



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 260th Edition April 11th, 2025



From the Rector

Dear Friends,
This Lent, my Friday meditations are coming to you as short videos. Click the link below to view this week's.

<https://youtu.be/yrsaOFr3wXQ>

Also note the schedule of Holy Week services below. There is a service every day of the week (except Saturday) with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday being the most solemn and important ones (aside from Easter Day, of

course!) I pray that you'll make attendance at these services a priority this week. They are transformative.

I'm also delighted that the Very Rev'd Peter Wall, a good friend of the parish, will be with us on Good Friday,

**Grace and peace,
Leighton**

HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES 2025

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Sung Eucharist

Monday, April 14

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, April 15

10:30 a.m. Blessing of Oils, Renewal of Vows and Holy Eucharist
(at Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton - 252 James Street North)
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 16
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday
5:00 p.m. *The Maundy Ceremonies*

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday
12 noon *The Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion*

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Day
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Dear Friends,

It is my sad duty to inform you that Helmut Hammerling died on Wednesday, April 9th. The funeral, followed by burial in St. Mark's Cemetery, will take place on

Saturday, April 12th at 2 p.m.

A reception will follow in Addison Hall.

Please pray for the repose of his soul, and his wife Maggie, their children, and their families.

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love but see no longer. Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Faithfully yours,
The Rev'd Leighton Lee
Rector**



Lent is a significant period in the Christian faith dedicated to reflection and penitence. During Lent many people engage in daily devotional readings to foster deep soul-searching. Music, too, offers a powerful non-verbal means of accessing one's inner emotions and facilitating a profound introspection of the soul.

To support a musical approach to your Lenten journey, I am providing a daily musical reflection video for each of the 40 days of Lent.

These videos were released on Ash Wednesday, March 5, and will continue until the evening of Palm Sunday. Please click on the photo on St. Mark's website to enjoy a daily organ piece inspired by Lenten hymns and scriptural themes, composed by musicians from the early Baroque period to contemporary times. You will see and hear the organs of St. Mark's, and I will provide a short introduction to each piece for context.

Sundays in Lent are less somber as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. To represent this, videos of organ music recorded in some of the larger churches in London, Guelph, Toronto, and St. Catharines will be shown.

I invite you to take a moment to share your thoughts on the music we've experienced together. Consider the emotions the pieces stirred within you—did they evoke joy, nostalgia, or perhaps reflection? Did any melodies resonate with a biblical story or touch upon a significant moment in your journey? Your insights are incredibly valuable, and I genuinely want to hear from you.

Your thoughts matter! We invite you to take just a minute to share your comments at michaelbloss@hotmail.com. Your insights can significantly deepen our understanding of the music's impact and help shape the conversation around it.

I hope these musical vignettes become a meaningful part of your Lenten practice.



Michael Bloss
Director of Music

In memory of...

Easter grants us the opportunity to create a breathtaking floral display that will enhance the beauty of our church and serve as a heartfelt tribute to our beloved family and friends. Join us and help create a stunning tribute that reflects love, remembrance, and togetherness.

Traditionally, these floral displays are made possible through generous donations from our congregation.

We invite you to participate.

You'll find envelopes in the church, making it easy for you to donate. Hand your envelope to one of our friendly greeters, and they will ensure it reaches the office. If it's easier for you, please contact Erin in the church office to arrange your donation.

The deadline to make donations is Thursday, April 17th, 2025.

(Be sure to include *"In Memory of"* and *"From"* on your envelope.)



**St. Mark's Anglican Church
Niagara On The Lake**

**EASTER
CELEBRATION**

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH

Addison hall

**COME FOR EASTER CAKE SERVED WITH
COFFEE, TEA AND LEMONADE, WITH
SPECIAL EASTER TREATS FOR
CHILDREN.**

PLEASE JOIN US!



CANADA SUMMER JOBS GRANT

St. Mark's has once again been awarded a Canada Summer Jobs grant. This will enable us to welcome back Annalise, who did such a wonderful job last summer as Heritage Interpreter. She starts in June. More than 3,000 people from around the world visited St. Mark's last summer. We are grateful to the federal government for this financial support.

Join and support the Bishop's Company

Bishop Susan Bell has put out a call to invite the parishioners of St. Mark's to join her in the Bishop's Company. As a member of the Bishop's Company, you are supporting programs and initiatives within the Diocese of Niagara, including diocesan and parish ministries, the provision of emergency care for clergy, deacons, and licensed lay leaders, and bursaries for religious and leadership education. Your commitment also strengthens the Anglican community as resources are provided beyond our diocese for our fellow siblings in Christ.



Membership benefits include:

- Support for the Bishop's important pastoral ministry.
- Exclusive invitation to Bishop's Company's members-only events, **including the upcoming Annual Members Dinner on May 13, 2025!**
- Updates from Bishop Susan on the Bishop's Company Fund and diocesan matters.
- A charitable tax receipt.

