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## E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 138th Edition - November 25th, 2022

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### **From the Rector**

#### **From the Rector will return next week**

Grace and peace,

Leighton

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### **From the Wardens**

Your Wardens letter is not to preach. That is our Rector's role. However, we can share our thoughts from time to time. St. Mark's, like many churches today, needs to encourage folks to return to the pews. It is an issue for all long-standing denominations. We cannot ignore the facts. We must be inviting and welcoming. We must encourage participation and be good listeners in order to find solutions.

We can have great fundraising events like the Cherry Festival, Christmas bake sales, special parishioner gatherings, coffee after Sunday services and sherry served once a month. We have an enthusiastic "Kitchen team" who provide much needed funeral receptions, birthday gatherings and next week, lunch for the two days of the Rotary Holiday House Tour. We have a great event team led by Greg Walker and the "Group of seven."

Despite these positives, we once again are facing the challenges presented by Covid and flu season. Many people are concerned about gathering in large groups. This, in addition to masking, makes people hesitant about coming to church. Get a booster. Get a flu shot. And how about the new pneumonia shot? Our arm is getting sore, but we cannot risk not keeping up with the vaccinations.

We remain positive about our future as do many of our parishioners. So maybe 40 to 50 people in the pews on a Sunday is great. We will begin live streaming our services on December 4th which will once again attract viewers from near and afar. The potential is remarkable, based on the examples set by churches that successfully offer weekly online

services in Canada and elsewhere.

Food for thought? As always, we want our letter to stir the thinking on what St. Mark's is and what its parishioners are experiencing. Please share your thoughts and ideas.

**A reminder of our 13th month request.**

As the end of 2022 draws near, you may require an extra tax receipt. If so, please consider donating to St. Mark's.

Also, if you would like to discuss a specific donation or "where there is a Will there is a way," please contact the Rector or one of the wardens.

Thank you for your consideration to these matters.

OLD AGE COMES AT A BAD TIME

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**Robert (Bob) George White passed away on November 22, 2021, in St. Catharine's.  
A funeral for Mr. White will be held at St. Mark's Church on December 3, 2022, at 3 p.m. followed  
by a reception in Addison Hall.**

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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.

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

Greeter(s) - Allan Magnacca, Erin McKinley

Reader - Wes Turner

Intercessor - Diane Turner

Altar Guild -Peggy Walker, Susan Baxter and 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](#)

[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".

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

... that the first minister of St. Mark's, Robert Addison, built his home, Lake Lodge,

about 1795. It is located at the edge of Lake Ontario near where Konzelman winery now stands.



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## Weekly Prayers

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Bill and Patty Garriock, Joy Gilchrist, Janice Gore, Dean Gould 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. Christopher, Burlington, The Reverend Canon Dr. Penny Anderson, Rector; The Reverend Hollis Hiscock, Honorary Assistant, and the people of that parish.

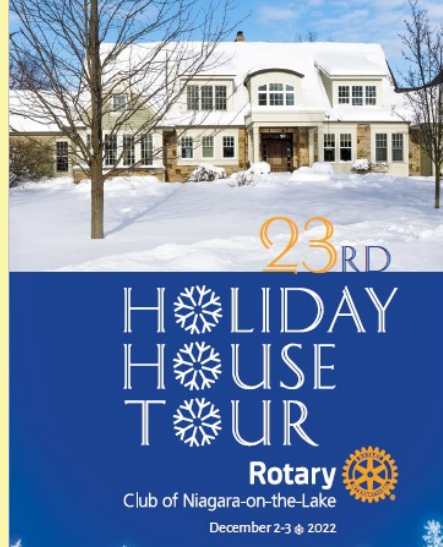
In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Canada and the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

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## *St. Mark's Christmas Services*

Christmas Eve 5 p.m.  
Christmas Day 10:30 a.m.





**WELCOME TO THE 23RD ANNUAL  
ROTARY HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR  
December 2nd and 3rd, 2022**

This year's Rotary International theme is 'Imagine Rotary'. Just Imagine what we can accomplish together through our efforts to make the 2022 Holiday House Tour truly exceptional. With the ravages of COVID-19 now waning, hopefully we can again gather in safety and turn our attention to enjoying the holiday season with friends, family, and fellow well-wishers.

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***St. Mark's Festive Bake Sale***

Addison Hall

***Thursday December 15th, 2022 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.***

Everyone is invited to make cookies, loaves, tarts, cakes, scones, brownies, fudge, nuts, pastries, jams and preserves for this merry event.

Please contact Kathy Taylor ([kathytaylor2536@gmail.com](mailto:kathytaylor2536@gmail.com)/905-468-2536) to let her know what sweet or savoury goodies you will be contributing.

Volunteers are always welcome to join in the festive fun. Please contact Greg Walker ([gregoryfwalker@gmail.com](mailto:gregoryfwalker@gmail.com)/905-262-6605) if you would like to assist in any capacity.

***Wishing Glad Christmas Tidings to All.***



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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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## Volunteers are needed December 2nd and December 3rd at St. Mark's Rotary Holiday Tour

to assist **Andrea Douglas in greeting visitors** eager to see our historic and beautiful church. **Please contact the office or email Andrea at [adouglas@bell.net](mailto:adouglas@bell.net).**

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If you prepare a bone in ham, please consider **donating** the bone and any leftover ham to "**St. Mark's Winter Kitchen**". Those who donate will receive a 1 litre container of pea soup.

**Volunteers are also needed to work in the winter kitchen.**

**St. Mark's Winter Kitchen** will be preparing pea soup, tomato sauce, cottage pies, pickled beets and lasagna.

**Please**

**call the office if interested in volunteering.**

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**PIE AND JAM MAKERS REQUIRED**



Cherry Jam makers are required for two sessions in January OR February.  
Cherry Pie makers are required for four sessions in April 2023.

If you are interested in joining a jam or pie making team please contact

Diane Turner  
at  
19ab39@gmail.com  
289-362-1827

**Newcomers are welcome!**



St. Saviour's  
Queenston

The Brock Memorial Church

Seasonal  
Carols and Readings

Featuring

The Newark Singers

(Conductor: Michael Tansley)

Sunday December 18th, 2022 4 p.m.

Please join us! Free Admission! Freewill Offering



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