



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 299th Edition January 23rd, 2026



Dear Friends,

This week, I'm thinking about how the way we live speaks volumes. You can see this week's mediation *Seeing is Believing* [here](#).

And if you want to read it instead, that can be found [here](#).

Grace and peace,
Leighton

The State of the Parish meeting scheduled for
Sunday, January 25,
is **cancelled**.

Many folks are unable to attend, and the weather forecast suggests that attendance may generally be a challenge for others.

Remember that Vestry is Sunday, March 1, 2026.



*The flowers in the church are given to
the Glory of God*

and
in loving memory of
Julia Hunter
from her father, Murray Hunter

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!



George Washington's Gardener and Other Strange Stories Buried In a Canadian Cemetery.

[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

Discover the captivating stories woven into the fabric of
St. Mark's Cemetery,
brought to life in a remarkable video produced by
Josh Kuhn and Donald Combe.

Did you know that President George Washington's gardener found his final resting place within these hallowed grounds?

What secrets lie behind the burial stone that once served as a chopping block for American soldiers?

Learn the intriguing tale of Brock's Seat (or Brock's Rock) and uncover the mystery of how it came to rest here.

Explore one of the last surviving Rifle Pits and immerse yourself in the rich history and fascinating facts that make
St. Mark's Cemetery

a unique treasure.

Join us on this exploration of the past, where every stone tells a story!

Click the link below to watch this wonderful short documentary.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bCODUul7oxw>

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

January 25, 2026

Greeter(s)

8:30 a.m. - David and Valmai Elkins

10:30 a.m. - Douglas and Colleen Hunter

Reader - Donna Belleville

Intercessor - Wendy Steel

Altar Guild - Eve Wylie and Gary Zanner

Server - John Shaver

Flowers - Gary Zanner

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](#)

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Prayer Cycles - We pray for:

In St. Mark's Parish: Peter and Nancy Kemball, Patrick and Jane Kierans, Patricia Kingdon, and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: St. Luke, Burlington, The Reverend Dr. Leonel Abaroa-Bolona, Pastoral Associate; The Reverend Michael Coren, Pastoral Associate; The Reverend Deacon Sheila Plant, Deacon; The Venerable Suzanne Craven, Honorary Assistant; The Reverend Carole Langlotz, Honorary Assistant; and the people of that parish.

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer: The Most Rev. David Edwards, Metropolitan, and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada; The Assistants to the Bishop and the staff of the Eastern Synod. The dean, council, and congregations of the Atlantic and Montreal Areas of the Eastern Synod, and The Rev. Jason Andersen, president of the Western District Executive Board of the Moravian Church Northern Province.

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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