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## E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 269th Edition June 6, 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/rOb091MpqTA>

**Grace and peace,  
Leighton**

IN LOVING  
*memory*

***The peonies in the church are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
David Galloway  
from his garden.***

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### **REMINDER FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 8th**

**This Sunday marks the 106th anniversary of the first pilgrimage to the Kosciuszko Military Camp. The commemoration will begin at noon. Parking should be easily available when you arrive for the 10:30 service, but it may become busy when you leave.**

**\*\*CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR CHERRY FESTIVAL\*\***

□ Hello, cherry lovers! □

The countdown to the **BIG DAY** is on, and we need some amazing volunteers to help conquer the Fresh Cherry Table! (Pretty please, with a cherry on top?)

This table is packed with energy and fun! The customers will keep you busy, and time will fly by!

We typically sell out by early afternoon. **If you are available on July 5th from 8:30 a.m. until early afternoon**, we would greatly appreciate your help.

Don't worry; the three lucky volunteers will be given shifts to help manage the crowds. However, we hope you'll stay for the entire shift and enjoy a fast-paced, fun-filled couple of hours.

If you're ready to pitch in, please reach out to Andrea Douglas [here](#) or call the office at 905-468-3123 and speak with Erin. □

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

*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 32, 33, and 35 are NOT included in this Pre-Sale**

**Lots 1, 16, and 30 have been sold.**

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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!**



**Cherry Festival**

**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

### **Kosciuszko Military Camp**

2025 marks the 108th anniversary of the arrival of the first volunteers at the Kosciuszko Military Camp, which opened in Niagara-on-the-Lake in September 1917. It is also the 106th anniversary of the first Pilgrimage.

From October 1917 to March 1919, a total of 22,395 Polish Americans trained at this camp, aiming to liberate Poland, which had been under foreign occupation since 1795 by Russia, Prussia, and Austria-Hungary. World War I provided Polish Americans with an opportunity to reclaim their homeland after 123 years of

occupation, and their desire for a free Poland fueled their commitment to the Allied cause. In 1917, France, seeking more soldiers, declared its intention to create and fund a Polish Army. Canada agreed to train these recruits, and by September 1917, President Wilson allowed Polish Americans to join this army.

Initially, recruitment centers were strategically established in cities with large Polish communities. By January 1918, the recruitment effort had expanded to include approximately 47 centers worldwide, including locations in Canada, targeting cities like Toronto and smaller Polish communities.

When the camp opened in Niagara-on-the-Lake, the Polish flag was raised and proudly flew until the camp's closure. Since the Polish flag had not been flown for over a century, the soldiers were unsure how it was meant to be displayed, resulting in it being flown upside down for the duration of the camp.

