



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 211th Edition -May 3, 2024



From the Rector

"You can't go home again." It's a trite saying. And it's not true. Because you can go home again. Only you need to be prepared to find that home isn't what it was.

I went home—in a way—last week for my dear friend Brian's funeral in Boston. Now, Boston *isn't* home in the sense of being where I was raised and grew up, but it *is* home insofar as it's the place where I discovered who I was, fell in love with sacred music, and felt the first inklings of a

priestly vocation.

The epicentre of all of this were the few blocks in Boston's Back Bay neighbourhood clustered around the grand Trinity Church where Brian was Director of Music and Organist for 20 years. He and his husband Mike lived close by on Commonwealth Avenue and so in large measure my Bostonian adventures comprised of going between their home, the church, the boutiques and restaurants on Newberry Street, Symphony Hall and sometimes—gasp!—even the South End.

For years, an habitual gathering place was the Back Bay location of a local Italian restaurant chain called Papa Razzi. For over a quarter of a century, I ordered only one thing off the menu: Spaghetti Bolognese. So after Brian's funeral on Saturday our friend Nick said we should go to the last Papa Razzi still open before going to the cemetery later that afternoon. We did. I ordered the usual. The recipe had been changed.

Not that this was the only—or most significant change. A few years ago, Brian and Mike moved out of Boston to the beautiful colonial town of Concord. And Trinity Church (where the funeral was) has changed, too. Not the building, of course, or the excellence in music, or the strength of the congregations's witness. But the feeling of the place has changed. Or—has it?

Because as I sat in that grand building, stood in its grand pulpit, heard the grand choir, and looked out at the grand congregation, I thought of another trite phrase: home is where the heart is. But this one is true. Except my heart isn't in any Boston location, or dish, or liturgy—no matter how beloved and formative—but in the people there who helped me become who I am, people who were all there last Saturday, as emotionally intimate as the building

is aesthetically overawing.

And then there was a luncheon last Sunday. It was just me and Mike in the dining room in the house in Concord. We had our usual lunch: tuna salad on toast. It was like old times and I was home. Someone was missing, though, so this too was one more change which marked a bittersweet homecoming.

But Brian was—is—home. Easter faith tells us that home's glimpsed right now in the burgeoning of the natural world. It's felt in the love that endures and binds us and brings us together. It's expressed in sorrow and song. It's promised in bread broken. It's a place we *can* go home to—and are going to. And it's truly where the heart is because it's where our heart's desire lives and loves for ever.

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

**Andrea Douglas
Gene Anne Smith
Wardens**



**The flowers in the church are given to the glory of
God
and in loving memory of
Pegi Clarkson
from Jim Bruce**

**WE ARE NOW RECEIVING 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***

HAUTE EMPORIUM'S CATALOGUE WILL BE OUT THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY.

The Haute Emporium requests your help and support.

We are happy to receive gently used clothing such as men's jackets, coats, sweaters, ties and trousers.

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

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

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

May 5, 2024 - Greeter(s) - Earle Waugh and Trudi Watson

Reader - Jane De Munnich

Intercessor - Steve Hinchliffe

Server - Bob Cross

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize and Dorothy Walker

Order of Service

The Order of Service can be found on our website: [Order of Service Web Site Page](#)

Church Bells

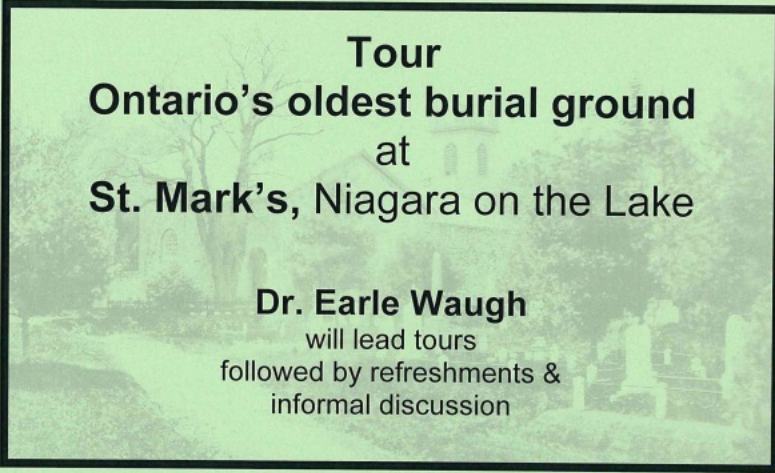
A reminder to all that the Church Bells play on Sundays at 12:05 pm. Enjoy!

