



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 264th Edition May 9th, 2025



From the Rector

Dear Friends,

My Friday meditations are now filmed - not written. Click the link below to see this week's.

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**Grace and peace,
Leighton**

***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 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

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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



**Last call for
all volunteers
to help make delicious pies for the upcoming Cherry Festival.**

**FINAL SESSION
MONDAY MAY 12TH
Whether you're a seasoned pie maker or a complete beginner, your
contribution will be invaluable.**

Steve Hinchliffe shared this lovely picture with the office! This photo captures the **St. Mark's Choir from 2015** and takes us down memory lane. Looking at the smiling faces reminds us of the camaraderie and how music can create lasting bonds and cherished memories. Thanks for sharing, Steve!



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.



May 9, 1914

President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing the first national **Mother's Day** to celebrate America's mothers.

The idea for a "Mother's Day" is credited by some to Julia Ward Howe (1872) and by others to Anna Jarvis (1907), who both suggested a holiday dedicated to a day of peace. Many individual states celebrated Mother's Day by 1911, but it was not until Wilson lobbied Congress in 1914 that

Mother's Day was officially set on the second Sunday of May.

Wilson stated in his first Mother's Day proclamation that the holiday offered a chance to "[publicly express] our love and reverence for the mothers of our country."

The idea quickly gained traction and spread to Canada.

Canada embraced Mother's Day in its contemporary form in the early 20th century.

The Canadian government officially recognized Mother's Day in 1914 .

Happy Mother's Day to all moms, stepmothers, fathers who fill both roles, and friends who love and nurture us as our mothers once did.

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 11th - Greeter(s) 8:30 a.m.- Steve Hinchliffe

10:30 a.m.- Jo-Anne Hill and Ian Russell

Reader - Bob Cross

Intercessor - James Mainprize

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

Server - John Shaver

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!

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Prayer Cycles - We pray for:

In St. Mark's parish: Candace Bennett Walker, Nancy Bongard, Anne Bookbinder, and Larry and Joan Bourk, and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: St. James, Fergus, The Reverend Russell Wardell, Rector; and the people of that parish.

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian 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; Bishop Ali Tote, the people and rostered ministers of the Saskatchewan Synod; and The Rt. Rev. Douglas Kleintop, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province.

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