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## E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 266th Edition May 16th, 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/1ywvC3-aKqM>

**Grace and peace,  
Leighton**



### ***Special donation request***

**St. Mark's is reaching out to our parishioners for support!**

**We require two additional 10 x 10 canopies for our upcoming  
Cherry Festival  
St. Mark's biggest fundraiser and a wonderful event for the entire  
community**

**Each canopy costs \$330.00**

**By helping us purchase these canopies, *you are playing a crucial role*  
in making this festival a success**

**Every little bit counts**  
and your support will make a  
**significant difference**

**Thank you for being such an important part of our community!**

Please call the office if you would like to donate  
905-468-3123

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***Music Niagara is thrilled to launch its 2025 season  
with a spectacular pre-season concert at***

***St. Mark's  
May 29th at 7 pm***

**St. Mark's would like to encourage and support these  
young singers by having a large audience to hear them  
perform!**

***PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS by clicking the link below***

featuring the internationally acclaimed Vincent-d'Indy Youth Choir, a vibrant ensemble of 90 talented youth singers from the Pensionnat du Saint-Nom-de-Marie's renowned music program. This exceptional choir has enchanted audiences at prestigious venues such as Maison Symphonique de Montreal, Spain's Ateneo de Madrid, and France's esteemed Rouen Conservatory. Their performances are a breathtaking blend of tradition and innovation with a repertoire spanning Vivaldi's Gloria, Mozart's Requiem, Britten's Ceremony of Carols, jazz, gospel, and indigenous music.

**All proceeds from this concert will jointly benefit Music Niagara and St Mark's Church**

**[Buy your tickets here!](#)**  
Tickets are only \$20.00 (plus HST)



# Vincent-d'Indy Youth Choir

MAY 29 | 7:00 PM

📍 ST MARK'S CHURCH, NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

**MUSIC**  
NIAGARA  
**FESTIVAL**

[WWW.MUSICNIAGARA.ORG](http://WWW.MUSICNIAGARA.ORG)

St. Mark's Church  
Niagara-on-the-Lake

\*PROCEEDS FROM TICKET SALES WILL SUPPORT  
MUSIC NIAGARA AND ST. MARK'S CHURCH.

**Experience the Magic of the Vincent-  
d'Indy Youth Choir!**

**Date/Time:** Thursday, May 29th at 7:00pm

**Location:** St Mark's Church

***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 book 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**



# 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

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**MONUMENT STONE CLEANING REFRESHER COURSE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 31  
10:00 AM – NOON**

***We will review stone cleaning procedures on May 31st.  
Notes from last year and a cemetery map will be provided.  
We will then begin cleaning!***



**What to Bring:**

- A bucket
- Rubber gloves
- Various soft-bristle brushes (can be purchased at a dollar store)
- A spray bottle
- A toothbrush for cleaning the inscriptions
- Comfortable shoes or boots
- A small bench or stool (for work at the base of the monument)
- Water and a hat (depending on the weather)

**Important Note:**

**Please avoid using brushes with metal bristles.**

Stone cleaning is a gentle, labor-intensive process that utilizes eco-friendly products. I will have several bottles of Dawn dishwashing liquid (non-concentrated), D2, 3% hydrogen peroxide, and two dozen spray bottles. Hydrogen peroxide is used sparingly—one bottle should last for several months. You may want to bring your own the next time.

Last year was exciting as we uncovered inscriptions and designs hidden under moss! In late September, we cleaned nine stones in the West Block, including Crouch, McBride Sarah, Monaghan, Grier Jane, Grier John, baby Grier (William), the McKee twin stone, McKee Maria, and Rolph in the Centre Block.

Everyone is welcome. If someone you know would like to join us, please ask them to email me to confirm attendance.

[Email me here](#)

I look forward to seeing you all on May 31 from 10:00 a.m.– noon.

***Sally Mitchell***  
***Cemetery Board***

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Thank you to **Chris Bjorgan** for sending in these beautiful photographs! How many faces can you recognize?

**PICTURED HERE are the St. Mark's Pee Wees**

**Front row L to R** - Guy Joens, Glenn Hill, John Bissell, Roger Picken and Robin Climenhage.

**Back row L to R** - John Bissell (coach), Jim Collard, Mike Smith, Mike Moore, Wally Clement, Kenzie Macartney, and Len Climenhage.





PICTURED HERE are the St. Mark's Pee Wees front row left to right, Guy Joens, Glenn Hill, John Bissell, Roger Picken and Robin Climenhage. Back row John Bissell (coach), Jim Collard,

Mike Smith, Mike Moore, Wally Clement, Kenzie Macartney and Len Climenhage.  
—ADVANCEphoto





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**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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**ENJOY THE FIRST LONG WEEKEND OF THE SUMMER**

**The office will be closed on Monday, May 19th,  
Victoria Day.**



### **Facts that will not affect your life...** ☐ 🤖

Legend has it that Queen Victoria dropped the royal bomb – "We are not amused" – to an equerry who had told a risqué joke (the 'we' in question was not the royal 'we' but the ladies who were present). The phrase has come to epitomize the perceived strait-laced stuffiness of both the era and its queen. But speaking in an interview in 1976, Victoria's granddaughter, Alice, Countess of Athlone, said that Victoria herself told her that she **never** uttered these words.

According to the Queen's private diaries, she had a keen sense of humour and enjoyed a joke. She had a "wonderful laugh," wrote Vicky of Prussia, "and grandma often laughed till she was red in the face and even till she cried".

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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**

**May 18th - Greeter(s) - 8:30 a.m. - David and Valmai Elkins**

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

**Reader - Wes Turner**

**Intercessor - Diane Turner**

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

**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".

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### **Prayer Cycles - We pray for:**

**In St. Mark's Parish:** Jean Bradford, Grant and Linda Brooks, Rita Brown, Gill Bryan, and their families.



**In the Niagara Diocese:** All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church, Guelph, Pastor Brian Walker, Pastor/Rector; The Reverend Deacon Christine Clatworthy, Deacon; The Reverend Canon David Howells, Honorary Assistant; The Reverend Canon Lucy Reid, Honorary Assistant; and the people of that parish.

**In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer:** The Rt. Rev. William Cliff, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ontario; the Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Saskatchewan Synod; and The Rt. Rev. Kay Ward, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province.

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