



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 215th Edition -May 31, 2024



From the Rector

Around this time of year, as I was finishing my second year of seminary, my friend Bryan came to New York to visit me and another friend of his who also lived in the city. Bryan gave this other friend my phone number. (This was in the days before cell phones became ubiquitous.)

The friend called a couple of nights later as I was in the middle of hosting a cocktail party. He sounded very shy and hesitant. "Oh hello. I'm so sorry to disturb you. Am I interrupting your prayer time?" "No," I said, "this is now cocktail time, just like anywhere else." Silence on the other end. "I'll get Bryan for you," I said. He came in and picked up the phone. I heard him saying things like, "The noise in the background? There's a party going on. Yes ... a party. Yes, they're allowed to do that. Yes, you can come over if you want. No, they couldn't care less if you've never been to Church..." And so on.

I don't know whatever happened to Bryan's friend; he certainly didn't come down to the seminary. I take it he was too freaked out that religious people—seminarians, no less—were just like regular folk. I suspect his paradigm for a person of faith, a paradigm constructed in large part by Hollywood and Madison Avenue, was someone who is brittle, narrow, sanctimonious, pious, and psychologically constipated.

There's no doubt the assumption that the life of faith is one that exhibits certain qualities and embodies a particular style dies hard—even among those of us who are people of faith. When we speak of faith, we usually mean something like giving blind assent to a set of beliefs or propositions about God, or believing in something without having any evidence to confirm the beliefs. And when we talk of having a life of faith, we are talking about living according to certain values, principles, and ideas, about being a certain kind of person. Since people tend to think that the life of faith is one that is morally pure, unambiguously confident, and serenely joyful, they likewise assume that being Christian means looking, acting, and thinking in certain ways.

But a faithful life isn't one that is free from guilt and shame and failing. What it/s is one in which the fact of sin is named and claimed and forgiven. To acknowledge—to confess—who we really are is an act of faith, and at the moment of confession, we die to the old self that pretended to be perfect and wholesome and lovely. But that is no cause for despair, for

death is not the end of the story. It is rather the beginning of the story in which we learn that in Christ we are loved more deeply than we could imagine, that through his death we are forgiven even before we could ask, and that by his victory we are saved from having to save ourselves.

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This Sunday will be the Choir's last Sunday before their summer break. It will also be Glen De Line's last Sunday with us. I hope you'll be able to join us—and him—at coffee hour after the 10:30 am service for keeping us musically afloat since Holy Week. We are all deeply grateful to him. James Bourne continues to be on leave, but I'm delighted to announce that next Sunday, June 9, Michael Bloss will join us as Interim Director of Music. He has had a very distinguished career as a church musician and I'll write more about him next week. We'll also be able to hear him in a different musical context as Melissa-Marie Shriner's accompanist at the D Day Heroes Concert on June 7th.

Grace and peace,
Leighton

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

Wardens
Andrea Douglas
Gene Anne Smith

Wednesday, June 5th

The men of St. Mark's will celebrate Holy Communion at 8 am, followed by breakfast at the

NOTL Golf Club Waterfront Restaurant.

This will be the last men's fellowship event before our Summer break.
We will reconvene in September.

Please contact Greg Walker to confirm your attendance.

gregoryfwalker@gmail.com



***The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
David Galloway***

from his garden.

We invite you to explore the great variety of items in our catalogue which is now posted on the St. Mark's website. Click link below to find the catalogue.

2024 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.

**WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING JEWELLERY DONATIONS FOR
ST. MARK'S CHERRY FESTIVAL JULY 6TH 2024**



**Appraising, sorting and pricing of jewellery donations for
Cherry Festival 2024
has begun!**

The jewellery committee starts this process in April as it is a very large undertaking, and will take until June to complete.

**Bracelets, watches, rings, earrings and necklaces are now being
accepted. We look forward to receiving
both fine jewellery and costume jewellery.**

A tax donation receipt will be given for articles valued over \$100.00.

**Please ask friends and neighbours to think of us if they are cleaning out
jewellery boxes!**

Donations may be dropped off to the church office.

**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 - July 6th -
with your families, friends and neighbours.**

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

Kindest regards,
Trudi, Elizabeth and Dana



*****CALLING ALL BAKERS*****

ST. MARK'S CHERRY FESTIVAL BAKE SALE 2024

It is time once again to gear up for the Cherry Festival Bake Sale. Anjulika Chand and Gene Anne Smith are this year's Bake Sale co-chairs.

