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## E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 193rd Edition - December 22, 2023

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### From the Rector

We are close to Christmas, and preparations at home and church are well underway. Sunday will be a busy one at St. Mark's as we will observe the Fourth Sunday of Advent at the usual morning services at 8:30 and 10:30. Our good friend the Rev'd Dr Susan MacLaren will be preaching at both. The **Sung Eucharist for Christmas Eve** will be at **5 pm**, and I will be preaching.

I am delighted and excited that my brilliant former colleague [Dr Timothy Pyper](#) will be our organist at both the 10:30 am and 5 pm services on December 24. Tim and I worked together for five years at the Cathedral in Calgary. He now lives in Williamstown, MA and is making a diversion here on his way to visit family in Toronto. I hope you're planning on joining us at one of these services - or, better yet, at both!

There is one service only on **Christmas Day at 10:30 am**. This will be a said service (with a sermon) very much like the 8:30 am Sunday service. The midweek services will be suspended until Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank Virginia Mainprize and Gary Zanner who coordinated a large team of volunteers from the parish and beyond to help decorate both the tree and the church. It looks glorious!

Wherever you'll be this weekend, I wish you a very Merry Christmas with prayers for God's richest blessings and the deep peace of the season.

Grace and peace,  
Leighton

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**CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS 2023**



The flowers and decorations in the church  
are given to the glory of God and  
in loving memory of:

*Kelly M. James*  
from Janet James

*Murray and Betsy Lister*  
from their daughter Lynne Heaman

*Steve, Jack, and Alan Bennett*  
from Candace Bennett Walker

*Jack and Florence Bennett*  
from their daughter Candace Bennett Walker

*Mary Hazell*  
from her loving daughter Margaret Marotta

*Helen Davies (nee Hainer)*  
from Louise Davies

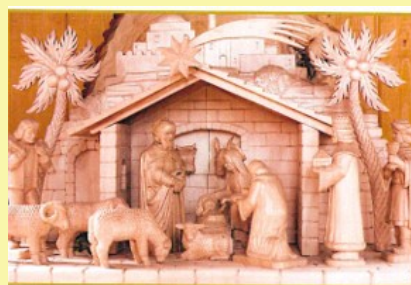
*Peter Wylie*  
from Eve Wylie

*William Bennett*  
from Jamie and Virginia Mainprize

*The Lees and Masters families*  
from Dorothy and Beverley Lees

*Anthony & Elizabeth Fischer*  
*Andy and Ruby McKee*  
From Rodney and Megan McKee

We thank you for  
decorating the Church so beautifully for Christmas.



**Christmas Eve service 5 p.m.**  
**Christmas Day services 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

**From the Wardens will return on January 5, 2024.**

## Parish Updates

### ***In-Person Sunday Services***

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

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

**December 24, 2023 5 p.m. - Greeter(s)** - Marilyn Bardeau and Steve Hinchliffe

**Reader** - Allan Louis

**Intercessor** - Jamie Mainprize

**December 25, 2023 - Greeter(s)** - Steve Hinchliffe

**Reader and Intercessor** - Gary Burroughs

**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](#)

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**December 24, 2023 Christmas Eve Service: 5 p.m.**  
**December 25 2023 Christmas Day Service: 10:30 a.m.**

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**Your printed donation envelopes for 2024 have arrived.**  
**Please come to the office for pick up.**

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**The Men's Communion Breakfast will resume on Wednesday January 10, 2024,** and will continue on the **first Wednesday of each month** going forward.  
Watch for details from Greg Walker to be posted here!

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**Gary Burroughs' Kitchen**  
Delicious items for sale include  
**Lasagna, Chicken-Vol-Au-Vent and Pea Soup, Stewed Tomatoes**  
**and**

**SOUPS ARE AVAILABLE - INQUIRE IN OFFICE**



In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for those who prepare and lead our worship, remembering especially The Reverend Leighton Lee, Rector; James Borne, Music Director; Altar Guild; Readers; Choir; and Greeters.

We pray for the sick, especially remembering Margaret Stimson, Terry, Jan Brown, Lisa, Sharon, Dick, Bev Garrett, Jodey Porter, Joshua, Ben Buholtz, Maggie Hammerling, Gail and Murray Paton, and Janis Manning.

We pray for those shut in their homes, Fred Habermehl, Fred Dixon, Selina Appleby, Joan Draper, and Alexander Hood.

In the Cycle of Prayer for the Niagara Diocese we pray for St. Paul, Jarvis, The Reverend Canon Richard Moore, Rector, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Rt. Rev. Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and the staff of Indigenous Ministries; the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples; Dawn Maracle, Indigenous Justice Animator, and Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the National Bishop, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; Peter Wall, Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship.

**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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