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## E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 270th Edition June 13, 2025

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### From the Rector

Dear Friends,

My Friday meditations are now filmed - not written. Click the link below to see this week's.

<https://youtu.be/7SFMhT1UsI8>

**Grace and peace,  
Leighton**

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### **\*\*\*EXCITING NEWS\*\*\***

## **NEW ITEMS ADDED TO THE CATALOGUE**

### *ST. MARK'S CHERRY FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION CATALOGUE*

We are pleased to present the St. Mark's Silent Auction Catalogue 2025.

Silent Auction items presented in this catalogue may be purchased before  
**The Cherry Festival.**

If you see something you would like to purchase, contact Erin in the office at  
905-468-3123 or email her at [stmarks@cogeco.net](mailto:stmarks@cogeco.net).

**[See the St. Mark's Silent Auction here!](#)**

**Please note that Lots 33, and 35 are NOT included in this Pre-Sale**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES**

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**St. Mark's needs your help.  
We require**

**PROPANE  
for the  
CHERRY FESTIVAL BBQ  
We need four tanks in total.**

**If you have a propane tank you would like to contribute, please call the office.  
Tanks should be brought to St. Mark's on the day of the Cherry Festival  
July 5th 2025  
Please help if you can.  
Thank you.**

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**\*\*Exciting Opportunity for Volunteers!\*\***

**Are you a student looking to **earn valuable volunteer hours** while making a difference in your community? Look no further!**

**St. Mark's is thrilled to invite you to be part of our vibrant  
Cherry Festival on Friday, July 4th, 2025, and Saturday, July 5th, 2025.**

**We are seeking 2-3 enthusiastic volunteers to join our team and help create an unforgettable experience for festival-goers. Your commitment will start at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, with all hands on deck until the setup is complete. On Saturday, your dedication will continue until the festival concludes at 3 p.m. and the tear down is finished.**

**As a volunteer, you'll partake in a variety of tasks, from refilling coolers to assisting customers with their purchases. This is a fantastic chance to develop valuable skills, meet new friends, and immerse yourself in a fun and lively atmosphere.**

**If you're ready to take on this rewarding challenge and make a positive impact, don't hesitate to reach out! Call Erin at 905-468-3123 Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. or send us an email at [stmarks@cogeco.net](mailto:stmarks@cogeco.net).**

**Join us for a summer celebration that promises to be both enjoyable and fulfilling.  
We can't wait to hear from you!**

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**The countdown to St. Mark's Cherry Festival 2025 has officially begun!**

**We need all kinds of **donations** to support our community event.  
You can help by donating garden pots, planters, statuary, or beautiful artwork.**

**We also welcome clothing items for ladies and gents, including vests, coats, jackets, hats, purses, and scarves.**

***\*Please note that we will not accept shoes or boots\****

**We would love to receive costume and fine jewellery.**

(Tax donation receipts will be issued for items appraised and sold for over \$100.00)

For your convenience, we can pick up donations from your home.

*Contact Trudi Watson at [trudi4566@gmail.com](mailto:trudi4566@gmail.com) or 905-468-3314*  
for pick up of household items, clothing, and art donations.

*Contact Carolyn Porter at [carolyn.porter@sympatico.ca](mailto:carolyn.porter@sympatico.ca) or 905-242-6028*  
for pick up of costume and fine jewellery

You can also drop off your donations at the church office between  
9 am and 2 pm.

Please call ahead- 905-468-3123.

*With your support, we can make this wonderful community event the best yet*

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## **Books, CDs, records, and puzzle donations**

for

**The Cherry Festival**

will be accepted in the foyer of

**Addison Hall**

beginning

**June 18th.**

For any questions regarding book donations, please reach out to Jane De Munnich at 289-686-6010 (cell) or 905-468-9831.

If you, your family, or your friends are interested in volunteering to help sort books or assist at the sales table, please contact Jane at either of the numbers above.

**Thank you!**

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**Saturday July 5, 2025  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

St. Mark's Church. 41 Byron St.,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake

**A summer celebration  
for the whole family**

Cherry pies, BBQ,  
music, clothing,  
jewellery, treasures,  
books, children's area



***It's Friday the 13th  
and here are some interesting facts...***

## **It's Unclear Why It Is Feared**

Very little is known about the origins of the day's notoriety. Some historians believe that the superstitions surrounding it arose in the late 19th century. The first documented mention of the day can be found in a biography of Italian composer Gioachino Rossini, who died on a Friday the 13th. A 1907 book, *Friday the Thirteenth*, by American

businessman Thomas Lawson, may have further perpetuated the superstition.

Others believe that the myth has Biblical origins. Jesus was crucified on a Friday, and there were 13 guests at the Last Supper the night before his crucifixion.

## Yet, the Fear Is Very Real

So real in fact, that one scientific name wasn't enough. The fear of Friday the 13th is also called friggatriskaidekaphobia or paraskevidekatriphobia.

Friggatriskaidekaphobia comes from Frigg, the Norse goddess of wisdom, after whom Friday is named, and the Greek words triskaideka, meaning 13, and phobia, meaning fear.

Paraskevidekatriphobia is also derived from Greek: paraskeví translates as Friday, and dekatria is another way of saying 13.

## ...And Very Common!

Experts say that friggatriskaidekaphobia affects millions of people and estimate that businesses, especially airlines, suffer from severe losses on Friday the 13th.

Triskaidekaphobia, or the fear of the number 13, is even more widespread. So much so that many high-rise buildings, hotels, and hospitals skip the 13th floor, and many airports do not have gates numbered 13. In many parts of the world, having 13 people at the dinner table is considered bad luck.

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### 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**

**June 15th - Greeter(s) - David and Valmai Elkins**

**10:30 a.m. - Doug and Colleen Hunter**

**Reader - Donna Belleville**

**Intercessor - Larry Bourk**

**Altar Guild - Eve Wylie and Jennifer Smith**

**Server - Virginia Mainprize**

#### **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](#)

[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".

## Prayer Cycles - We pray for:

**In St. Mark's Parish:** Jane De Munnich, Arlene Dolynski, Andrea Douglas, and their families.

**In the Niagara Diocese:** St. Paul, Mount Forest, The Reverend Kevin Cull, Priest-in-Charge; and the people of that parish.

**In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer:** The Most Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan, and the clergy and people of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land, and Global partners and companions.

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