



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 197th Edition - January 26th, 2024



From the Rector

Yesterday was Robbie Burns Day. But it was also the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. Next Friday will be Groundhog Day. But it will also be Candlemas - the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. This year Valentine's Day - February 14 - is also Ash Wednesday. And so it goes with all sorts of calendar days having different names and emphases, one secular and one sacred.

Some traditions, especially conservative Anglican ones, use two spellings to denote the difference: Calendar for the days and dates by which the world orders its affairs and Kalendar for the days and dates which mark the passing of the liturgical year.

But - does it matter? The earliest Christians seemed to think so. Christmas, for example, falls where it does not only because it happens at the darkest time of the year ("The light shines in the darkness," and all that) but also because this was the time of the Roman festival of Saturnalia, which was a festival where there was feasting and gift giving and general revelry in celebration of souls who had been "freed into immortality." And then there's Easter which comes after the Spring Equinox and the rebirth of life from the wintery ground. I could go on - but you get the point.

I think these dichotomies aren't particularly helpful, especially since they seem designed to remind Christians that we are to be *in* the world but not *of* the world. And I say that because doesn't our faith in fact call us to be *in* the world as agents of change, agents of God's love, agents of reconciliation? Jim Reeves used to sing "This world is not my home, I'm just a-passing through," but this world *is* our home and is where we encounter God not just in creation but in one another also. Luke records Jesus saying "The kingdom of God is among you," and we need to recognize the truth of this every day - no matter what the calendar calls it. No matter what we call it. For as the psalmist wrote, "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

See you in church!

Grace and peace,
Leighton

From the Wardens

Posters publicizing St. Mark's Pancake Supper are up at many locations around town thanks to the efforts of our parish administrator Erin and her husband Stephen. Even some businesses that don't usually post event signs wanted to help St. Mark's. A big thank you to all locations. We ask parishioners to spread the word about the supper on Tuesday, February 13 from 5-7 p.m. in the hall. Price \$15. The menu of pancakes and sausages includes maple syrup from White Meadows Farms in Pelham generously provided by two parishioners.

There was an excellent turnout on Tuesday for a presentation by Dr. Bill Brown on the evolution of the cosmos, life, humans, culture, and religion, and a look into the future. Thank you to Dorothy Walker for organizing this second talk in a series given by distinguished members of the church.

Looking ahead to the spring, planning is well underway for the Cherry Festival on July 6, and in particular the making of jam and pies. The jam making begins March 6. Cherry pies will be made over four weeks starting on April 15. Making the pies is an experience like no other as about 180 pies are made from scratch each week amidst much talking, laughter and fellowship. If you are new to St. Mark's, it is a wonderful way to get to know fellow parishioners. If you're a longtime member, it is a fun morning every week. Please consider helping, even if you have never held a rolling pin. There are lots of jobs that don't require this expertise. Training is provided!

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 28, 2024 - Greeter(s) - Doug and Colleen Hunter

Reader - Gary Burroughs
Intercessor - Jamie Mainprize

Altar Guild - Eve Wylie, Gene Anne Smith and Jennifer Smith

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.)

**ST. MARK'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH**

Niagara-on-the-Lake



2023 Directory

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.

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 and cottage pies!
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 John and Michelle Scott, John and Faye Shaver, and Brett Sherlock and James Booty 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. George, St. Catharines, The Reverend Canon Martha Tatarnic, Co-Rector; The Reverend Thomas Vaughan, Co-Rector; The Reverend Mike Degan, Assistant Curate; and The Reverend Dr. Doreen McFarlane, Ecumenical Honorary Assistant, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Most Rev. David Edwards, Metropolitan, and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, and the Dean, council, and congregations of the Atlantic and Montreal Areas of the Eastern Synod.

Did you know.....

..... that Mary Madden, wife of Royal Artillery gunner Dominic Henry, was born in Antrim Ireland, 1770. In 1803, shortly after being shipped back to a post in Niagara, Dominic became a retired pensioner and was appointed keeper of Mississaugua Lighthouse, built in 1804. It was the first lighthouse on the Great Lakes in the Town of Newark (Niagara-on-the-Lake). It was located on present-day Mississaugua Beach, within the grounds of what is now the Niagara on the Lake Golf Club.

On May 25, 1813 a large American Army made a destructive attack on Niagara which was soon to be known as the battle of Fort George. With American forces landing not far from the lighthouse, Mary and Dominic Henry found themselves in the front row of the battle between the small army of British, Canadian and Aboriginal allies against the massive American army.

Mary showed extraordinary bravery while tending to the wounded soldiers on the battlefield. A chronicler writes: "**Suddenly they saw a vision. Walking calmly through the shower of iron hail came Mary Madden Henry with hot coffee and food, seemingly as unconcerned... Time and again she went and came back with more sustenance, apparently guarded by some unseen angel from the peril that**

menaced her every step. Those who survived never forgot that day, nor the courage of Mary Henry."

After the war, Mary Henry was recognized by the **Loyal and Patriotic Society** for heroism and bravery in the face of danger. Thanks to her selfless deeds, Mary Henry saved many lives that night. They referred to her as "**a heroine not to be frightened**" and she was granted a gift of twenty-five pounds sterling, which, when adjusted for inflation, would be worth over £1,000 today.

Both Dominic and Mary Madden were interred in St. Mark's cemetery, but in unmarked graves.



Mississauga Lighthouse built in 1804.



Portrait of Mary Madden

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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