something the diarist Lady Diana Cooper, a close friend of Waugh’s, once wrote to her son about her friend Evelyn Waugh: “He is a bad man for whom an angel is struggling.”

There’s no doubt that life can be a struggle, and choosing the right thing, the Godly thing—to respond to the better angels of our nature—is inevitably to be in opposition with baser things, with devilish motives and self-serving interests. We can either strive to climb up higher to God or choose to let go and tumble down, down, down.

And that, by and large, is what we have done because it’s so easy to let go, and to let ourselves go, both individually and corporately and to give in and give up and become fatalistic to the point where we say, in effect, “Why bother? *Après moi le déluge.*” There’s no doubt it takes far more effort and grit to hang on—and to hang in. Thus, since we struggle between acquiescence and aspiration, we find ourselves in a perpetual state of war: war within ourselves, war within our families, war within our communities. Yet this need not be our eternal fate, nor does it even have to be our lot in this present age because we do have a choice: a choice to turn away from these demons and toward those better angels.

Our sacred tradition tells us that that which was perfect—heaven on earth—was corrupted by human ambition, ego, and vanity. But, more importantly, it tells us that it was also redeemed by divine compassion, selflessness, and humility—qualities you and I are called to embody since we’re also—whether we like it or not—the Church’s angels. Its messengers. So we need to think seriously about what kind of angel we will be and what sort of message we will proclaim. Will it be one of sour, sectarian self-satisfaction which stubbornly proclaims that future hope lies in recovering past glories? Or will it be one of eager, expectant hope which inspires people to live in a way that future promises are given priority?

Grace and peace,  
Leighton

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## **From the Wardens**

We begin this with what we know was a wonderful Celebration of Life for Gillian MacKay. Gillian was a very special person and parishioner at our Church. Her years of being our Administrator made this role function smoothly.

October begins with many events. There is the Men's Breakfast which you can read about below. And we're all looking forward to the very interesting, informative, and enjoyable afternoon with Ben Heppner and his wife on October 17<sup>th</sup>. You can also read about this below.

Next week the office will be sending out information for our Thanksgiving Services.

Music Niagara and St. Marks are jointly sponsoring a November 1th Concert. More details will be forthcoming in our next E-News.

Parish Council will meet on Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> to begin our Mission Action Plan program. This will be followed up with four parish meetings to discuss the future direction of St. Marks. We will be publishing more information and dates after the first meeting. For those who would like to learn more beforehand please visit the Diocese website. To date there are over 30 parishes who have completed or are in the process of completing their Mission Action Plan.

As we mentioned last week, we are receiving a number of rental requests for both Addison Hall and the use of our commercial kitchen. Our rates are very competitive and our facilities are fully accessible, making us a very attractive venue.

Thank you to a few more greeters and counters that have volunteered. It certainly helps spread the commitment out.

As your Wardens we always appreciate hearing from you with any concerns, ideas and suggestions. If we are not aware, then we cannot help. Communication is extremely important in every organization and St. Mark's is no different.

We know many of us have family and friends in Florida as well as those who spend part of their winters there. We pray for their safety during this ongoing disaster.

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

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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.

### ***Live-Stream Sunday Services***

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

### ***On Duty this Week***

Greeter(s) - John MacBeth, Steve Hinchliffe

Reader - Wendy Steel

Intercessor - Wendy Steel

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](#)

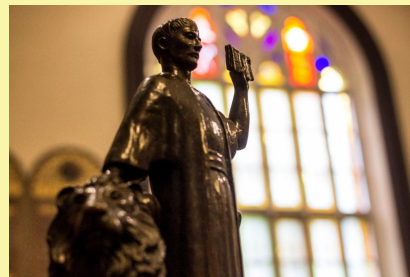
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## ***Did you know....***

That the bronze figure of St. Mark with a lion, the centrepiece of the baptismal font cover, is the work of a prominent Canadian sculptor Jacobine Jones? The base is a solid block of Queenston limestone designed by former parishioner Peter John Stokes, notable Canadian Restoration Architect.



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## **Weekly Prayers**

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Gill Bryan, Keith and Mary Bullen, and Gary and Sarah Burroughs 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. James, Dundas, The Reverend Canon Leslie Gerlofs, Rector; The Reverend Deacon Ann Vander Berg, Deacon,

and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, Bishop, and clergy and people of the Diocese of British Columbia, and The Dean, council, and congregations of the Lower Mainland Region of the British Columbia Synod. Remember Missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA people and their families and pray for an end to gender based violence.

We pray for those who have died, especially Keith Simmonds.

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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**

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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## **Calling All Men!**

The October men's communion and breakfast will be held next Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am in the church, followed by a cooked breakfast in the Parish Hall. If you would like to join us, please contact Greg Walker: [gregorywalker@gmail.com](mailto:gregorywalker@gmail.com), phone (905) 262-6605.

## **HOPE TO SEE YOU ON WEDNESDAY!**

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## **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.

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## **Save the Date!**

St. Mark's is delighted to re-launch our Speaker Series this October with a very special event: "Our Secret Heart: Ben Heppner in Conversation With Karen Heppner."

Now retired from singing, legendary Canadian tenor Ben Heppner has carved out a niche for himself as a radio personality and sought-after speaker. He will be at St. Mark's to talk to his wife - and us - about his career as one of the world's most renowned tenors, life in the world of opera, and his personal faith.

This event will be on Monday, October 17 at 3:30 pm. Tickets are \$35. There will be a limited number of VIP tickets (\$60 each) for a reception with Ben and Karen following the event.

Tickets will be available beginning Monday October 3, 2022.



## 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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