



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 196th Edition - January 19, 2024



From the Rector

WILL RETURN ON JANUARY 26th

Grace and peace,
Leighton

From the Wardens

So it is cold and miserable! Watching the news, we see war zones, homes and villages demolished, starvation, lives destroyed, families lost or dispersed. All this reaches us while we fuss over the cold and snow. Are we not extremely fortunate?

Bishop Susan Bell has announced the results of a feasibility study on whether to proceed with a major fundraising campaign. There will be no campaign at this time. The study found anxiety, concern, a loss of confidence, a loss of the language of stewardship, and most of all that parishes are still in survival mode because of the "seismic" impact of the pandemic. For these reasons, plus others including a major staff transition in the Diocese's financial team, any campaign will be postponed, possibly for a year or 18 months. You may read the Bishop's letter [here](#).

Parish Council met Thursday. Among the items discussed was the community calling program where a team of parishioners will reach out to others in the parish. The committee is preparing for its initial 2024 meeting to introduce the new program. Thank you to those who have agreed to participate in this important parish work.

St. Mark's has many committees for various purposes. Some require a rotation of duties such as greeters and counters. Others have weekly responsibilities such as Altar Guild.

Cherry Festiva as we all know is a major undertaking. Then there is Property, keeping the gardens tidy, arranging cleanups and looking after maintenance. The volunteer needs are critical. A sign-up survey will be sent out shortly. Please take time to see where you can help. So much of what we do is not so much meetings, but activities. As so many found at the recent house tour lunch and Christmas sale, it is really fun.

Plans are moving along well for the Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13, under the leadership of Gary Burroughs. Please reach out to him if you will help.

See you in church!

As always, a reminder to advise the office of anyone who requires assistance, including a phone call, food delivery or some companionship. Even a chat over the fence!

Called to Life-Compelled to Love

Allan Magnacca
Andrea Douglas

Parish Updates

In-Person Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

On Duty this Week

January 21, 2024 - Greeter(s) - Doug and Colleen Hunter

Reader - Wendy Steel
Intercessor - Wendy Steel

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".

Pancake Supper **St. Mark's on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 13th 2024**

5 pm-7 pm

\$15.00

Enjoy pancakes, maple syrup, sausages and your choice of coffee or tea

Gary Burroughs has kindly offered to lead the event, and must assemble a team to ensure its success.

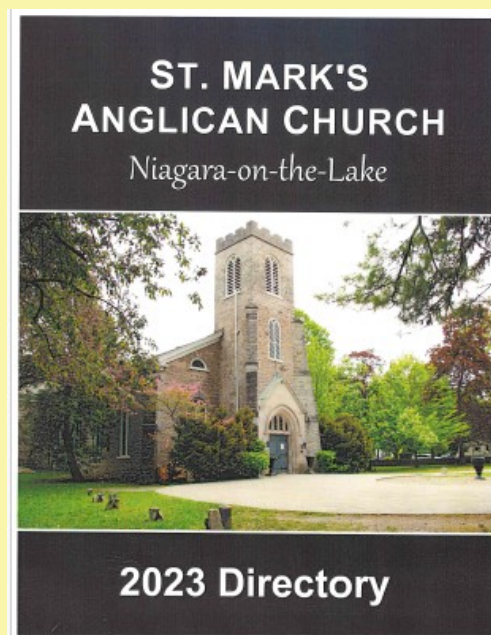
If you would like to **volunteer** please contact Gary at bookkeeperstmarks@gmail.com or call Erin in the office at 905-468-3123.



The St. Mark's Anglican Church 2023 Directory has arrived!

Please come to the office to pick up your copy.

(A reminder that the office is open Monday-Friday 9 am-2pm.)



You are entitled to receive a directory if you had your photograph taken by Universal Studios.

We have only a few copies for purchase at \$20.00.

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

William Brown

PERSPECTIVES: The Evolution of the Cosmos, Life, Humans, Culture and Religion and a Look into the Future

At St. Mark's, we know William Brown as Bill Brown. Bill will be presenting his book

'Perspectives'

in Addison Hall on Tuesday January 23, 2024 at 2 p.m.

'Perspectives' begins with discussion on the Evolution of the Cosmos followed by the Life of millions of Species; Evolution of Humans; Culture; Religion and a look into the Future - it is a journey through time.

With the creation of the universe to the beginnings of life, and our human origins, questions are often asked, "are there alternate universes," and "are we humans working towards mass extinction with our cultural and ethnic classes"?