PLEASE CONSIDER BAKING FOR THE CHERRY FESTIVAL THIS YEAR.

As our congregation ages, the need for new bakers increases.

We welcome a wide range of goodies including **cookies**, **squares**, **tarts**, **muffins**, **loaves**, **brownies** and **cakes** etc.

**Pull out your favourite recipe and please help us make this years Bake Sale
the best ever.**

(Baked goods must be delivered to St. Mark's on Friday July 5th between 1 pm-4pm)

WE ALSO REQUIRE VOLUNTEERS TO WORK AT THE BAKE SALE TABLES

If you can contribute by baking and/or working the tables please contact

**Gene Anne Smith
gsmith103@cogeco.ca
289-686-0382**

Parish Updates

In-Person Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist [Watch the livestreamed service](#)

On Duty this Week

June 2nd , 2024 - Greeter(s) - Jo-Anne Hill and Ian Russell

Reader - Jane deMunnich

Intercessor -Larry Bourk

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize and Dorothy Walker

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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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 124
ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH PRESENTS:

D-DAY HEROES

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO OUR D-DAY HEROES, 80 YEARS ON

FRIDAY **7** JUNE
7:00 PM

ENJOY SPECIAL D-DAY READINGS, ALONG WITH THE
BEST-LOVED AND TIMELESS MUSIC FROM THE 1940'S FEATURING SONGS
MADE FAMOUS BY VERA LYNN, BING CROSBY, THE ANDREWS SISTERS,
AND MANY OTHERS

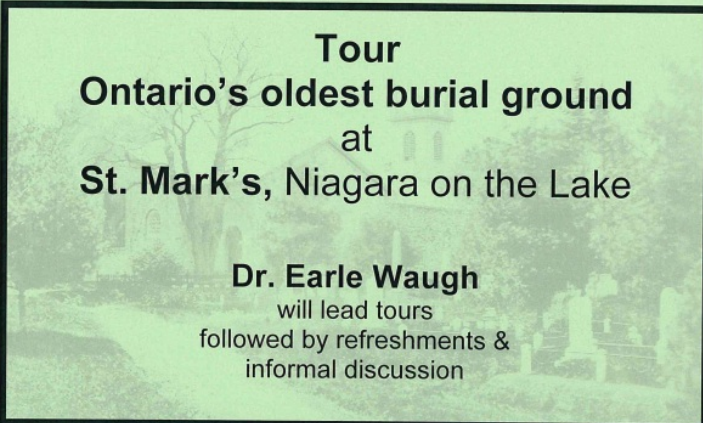
FEATURING:
MELISSA-MARIE SHRINER, SOLOIST, MICHAEL BLOSS, PIANO
& NARRATOR JAMES MAINPRIZE



St. Mark's Anglican Church 41 Byron St. NOTL Phone: 905-468-3123
Tickets \$25 each - Available via Church Office Mon-Fri 9am-2pm

**We expect these tickets to sell out quickly so please purchase
your tickets as soon as possible**

***Bernadette Secco will be chiming music from the 1940's
beginning at 6:15 p.m.***



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, May 28
Tuesday, June 18
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

St. Mark's Anglican Church
Tickets available through the church office
Tickets are \$25.00 each

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

Prayer Cycles – We pray for:

In St. Mark's parish: Joy Gilchrist, Janice Gore, Dede Hacking and Helmut and Maggie Hammerling and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: St. Paul, Jarvis, The Reverend Canon Richard Moose, Rector, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran 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 and Luther College at the University of Regina and Luther College High School.

Did you know...

.....that the early parishioners thought that they should make St. Mark's "a little piece of England". As a result, there are a number of interesting non-native species of trees in the churchyard. In front of Addison Hall, there is an Ironwood tree. Ironwood is so named because of the hardness of its wood. In some places, it was used for wagon axles. Given

that these trees grow very slowly and seeing the girth of the trunk now, our arborist calculated that this tree dates from the eighteenth century.

To the right of this tree there is a Sweet Chestnut tree. There are lots of native Horse Chestnuts in Niagara, but a Sweet Chestnut is rarely found except on a nut farm.

Small cemeteries are one place where old and exceptional flora and fauna, both native and imported, can still be found in our changed urban environment.

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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