



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 330th Edition, August 28th, 2026



Dear Friends,

My weekly column will return after Labour Day on Friday, September 11th.

See you in church!

Grace and peace,
Leighton

Dear St. Mark's family:

We would be grateful for notes and cards from our parishioners for

Donald Combe,
who is currently in Palliative Care.

Donald truly enjoys receiving mail, and your kind words and prayers would mean a great deal to him.

Messages may be mailed to:

Box 813
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON
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Alternatively, cards can be left in the door pocket
behind the front door at:

89 Johnson Street

Several of us will ensure that everything is delivered to him promptly.

Thank you sincerely for your kindness and support

September

The golden-rod is yellow;
The corn is turning brown;
The trees in apple orchards
With fruit are bending down.

The gentian's bluest fringes
Are curling in the sun;
In dusty pods the milkweed
Its hidden silk has spun.

The sedges flaunt their harvest,
In every meadow nook;
And asters by the brook-side
Make asters in the brook.

From dewy lanes at morning
the grapes' sweet odors rise;
At noon the roads all flutter
With yellow butterflies.

By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather,
And autumn's best of cheer.

'T is a thing which I remember;
To name it thrills me yet;
One day of one September
I never can forget.

Helen Maria Hunt Jackson (1830-1885)



Helen Maria Hunt Jackson's life reads like a 19th-century biography where brilliance and sorrow are woven tightly together.

Born in Amherst, Massachusetts, in 1830, Helen grew up in the same intellectual atmosphere that shaped Emily Dickinson — in fact, they were friends and classmates, though their adult lives diverged sharply.

Helen's early talent was unmistakable: Ralph Waldo Emerson praised her as the best contemporary woman poet, which was no small compliment in an era overflowing with literary giants.

Helen's fame today rests primarily on her activism. She became one of the most forceful voices defending Native American rights, especially after witnessing government mistreatment firsthand.

Helen Maria Hunt Jackson's life was shaped by profound and repeated loss. Orphaned as a teenager, she endured the deaths of her mother and father just three years apart. As an adult, tragedy continued to follow her: both of her infant sons died, one in infancy and the other at age nine. Her husband, Captain Edward Bissell Hunt, was killed in a military-related accident. These successive blows left her with a depth of sorrow that permeated her writing and helped fuel the fierce compassion behind her activism for Native American rights.

Many moons ago, there was a band called
Earth, Wind and Fire.
And in 1978, they released a song called
SEPTEMBER.
Enjoy!
(click below)

SEPTEMBER

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

August 30th, 2026

Greeter(s) -

8:30 a.m. - Allan Magnacca

10:30 a.m. - Trudi Watson and Earle Waugh

Reader - Penny-Lynn Cookson

Intercessor - Penny-Lynn Cookson

Altar Guild - Peggy Walker, Diane Turner and Susan Baxter

Server - Virginia Mainprize

Hospitality Servers - Peggy Walker and Rita Brown

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: Susan Peacock, Carolyn Porter, Kimberley Rampersaud, and Dave Roberts and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: St. Alban, Beamsville; The Reverend Dr. Dan Tatarnic, Priest-in-Charge; the Reverend Mary Kimberley, Associate Priest; and the people of that parish.

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer: The Rt. Rev. Chad McCharles, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatoon; Bishop Kathy Martin, the people and rostered ministers of the British Columbia Synod; and the administration and staff of the Board of Elders Canadian District and the Northern Province.

We invite you to honour the memories of your loved ones by donating memorial flowers at any time throughout the year.

Please submit your request to the office no later than the Wednesday before the Sunday you want the flowers displayed. This allows us time to include your tribute in both the Order of Service and the E-News.

If you wish to donate, please call Erin in the office.



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