



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 184th Edition - October 20 2023



From the Rector

"Lord, teach us to pray," the disciples said to Jesus. We don't often think of prayer as something to be taught. We assume that prayer should come naturally.

This might explain why one of my professors of liturgy said the Prayers of the People are the least satisfying and uplifting part of public worship. And he's right: so often they're done by rote, or aren't very topical, or are even simply a long list of names. This was embarrassingly drawn to my

attention in a former parish. A woman's name appeared every week in the list of those who were sick. The name meant nothing to me; it wasn't on the parish list. No one seemed to know who she was, but we kept her name on. In time we discovered she had died - in another city.

Thinking of St. Mark's, it's time for us to be more deliberate concerning the ways we pray - and who we pray for. It's time that we prayed aloud during public worship for the needs of the community. It's time that we learned to pray better. When we do, I know we'll all find that something that can easily grow stale can similarly come alive.

And so, over the next few weeks, I'm going to write about prayer - what it is and what it isn't; how to pray and how not to pray - and so forth. And then on Advent Sunday, December 3, we'll start afresh with a new and more engaging way to pray as a community. I know this will help make our liturgical prayer life deeper and more meaningful.

See you in Church!

Grace and peace,
Leighton

From the Wardens

Parish Council met this week and reviewed our third quarter financial progress. As we have

done with great results last year, we ask you to "DONATE A 13th MONTH" in addition to your regular 2023 givings. This can be done by a separate cheque or added to your weekly envelope. The extra donation is gratefully received and will allow us to meet our financial obligations for the year.

We are aware of Covid circulating so please take extra care when out and about. There is no church mandate for masks; this is an individual choice.

We believe everyone enjoyed the organ playing of our interim choirmaster Glen Deline who will be with us at least until November 12th. Please greet him after church.

Volunteers are still needed to open the church from 11-3 Wednesday through Saturday for visitors. Please contact the office if you can help. Based on our experience, greeting visitors and giving a short history of St. Mark's is most interesting. The donations given in appreciation really help. This year our summer students almost doubled the donation total of last year.

See you in church!

As always, a reminder to advise the office of anyone who requires assistance, including a phone call, food delivery or some phone companionship. Even a chat over the fence!

Called to Life-Compelled to Love

Allan Magnacca

Andrea Douglas

Parish Updates

In-Person Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

On Duty this Week

October 22, 2023 - Greeter(s)- Harriet Tunmer and Nancy Bongard

October 22, 2023- Reader - Donna Belleville

Intercessor - Jim Collard

Altar Guild - Keith Bullen, Pat Kingdon and Mary Webster

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!

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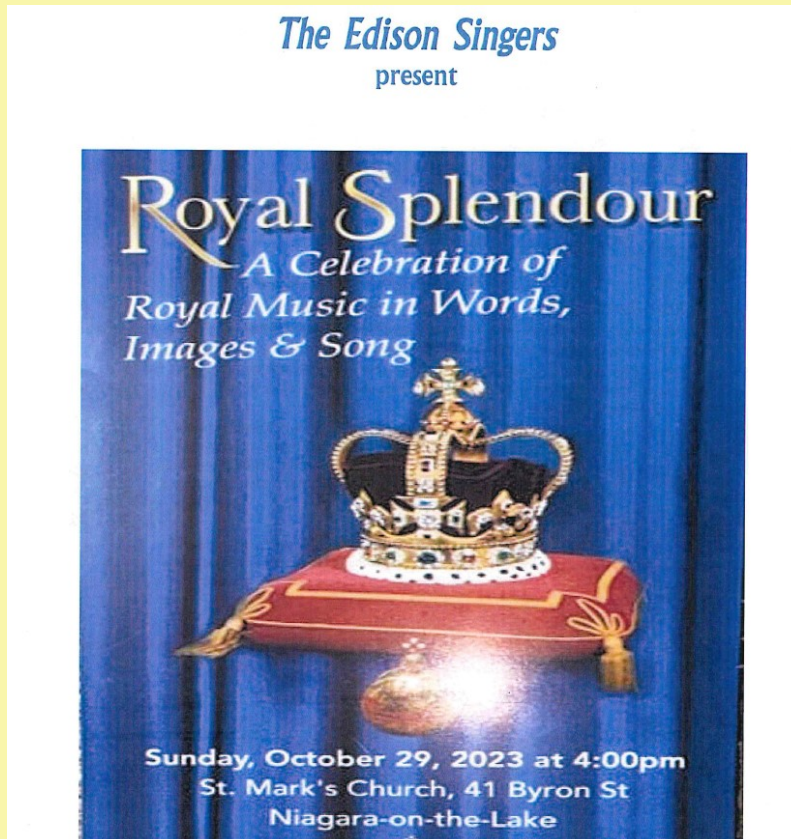
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**The next St Mark's monthly Men's Communion
is Wednesday, November 1st at 8 am**

The St. Mark's Directory 2023 will be available soon. We will announce in the E-News when the directories are ready for pick up.

Wednesday Morning Eucharist - 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Prayer - 5:00 p.m.

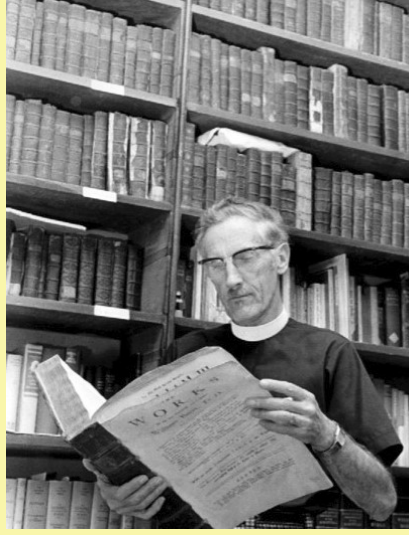


Bible Study via Zoom

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

Did you know

that Rev. Hugh Maclean trained at the Salvation Army Training College in Toronto and then served with the Army both in Canada and in the British West Indies?



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