



## E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 298th Edition January 16th, 2026

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Dear Friends -

A familiar Biblical phrase says The Desert Shall Rejoice. In this week's meditation, I reflect on how like the desert, life must be cultivated and irrigated. You can watch it [here](#).

And if you prefer to read, the text can be found [here](#).

Grace and peace,  
Leighton

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On Sunday, January 25th, the Rector will give a special  
**"State of the Parish"**  
presentation after the 10:30 am service.

Come and hear about how we did in 2025, and what we're planning to do in 2026 - and why your support is vital.

The presentation will also help us prepare for Vestry, which will be on March 1st.

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**The office will continue to collect stewardship packages until the end of January 2026. If you have not filled out your package, [please do so](#) and return it to St. Mark's office.**

On December 11th, we sent out our **stewardship packages**, an important step in our journey together.

As you complete your package, remember that your contributions shape our shared vision and strengthen our community. Whether you choose to return it by giving it to Erin in the office, emailing it, calling it in, or putting it in the collection plate, know that every effort counts.

**Thank you for being an essential part of this journey!**

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**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**

January 18, 2026

**Greeter(s)**

8:30 a.m. - Steve Hinchliffe

10:30 a.m. - Trudi Watson and Earle Waugh

Reader - Penny-Lynn Cookson

Intercessor - Steve Hinchliffe

Altar Guild - Peggy Walker, Diane Turner and Susan Baxter

Server - Virginia Mainprize

Flowers -

**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 Calendar: [Visit our Calendar](#)

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**Prayer Cycles - We pray for:**

**In St. Mark's Parish:** Doug and Colleen Hunter, Gavin and Joyce Hames, Janet James, Jeanne Jennings, and their families.

**In the Niagara Diocese:** St. John, Burlington, The Reverend Stewart Carolan-Evans, Rector; and the people of that parish.

**In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer:** The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully, Director, and the staff of Faith, Worship, and Ministry; Bishop Carla Blakely, the people and rostered ministers of the Eastern Synod; The Rev. Melissa Johnson, president of the Eastern District Executive Board of the Moravian Church Northern Province; and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the ecumenical work and witness of our churches.

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**We invite you to honour the memories of your loved ones by donating memorial flowers at any time throughout the year.**

**Please submit your request to the office no later than the Wednesday before the Sunday you want the flowers displayed. This allows us time to include your tribute in both the Order of Service and the E-News.**

**If you wish to donate, please call Erin in the office.**

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