



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews

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From the Rector

Dear Friends,

My letter to you this week is brief. In the summer months, most congregations slow down - but not St Mark's! We're getting ready for Cherry Festival on July 6, and that is something we're all looking forward to. There's a wealth of information in this edition of E-News about various Cherry Festival events and I commend those notices to you.

I also commend to you a summer music series which begins on June 30 with the first of three bell concerts played by Bernadette Secco. This year, we're delighted to once again have three 30-minute bell concerts on the the Sunday of each summer long weekend (**June 30, August 4 and September 1**) at 12 noon. I hope you'll bring a lawn chair and a lunch, bring some friends, and spread out on our beautiful lawns and hear our wonderful bells ringing out over the rooftops.

Our Interim Director of Music Michael Bloss is performing a series of 45-minute recitals on Sundays at 2 pm. (**July 7, 14, 21, and August 11, 18, and 25.**) Michael will be joined for a number of these concerts by guest artists. A full schedule will be published in E-News next week, but for now please note these dates and plan on attending.

See you in church!

Grace and peace,
Leighton

From the Wardens

As we move into the last two breathtaking weeks before the Cherry Festival, Parish Council was pleased to pause in its meeting Thursday to reflect on the remarkable success of our D-Day concert, held on the evening of June 7. It was a moving and enjoyable evening, commencing with music on the church bells by Bernadette Secco, followed by memory-evoking music from the WW2 era by soprano Melissa-Marie Shriner accompanied by Michael Bloss, interspersed with readings by Allan Howse, President, Royal Canadian Legion Branch

124, and James Mainprize. This was enjoyed by a great crowd, with 138 tickets sold. Net income to St. Mark's for this event was \$2,668. Many thanks to the Concert Team of Ian Russell, Steve Hinchliffe and Greg Walker.

Parish Council was also delighted to receive a remarkable gift from the Drope Family. Kathy Taylor, together with her two sisters Pat Balasiuk and Nancy Drope, presented to the church a lovely portable Eucharist, which had originally been a gift from their grandmother, Kathleen Drope, to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital in 1964. It was used by clergy of all denominations for services in the hospital chapel.

Preparations for the Cherry Festival are proceeding nicely. We are enthusiastically looking forward to another great event, enjoyed not only by our own parishioners, but by the wider community of Niagara-on-the-Lake and visitors from away. We are reminded to take a moment just to be grateful that we are able make this meaningful contribution year after year. The Cherry Festival is Saturday, July 6, 9-3.

Leighton announced that the bishop has appointed Susan MacLaren to supply St. John's in Thorold for four months, September-December, as they undertake the search for a new priest. We congratulate St. John's in their good fortune and wish Susan a happy time in this important responsibility.

Please work hard on your final preparations for the Cherry Festival and, above all, plan to BE THERE with all your family and friends! JULY 6

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

**Andrea Douglas
Gene Anne Smith
Wardens**



Kathy Taylor, together with her two sisters Pat Balasiuk and Nancy Drope, presented to the church a lovely portable Eucharist.

SUNDAY JUNE 30th

Do not miss your opportunity to purchase a St. Mark's Cherry Pie!

Pies will be available to purchase immediately after 10:30 a.m. service in Addison Hall.

**We offer this pre-sale primarily for those who are volunteering their time to work at
The Cherry Festival.**

(There will be a limit of **one pie per family**
so that many people can enjoy these delectable pies).

CASH ONLY

\$25.00

Exact change would be much appreciated.

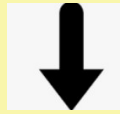
Volunteers are needed to transport 64 pails of Cherry Pies from St. David's storage to the rectory and Addison Hall on **Friday July 5th.**

If you are able to help please contact Diane Turner 289-362-1827

We invite you to explore the great variety of items in our updated Haute Emporium Catalogue which is now posted on the St. Mark's

website.

Click link below to find the catalogue.



2024 Updated Haute Emporium Catalogue

[St. Mark's Cherry Festival Webpage](#)

Kindly forward the catalogue to your family and friends. If you wish to purchase from the catalogue please contact semitch215@gmail.com. Our catalogue is the presale to St. Mark's Cherry Festival which takes place on July 6, 2024.



Attention Cherry Festival Bakers and Volunteers

Many, many thanks
to all who have promised to bake and to help sell baked goods at
The 2024 Cherry Festival

We do require more baked goods and would welcome your help!!

Instructions for delivery of baked goods

LABEL:

Please **label** your sweets and savories: i.e. oatmeal raisin cookies, lemon loaf, pineapple upside down cake etc.

Please put your **initials** on label or box.

Indicate if baked goods **include nuts**.

Indicate if baked goods are **gluten free**.

Apply label to the **top left corner**.

PACKAGING:

Cookies in 6's (large) or 8's (small)

Muffins in 4's

Squares or brownies in 6's

Tarts in 4's

Savory biscuits in 8's

Please put baked goods on paper/foil plates wrapped in clear food wrap or cellophane.

Please wrap loaves in clear food wrap/cellophane.

Please put cakes in boxes or wrap in clear food wrap.

TIP OF THE DAY: Newark Neighbours, Goodwill or Value Village often have appropriate sized inexpensive china plates. These make our baked goods attractive and we can charge an extra dollar or two!

