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## E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 258th Edition April 4th, 2025

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### 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/4G4BZ7azWec>

**Grace and peace,  
Leighton**

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### **SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING THIS SUNDAY**

A Special Vestry will take place on Sunday, April 6, following the 10:30 a.m. service to elect a People's Warden.

No other business will be considered or conducted at the meeting.

Though Wardens are called "Rector's Warden" and "People's Warden," this does not imply any priority or distinction of duties. The two wardens, along with the rector, form the Corporation of the parish with perpetual succession. The difference in nomenclature simply describes how the wardens arrive in office: one is appointed by the rector and the other is elected by the people.

Nominations are now being sought from the parish for this important role. Nominations forms are available in the office. If you would like to nominate someone, please make sure you have their permission.

If you want to know more about the work of the Corporation in general and the Wardens in particular, contact the office.

**Sunday, April 13 – *Palm Sunday***

8:30 am Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Liturgy of the Palms and Sung Eucharist

**Monday, April 14**

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

**Tuesday, April 15**

10:30 am Blessing of Oils, Renewal of Vows and Holy Eucharist  
(at Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton – 252 James Street North)

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

**Wednesday, April 16**

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

**Thursday, April 17 – *Maundy Thursday***

5:00 pm 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 am Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Sung Eucharist



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**

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### **Another blast from the (St. Mark's) past**

#### **The year was 1958 ...**

**Rosamund Hennessey** brought in this fantastic picture, and we could not wait to share it with all of you. Rosamund recognized several familiar faces, and their names are listed below. But wait—there are a few names missing, and we need your help! Help us solve the mystery and fill in those blanks. Dive in and let's celebrate the moments captured in this amazing photo! Who do you think it could be? □

**FIRST ROW L to R** - Bobby Zoeger, John Coltart, Timmy Rigg, Curlena Rigg, Maureen Jones (behind Curlena Rigg), Rosamund Hennessey, Sarah (Rigg) Burroughs, Cathy Ansley, Brian Archer, and John Morgan

**BACK ROW L to R** - Choirmaster Don Corbett, Mary Walsh, Beverley Lees, Dorothy Lees, Grace Smith, Maxted Coltart, Brian Harrison



☐ **\*\*Calling All Creative Minds!\*\*** ☐

We want to feature YOU in our next E-News edition! If you've captured a moment that tells a story, brings a smile, or showcases something unique, we'd love to see it!

Send your captivating pictures to the office, and you could be spotlighted in our upcoming issue.

Don't miss this chance to share your creativity with our community!  
Let's make E-News even more exciting together! ☐

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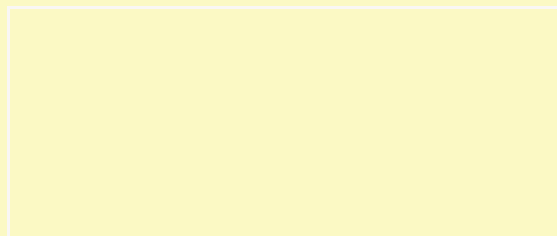
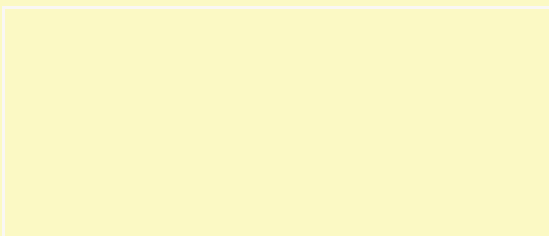
**This Easter, we have a wonderful opportunity to create a breathtaking display of flowers that will not only beautify our church but can also honour the loved ones we hold dear.**

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

**If you would like to be a part of this meaningful gesture, please consider donating. There are envelopes conveniently located in the church pews. You can place your envelope in the hands of one of our friendly greeters, or if you prefer, 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!**



**WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS**

We invite you to consider donating your unwanted garden pots, statuary, artwork, china, household items, and decorative pieces for any occasion. We are also pleased to accept gently used hats, purses, and scarves. (However, we ask that you refrain from donating 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](mailto: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!



And.....



**DONATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR  
FINE AND COSTUME JEWELLERY**

**The Jewelry Committee begins the job of appraising, sorting, and**

pricing donations in April to be ready for  
**St. Mark's Cherry Festival on Sat. July 5th.**

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

A tax receipt will be given for articles  
valued and sold over \$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 are always pleased to welcome volunteers.**

**Please consider volunteering.**

**Your contribution will have a powerful impact!  
If you can help please contact Carolyn Porter at:**

**[carolyn.porter@sympatico.ca](mailto:carolyn.porter@sympatico.ca)**

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**We are thrilled to announce that the  
St. Mark's Cherry Festival takes place on  
Saturday, July 5, 2025.**