To register as a member, simply visit <https://admin.niagaraanglican.ca/bishops-company/> and join now! If you would like to join by cheque – or would like to purchase a parish table for the dinner – please ask Erin McKinley for a registration form/brochure.

Should you have any questions, please contact Hannah Keller, Registrar for the Bishop's Company. She can be reached at hannah.keller@niagaraanglican.ca or by calling **905-527-1316 ext. 380**.

MEN'S COMMUNION AND BREAKFAST

You're invited to join us at the next Men's Communion and Breakfast, set for
Wednesday, May 7th at 8 a.m.

This is a fantastic opportunity to come together for fellowship, reflection, and a delicious breakfast.

It's a chance to connect with friends, meet new faces, and strengthen our community.
Plus, who can resist a great meal at the NOTL Golf Club?

We would love to see you there—mark your calendar and come share this special morning with us!

Please R.S.V.P. Greg Walker at: gregoryfwalker@gmail.com.

WE NEED DONATIONS

We invite you to consider donating your unwanted garden pots, statuary, artwork, china, household items, and decorative pieces for any occasion. We are pleased to accept gently used hats, purses, and scarves. (However, we will not accept shoes or boots.)

Additionally, we welcome outerwear, including vests, coats, and jackets. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and your contributions will make a positive difference. Thank you!

If you have something to donate, please contact Trudi Watson at trudi4566@gmail.com or call her at 905-468-3314.

Thank you for your kind consideration and support. Together, we can make this year's Cherry Festival the best yet!



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FINE AND COSTUME JEWELLERY

The Jewelry Committee has begun appraising, sorting, and pricing jewellery donations for

St. Mark's Cherry Festival on Sat. July 5th.

Donations of fine and costume jewelry, including bracelets, watches, earrings, necklaces, and rings, can be dropped off at the church office.

**A tax receipt will be given for articles
valued at and sold for more than \$100.00**

**Please ask family, friends, and neighbours to think of us when cleaning out
their jewelry boxes.**

**This is a significant task, and we do require volunteers.
Please consider volunteering.**

If you can help, please get in touch with Carolyn Porter at:

carolyn.porter@sympatico.ca



Join Us for Pie Making!
Your Help is Needed!

We are calling on **all volunteers** to help make delicious pies for the upcoming Cherry Festival.

The first session kicks off this coming **Monday, April 14th**, and we would be thrilled to have you on board.

Your participation makes a tangible difference.

Every pair of hands counts.

We truly need your support.

Whether you're a seasoned pie maker or a complete beginner, your contribution will be invaluable.

If you can lend a hand, it would mean the world to us!

Please let Diane Turner know if you can attend:
289-362-1827 or email at 19ab39@gmail.com.



There will be 4 pie-making sessions held in
Addison Hall from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM
on the following
Mondays:

April 14th
April 28th,
May 5th.
and
May 12th

Donations of funds would also be appreciated.

If you have any questions contact Diane Turner at 289-362-1827 or email at 19ab39@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!

Send us your old photos!

Who doesn't relish a delightful journey down memory lane? There's something magical about flipping through old photographs—they can transport us back to moments filled with laughter and nostalgia.

If you have captured a moment that tells a captivating story, brings a smile to your face, or showcases something wonderfully unique, we're eager to see it! And let's not forget the rich history of St. Mark's; we would love to see your treasured old photographs featuring the people that make our St. Mark's community special. Share your memories with us and celebrate the moments that shaped our lives!

Send your pictures to the office, and they could be spotlighted in our upcoming issues.

Parish Updates

In-Person Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist [Watch the live stream on YouTube](#)

On Duty this Week

April 13 - Greeter(s) - Steve Hinchliffe, Trudi Watson and Earle Waugh

Reader - Donna Belleville

Intercessor - Bob Cross

Altar Guild - Peggy Walker, Susan Baxter and Diane Turner

Server - John Shaver

Order of Service

The Order of Service can be found on our website: [Order of Service Website Page](#)

Church Bells

A reminder to all that the Church Bells play on Sundays at 12:05 p.m. Enjoy!

Staying Up to Date!

Click on this link to find this and recent copies of our E-News: [Visit our recent E-Newsletters](#)

Click on this link to view our: [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".

Prayer Cycles - We pray for:

In St. Mark's parish: Wes and Diane Turner, Peggy Walker, and Greg and Dorothy Walker and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: St. Alban the Martyr, Acton, The Reverend Michael Mernagh, Priest-in-Charge, and the people of that parish.

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer: The Provincial Synod of the

Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario; the congregations of the Central Manitoba area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod; and the Rt. Rev. Amy Gohdes-Luhman, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province.

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