DELIVERY:

Please deliver your baked goods to the church on Friday July 5th 1-4 pm.

VOLUNTEERS:

If you can help with price labeling, please come to the church at
1 pm on Friday July 5th.

We will have 2 tables set up at the back of the church to create an initial display. The balance of the baked goods will be set into large flat boxes and set on the pews.

Saturday July 6th:

Please arrive at your scheduled time.

You should have received an email from Gene Anne indicating your arrival time.

If you did not receive this email please call Gene Anne at **289-686-0382.**

You will also be given an apron with pockets and a small float.

When we sell out!:

Please help clean up garbage and return things to the kitchen.

Thoroughly rinse out coffee pots and replace the plastic bags they came in.

Then please do the following:

PAT YOURSELF ON THE BACK! GO HOME, PUT YOUR FEET UP AND HAVE A G&T WITH LEMON!

**THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.
YOU ARE HELPING MAKE A VERY SPECIAL DAY FOR OUR FRIENDS,
NEIGHBOURS, COMMUNITY AND FOR
ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH.**

The St. Mark's Cherry Festival
Saturday July 6th, 2024

The Haute Emporium requests your help and support.

We are happy to receive summer clothing
and women's purses.

Ladies donations can include hats, purses, accessories, shoes, belts, and gently worn clothing items such as coats and jackets, sweaters, pants, blouses, skirts, pantsuits, evening gowns, sporting attire and casual wear.

We also hope to receive artwork, sculptures, silverware, China and crystal, treasures, garden statues, small pieces of furniture, lamps and collectibles, blankets, tablecloths, and books.

When you are cleaning out your closets and cupboards please remember us!

Tax receipts will be issued for things valued over \$100.00. Donations will be professionally appraised. We will happily arrange for pick up closer to the date. If you require pick up please call one of the ladies below:

Trudi Watson 905 468 3314

Elizabeth Jamison 416 577 0750

Dana Lutton 705 349-0324

**Please let your friends and relatives know we are accepting donations!
Be sure to share the date of St. Mark's Cherry Festival with your
families, friends and neighbours.**

We hope to make this year's Cherry Festival the best ever!

Kindest regards,
Trudi, Elizabeth and Dana



Saturday, June 22nd, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Enjoy a fun filled day at
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
323 Simcoe St., Niagara-on-the-Lake
*celebrating 230 years***

Musical Entertainment

Freshly made Strawberry Jam

Children's Activities – Fresh Berries – Drinks

Silent Auction – “New Vintage (a collection of purses, scarves & Jewelry)”

Strawberry Crepes & Shortcakes

Frozen Yogurt – Bake Table

Delicious Barbecue!

Tour
Ontario's oldest burial ground
at
St. Mark's, Niagara on the Lake

Dr. Earle Waugh
will lead tours
followed by refreshments &
informal discussion

2024 tour dates

Tuesday, July 23
Tuesday, August 13
Tuesday, September 24
Tuesday, October 22
at
3:30-5:00 in the
afternoon

The **\$25 admission** fee will
support our on-going
Monument Restoration
Programme

Tour group size limited

Information & reservation
Phone St. Mark's
905 468 3123

Tickets are available to purchase at St. Mark's Anglican Church office
(10 people per tour maximum)



**Saturday, July 6, 2024
9 am to 3 pm**

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

Parish Updates

In-Person Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist [Watch the livestream on YouTube](#)

On Duty this Week

June 23rd, 2024 - Greeter(s) - Chris Bjorgan and Marilyn Bardeau

Reader - Bob Cross

Intercessor - Gary Burroughs

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize and Jennifer Smith

Server - John Shaver

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: [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: Janet James, Joyce James, Peter and Nancy Kemball, and Patrick and Jane Kierans and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: Burlington Anglican Lutheran Church, Burlington, The Reverend Colin Cameron, Rector and Pastor, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer: The Rt. Rev. David Parsons, Bishop; The Rt. Rev. Joey Royal, The Rt. Rev. Annie Ittoshat, The Rt. Rev. Lucy Netser, Suffragan Bishops, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of the Arctic, and The congregations of the northern area of the Saskatchewan Synod.

Did you know....

.....The Donnalley and Coleman markers were hidden in a patch of dead Box, the Gales White stone was completely buried and the de Graffe monument was almost completely unreadable? Our restoration specialist Al Ernest completed this wonderful restoration task last summer. What a transformation!

Al is currently working on an extensive restoration of the RCYC plot. This plot marks the graves of seven young Toronto men who drowned in 1874 when their vessel capsized near the mouth of the Niagara River.

The Cemetery Board commenced a five year restoration project in 2021. The results are astonishing. Take a walk in our cemetery and see the results for yourself!



The Coleman and Donnalley markers before restoration



The Coleman, de Graffe and Donnalley markers after restoration.



Al Ernest restoring the RCYC plot.

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

Please note if you unsubscribe from any email sent from St. Mark's Church via Constant Contact, you will no longer receive any emails or information from us. If you wish to

unsubscribe from a specific mailing list (ie, Bible Study, E-News), please email the office at stmarks@cogeco.net Thank you.

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