If you are curious about understand ourselves as human beings and would like to join us and enjoy some fellowship, cookies and coffee, please contact

[Dorothy Walker @905 262 6605 or email walkerdorothy2021@gmail.com](mailto:walkerdorothy2021@gmail.com)

MEN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The next Men's communion Breakfast is scheduled for **Wednesday February 7, 2024** and the first Wednesday of each month going forward.

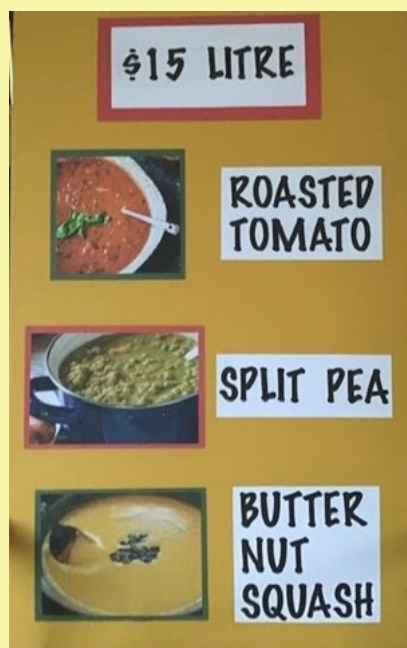
Watch for details here.

**Gary Burroughs' Kitchen
made a fresh batch of delicious lasagna.
Be sure to get yours before they are gone!**

Delicious items for sale also include
**Chicken-Vol-Au-Vent and Pea Soup, Stewed Tomatoes
and
Cottage Pie**

****Pop into the office to get your meals****

SOUPS ARE AVAILABLE - INQUIRE IN OFFICE



In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Joy Rogers, Patty Rowland, Ian and Jo-Anne Hill, and James Schuster and their families.

We pray for the sick, especially remembering Margaret Stimson, Terry, Jan Brown, Lisa, Sharon, Dick, Bev Garrett, Jodey Porter, Sean, 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. Mark, Orangeville, The Venerable Peter Scott, Rector; The Reverend Deacon Richard Beaudoin, Deacon; The Reverend Canon Lynne Thackwray, Honorary Assistant; The Reverend Canon Stephanie Pellow, Honorary Assistant, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully, Director, and the staff of Faith, Worship, and Ministry; Bishop Michael Pryse, the people and rostered ministers of the Eastern Synod; and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the ecumenical work and witness of our churches.

Did you know.....



...that Elizabeth Ascher, the woman best-known for looking after Polish soldiers who were training in Niagara-on-the-Lake during the First World War, will was born in Niagara-on-the-Lake? Mrs. Ascher was educated in the Niagara public schools and high school, and took an active part in the affairs of the town. During the first Great War she took a vital interest in Polish affairs and conducted a press campaign on behalf of the Polish army and the Polish nation. She collected money and clothing for Polish relief, and later for orphanages in Poland. In recognition of this service she was made a life member of the **Polish White Cross Society, the Women's Section of the National Polish Relief Committee and other organizations. She was awarded the Polonia Restituta, the highest**

civilian honour the government of Poland could give.

"The funeral of the late Mrs. E. C. Ascher, which was largely attended, was held on Wednesday afternoon last, the services at St. Mark's Church and at the graveside in the adjoining churchyard were conducted by Rev. C. H. E. Smith.

The casket bearers were Messrs. W. Patterson and W. W. Whittaker, of Gen. Nelles Branch of the Canadian Legion, and Leon Murszewski, Ignasus Kreinsek, T. Derlukiewicz, John Mucha, G. Borkowski, Frang Kunick, Polish veterans. Among those who attended the obsequies were J. S. Kaszubowski, representing the Polish consul at New York City; Bert Marshall, Earl Pond and Robert Downey, 35th Battalion Association, Toronto; Col. F. E. Fronszak, Health Commissioner of Buffalo; Mesdames T. Przewozna, H. Szejmejol, W. Kulaszewska, N. Hulecmis, F. Bazuiszewska, G. Ptuk and Miss Mary Zagrabaska, of the Ladies Auxiliary, Post No. 1 Polish Army Veterans, Buffalo."

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Elizabeth Ascher is buried in St. Mark's Cemetery. Unfortunately, her name was misspelled on her headstone. It should read "ASCHER".

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

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