Staying Up to Date!

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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

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH ST. MARK'S OFFICE
(10 PEOPLE PER TOUR)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help keep the cemetery tidy. This includes trimming around the church building and memorial garden, branch and twig clean up after high winds, watering newly planted trees and assistance with shoveling earth into holes around the cemetery. Periodically we do require help laying sod in certain areas of the cemetery as well as the removal of large tree limbs after heavy winds.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sally Mitchell [here](#).

CHERRY PIE MAKING

Pie makers are needed for the last session from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon on

May 6th.

If you are interested in joining a pie making team, please come to **Addison Hall** on the date listed above. Please bring an apron and a rolling pin.

We also require **volunteers** to transport cherry pails and frozen pies to and from St. David's storage.

NEWCOMERS WELCOME



MEN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST

****DATE CHANGE****

The next Men's communion Breakfast is scheduled for
Wednesday May 8, 2024
please contact Greg Walker
gregoryfwalker@gmail.com
for details

**St. Mark's Kitchen
offers:**

**Hunter's Chicken with Rotini, Beef Cottage Pie,
Regular Meat Lasagna and Chicken Vol au Vent**

**Introducing
Kathy Taylor's Chicken Lasagna**

(selling out fast - get in to get yours before they are gone)

****Pop into the office to get your meals****

SOUPS ARE AVAILABLE - INQUIRE IN OFFICE

Pea Soup

Curried Butternut Squash

Prayer Cycles – We pray for:

In St. Mark's parish: Bob and Linda Cross, Mary Jane Davidson, Terence and Sandra Davis, and Cort Day and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: St. Paul, Glanford, The Reverend Sue Nicolls, Interim Priest-in-Charge, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer: The Rt. Rev. Susan Bell, Bishop, The Most Rev. Colin Johnson, Assistant Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Niagara, and Bishop Sid Haugen, the people and rostered ministers of the Saskatchewan Synod.

Did you know.....

...that the Apothecary (5 Queen Street) has a longstanding history in NOTL? It was in continuous operation for almost 150 years!

Former names of the apothecary include: The Niagara Apothecary at the Sign of The Golden Mortar (1818-1920's), Starkwather and Brown (early 1820's), Niagara Apothecary and Cheap Cash Store (1820's), Niagara Apothecary (1829-1833), Randall's Drug Store (1898-1914), Coyne Drugs (1914-1921) and finally Field's Drugstore (1921-1964).

Pharmaceutical enterprises were unregulated throughout most of the 19th century and early 20th century, and drugs were sold at many establishments, including bookstores and general stores. Pharmacies also engaged in other commercial activities. The Niagara Apothecary, at times, sold gasoline, postal insurance, veterinary supplies, ice cream, sodas and tickets for both trains and boats. From 1820-1840, they also sold garden seeds "of all descriptions", offered use of a telephone and photographic services and supplies.

Interestingly, the records of the Niagara Apothecary suggest there was "habitual drug use" amongst some of its clientele. 50 clients between 1853-1875 regularly purchased narcotic drugs "without the benefit of medical authority", leading to addiction.

In 1969, the Ontario Heritage Foundation purchased the Apothecary and undertook the preservation of the property. The property was re-opened as a typical "Confederation-era" apothecary and receives approximately 100,000 visitors annually.



The interior of the Randall's Drug Store sometime between 1900-1910.



Bottles excavated at the site of the apothecary in June 2016.



The Niagara Apothecary which today stands as a museum.

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

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