



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 267th Edition May 23rd, 2025



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/gQGXjkaHrKM>

**Grace and peace,
Leighton**



**Graveside Service
Saturday, June 7, 2025
11:00 a.m.
St. Mark's Anglican Church**

In Loving Memory of

**Beverley Rockett-Roberts
A Life Lived Beautifully**

1931-April 22nd, 2025

Beverley, 94, passed away peacefully with grace and sparkle, just as she lived. A radiant soul with a camera in one hand and a cocktail in the other, Beverley was the epitome of elegance, vivacity, and timeless style.

Everyone is invited to attend.

**Beverley's daughters are hosting a reception in
Addison Hall
immediately following the graveside service.**

This is a catered event.

**We are saddened to announce that long-time parishioner
Arlene Dolynski
passed away on May 15th.**

**Arlene was a dedicated choir member and generously volunteered at every
Cherry Festival, helping to make cherry jam and cherry pies.**

Please click the link to view Arlene's obituary and details about her service.

May she rest in peace.

[Please click here to read Arlene's obituary](#)

***St. Mark's is pleased to announce that funding for the two canopies required
for the Cherry Festival has been secured!***

Thank you for your generosity.

MEN'S COMMUNION AND BREAKFAST

**The last Men's Communion Breakfast before our summer break takes place on
Wednesday, June 4th**

**with Holy Communion at 8 am, followed by breakfast at
The NOTL Golf Club restaurant.**

I hope you can join us as our next men's event won't be until September.

Please let me know whether you plan to join us for our June event!

Greg Walker

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

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

**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**

breathhtaking 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.

*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 below*



[Buy your tickets here!](#)

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



Vincent-d'Indy Youth Choir

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*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 or 905-468-3314
for pick up of household items, clothing, and book donations.

Contact Carolyn Porter at 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

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*

Thank you to Rosamund Hennessey for this photograph!



St. Mark's Parish Hall. Gertrude Allen Quinn, bottom right.

Rosamund stated: "...taken in Parish Hall before the library was built in Addison Hall. We used to do plays when I was in Sunday School. This one may have taken place before then. It's got to be in the 1920s, I would think. I know it was dress up, but Gertrude Quinn seemed old when I was young! We continued to have plays on this stage into the 1950s."

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.

What happened today in Canadian history?

**The North West Mounted Police Force of Canada was established on
May 23, 1873.**

**The first official description of the badge for officers was published on
January 24, 1890.**

The badge features a wreath, made of maple leaves, and a ribbon that says "Canada" at the top. Above the wreath sits a crown, symbolizing the oath to uphold the Crown's peace, and beneath it, the words "North West Mounted Police" are displayed. (The badge was given the title "Royal" in

1904.) Inside the wreath is an oval containing the phrase "Maintien le droit," which translates to "maintain the right" in English. This surrounds a buffalo head.

Why a buffalo head?

Assistant Commissioner Macleod was impressed by the vast herds of prairie buffalo. He thought it would be a "splendid" idea to include the buffalo head as part of the badge.



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 25th - Greeter(s) - 8:30 a.m. - Carolyn Porter

-10:30 a.m.- Chris Bjorgan and Marilyn Bardeau

Reader - Donna Belleville

Intercessor - Larry Bourk

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize 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](#)

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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: Gary and Sarah Burroughs, Bonita Cawker, Anjulika Chand, Alexandra Clarkson, and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: St. George, Guelph, The Reverend Victor Kischak, Rector; The Reverend Canon Jean Mitchell, Assistant Priest; and the people of that parish.

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer: The Rt. Rev. Shane Parker, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Ottawa; and Jerusalem and the Holy Land Sunday; The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, and for peace in the Middle East.

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