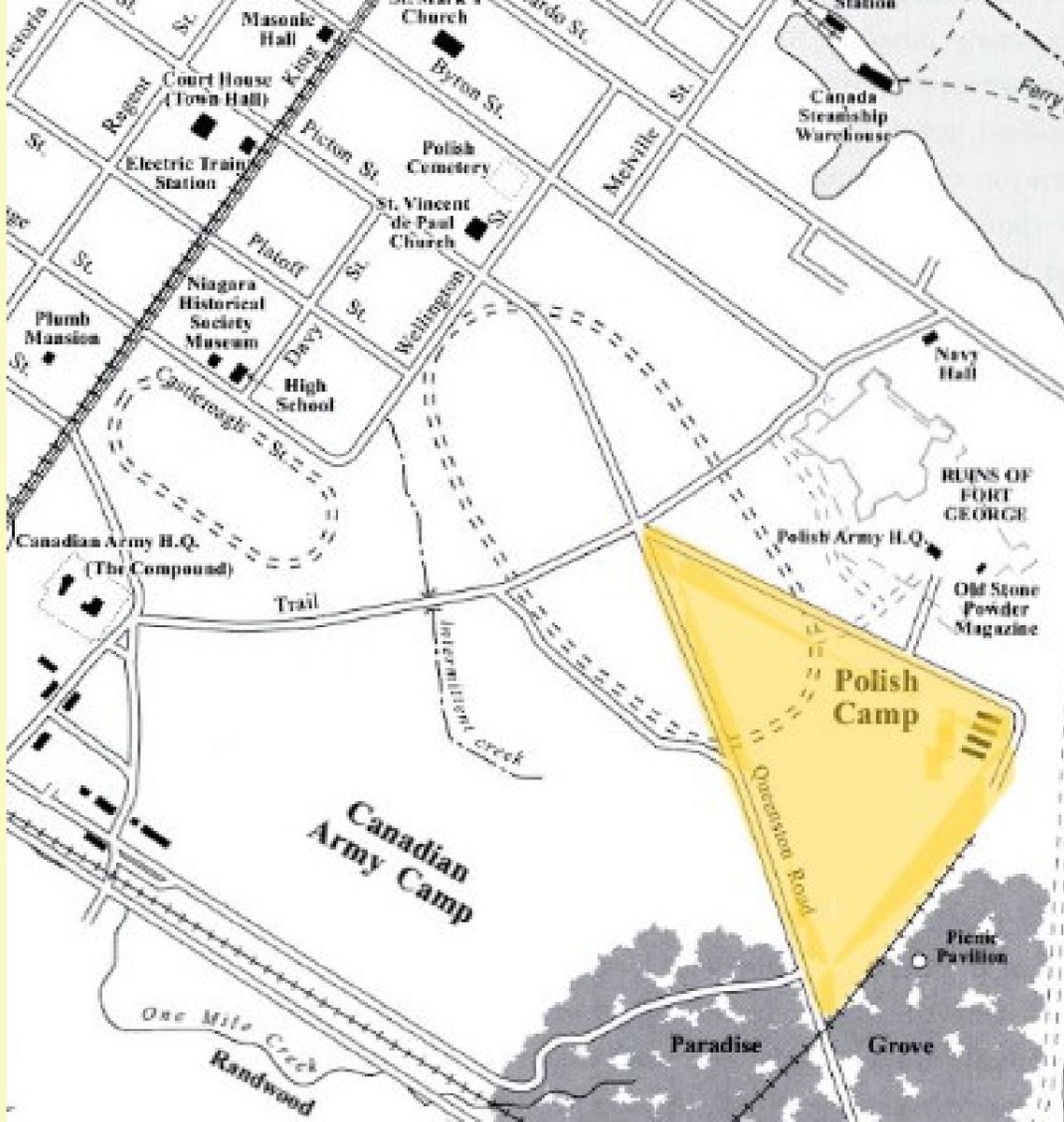
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### **Polish Pilgrimage**

**Sunday, June 8, 2025, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**

**85 Byron Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON L0S 1J0**

This year's Pilgrimage activities will begin at noon with a military inspection of the Veterans' organizations. This will be followed by a Catholic Mass in the cemetery chapel and a parade to the Cenotaph, where wreaths will be laid in honor of the Polish and Canadian volunteers who sacrificed their lives for freedom.



**During the summer months, the soldiers would indulge in 'bathing parades'. The Polish Army, sometimes with 1,500 men, headed by their brass and bugle bands, would march through town to the bathing beach near Fort Mississauga.**

**[Send us your old photos!](#)**

Who doesn't relish a delightful journey down memory lane? There's something magical about flipping through old photographs—they can transport us back to moments filled with

laughter and nostalgia.

If you have captured a moment that tells a captivating story, brings a smile to your face, or showcases something wonderfully unique, we're eager to see it! And let's not forget the rich history of St. Mark's; we would love to see your treasured old photographs featuring the people that make our St. Mark's community special. Share your memories with us and celebrate the moments that shaped our lives!

Send your pictures to the office, and we will spotlight them in our upcoming issues.

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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 8th - Greeter(s)** - 8:30 a.m. - Steve Hinchliffe

10:30 a.m. - Trudi Watson and Earle Waugh

**Reader** - Wendy Steel

**Intercessor** - James Mainprize

**Altar Guild** - Peggy Walker, Susan Baxter, and Diane Turner

**Server** - Bob Cross

### **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:** Bob and Linda Cross, Terence and Sandra Davis, and Cort Day and their families.

**In the Niagara Diocese:** St. John, Rockwood, The Reverend Michael Mernagh, Priest-in-Charge; and the people of that parish.

**In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer:** The theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario: Canterbury College, Huron University College, Renison College, the Anglican Studies Program at Saint Paul University, Thorneloe University, Trinity College, Wycliffe College; Luther College at the University of Regina and Luther College – High School; and The School of Theology at Moravian University (formerly Moravian

Theological Seminary and Lancaster Theological Seminary) in Bethlehem, PA.

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