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**

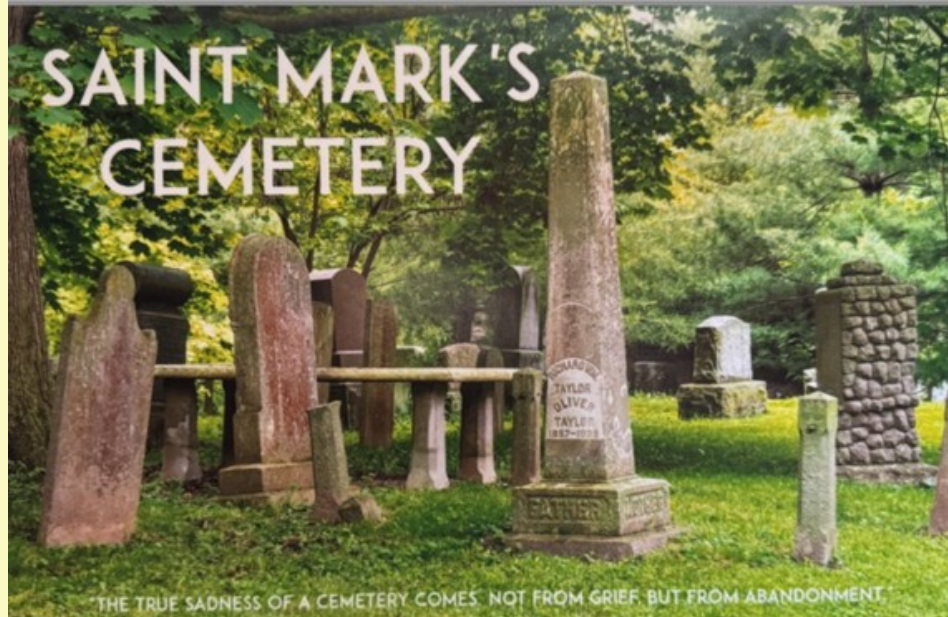
We do require volunteers. When contacted by Bev Lees or Sue Baxter, please respond with a **"YES"** if you can help.

**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](mailto:19ab39@gmail.com).

**Thank you for your support!**

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### **A New St. Mark's Publication**

There has been a burial ground in this location since at least 1782, when Leonard Plank, a retired soldier of Butler's Rangers, was interred here. Until the mid-1830s, it served as the final resting place for all the town's people, young and old, as well as ordinary and prominent individuals. More than 2,000 lie here in this idyllic plot of land close to Fort George and the mouth of the mighty Niagara. Monuments of various sizes of marble, granite, slate, and many more styles proclaim the stories of lives lived. This is an extraordinarily historic and beautiful place and one of significance for all Canadians.

Cosmo Condina, a prominent photographer of international reputation, grew up in our town and knows the cemetery well. During the summer of 2024, encouraged by Sally Mitchell, with his trusty Hasselblad in hand, he focused his trained and astute eye and so captured images, not only of the essence of our cemetery and its history, but more importantly, he caught the spirit of the lives of those here interred.

This superb 50 page publication will be digitally printed by Carruthers Printery of Smithville on 100 lb. Creator Silk paper and hardbound with hinge pages stab-stitched by Van Huizen Bindery of St. Catharines. Never before has our cemetery been so perfectly captured on film and



professionally presented. Profits from the sale of this publication will aid with St. Mark's Cemetery's ongoing tree maintenance and monument restoration programmes.

We invite interested and supportive individuals to become patrons of this unique publication. Patron's names will be listed in the front of the editioned volumes. A large portion of the patron's donation will be eligible for an income tax receipt. Patrons will receive their unique copies at a formal reception to be held in

**St. Mark's Addison Hall**  
**3:00 pm-5:00 pm**  
**on**  
**Thursday, May 22, 2025.**

**To ensure your patronage, and for  
further information, contact:**

**Donald Combe at**  
**[donalddcombe@me.com](mailto:donalddcombe@me.com)**  
**905 932 4175**

*or*

**Sally Mitchell at**  
**[semithcell@cogeco.ca](mailto:semithcell@cogeco.ca)**  
**905-468-5801**

**Patron's Contribution: Two hundred dollars**

**Your two hundred dollar cheques can also  
be given to Erin in the office**

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#### **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 6 - Greeter(s) - Jo-Anne Hill and Ian Russell**

**Reader - Wendy Steel**

**Intercessor - Wendy Steel**

**Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize and Dorothy Walker**

**Server - Virginia Mainprize**

### **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".

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### **Prayer Cycles - We pray for:**

**In St. Mark's parish:** Wendy Steel, Trevor Straker, Kathy and Tim Taylor, and Harriet Tunmer and their families.

**In the Niagara Diocese:** St. David's, Welland, The Venerable Terry Holub, Rector; The Reverend Deacon Richard Middleton, Deacon; and the people of that parish.

**In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer:** The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Metropolitan, and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario; the congregations of the Eastern area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod; and the Rt. Rev. J. Christian Giesler, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province.

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