



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 304th Edition February 27th 2026



Dear Friends,

My meditation this week is "Name Calling" and it's about how we need to choose our words wisely. You can watch it [here](#).

If you prefer to read, the text can be found [here](#).

Grace and peace,
Leighton

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

The Annual Vestry Meeting of St. Mark's Church
takes place this
Sunday, March 1st
12 noon in Addison Hall

Any nominations for Parish Council must be received
today.

Nomination forms are available in the Parish Office.

Forms must be signed by the nominator and one other parishioner
(Please make sure you have the nominee's permission.)

We hope to see you all at the meeting.

MEN'S COMMUNION AND BREAKFAST
Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Gentlemen of St. Mark's,
Please join us in fellowship for St. Mark's
Men's Communion and Breakfast on
Wednesday, March 4, at 8 a.m.

Following the communion service, we will have breakfast at
Silk's Country Kitchen
in Virgil.

Remember, you are always welcome to bring a friend.

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Join us for a meaningful gathering at
St. Mark's Anglican Church
as we celebrate
World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 6, 2026.

This special day is all about uniting women from diverse races, cultures, and traditions, allowing us to come together in prayer, fellowship, and understanding throughout the year.

This year's theme,
"I Will Give You Rest: Come"
inspired by Matthew 11:28-30,
has been beautifully prepared by the WDP committee of
Nigeria, this year's host country.

It invites us to reflect on overcoming shame, systemic oppression, religious persecution, and poverty through the power of divine rest and the strength of the community.

Our service will feature the inspirational stories of remarkable Nigerian women - Beatrice, Jato, and Blessing - who embody themes of faith and hope. Their journeys will touch our hearts and ignite our spirits.

Don't miss this opportunity to reflect and be uplifted.
Join us in prayer and solidarity as together we strive for a more compassionate world.

We look forward to sharing this powerful experience with you!

Service at 1 p.m.
Reception to follow in Addison Hall

*****Both women and men are welcome to attend*****



World Day of Prayer Journée mondiale de la prière 2026

**"I Will Give You
Rest: Come"**

Matthew 11:28-30

Title: Rest for the Weary

Artist: Gift Amarachi Ottah



**« Je vous procurerai le
repos. Venez »**

Mattieu 11, 28-30

Titre : Le repos pour vous qui peinez
sous le poids du fardeau

Artiste: Gift Amarachi Ottah

Ecumenical Worship Service Information/ Renseignements sur la célébration œcuménique

Day, Time/la date, l'heure

FRIDAY MARCH 6, 2026 AT 1 P.M.

Location/l'endroit

ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
41 BYRON STREET
NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

Additional Information/informations supplémentaires

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Service préparé par des chrétiennes du Nigeria, préparé et adapté pour le Canada par le Œcuménisme des chrétiennes du Canada



🍒 It's that time again! 🍒
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It seems we just finished Cherry Festival 2025, and now we are getting ready for
CHERRY FESTIVAL 2026

🍒 Get Ready for Cherry Madness! 🍒

We have an enthusiastic team to craft our delightful cherry jam, and we began our jam-making adventures on Wednesday, February 25th, in preparation for the much-anticipated **Cherry Festival on July 4th!**

🍒 But that's not all—hold onto your aprons! 🍒

because cherry pie-making begins in April!

These beloved pies are a staple of our festival, and we need **YOU** to roll up your sleeves and join us in creating these delicious treats. Keep an eye on St. Mark's E-news for all the dates and times to volunteer!

🍒 And here's how you can help right away! 🍒

During February and March, we're asking for **donations of Tenderflake lard** or, if you prefer, a cash donation to help with our purchasing plans. Your early support will make a **BIG** difference!

Donations can be made through the office.

Got questions? Want to join the fun? Don't hesitate to reach out to me—Diane Turner at 289 362 1827.

Together, we can make this Cherry Festival unforgettable



In March, perseverance is rewarded with the promise of spring

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

March 1, 2026

Greeter(s)

8:30 a.m. - Carolyn Porter

10:30 a.m. - Chris Bjogan and Marilyn Bardeau

Reader - Steve Hinchliffe

Intercessor - Penny-Lynn Cookson

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize

Server - John Shaver

Flowers - Jennifer Smith

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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Prayer Cycles - We pray for:

In St. Mark's Parish: Anita Miller, Hazel Milne, Sally Mitchell, Julian Trachsel, and Peter Nixon and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: St. George, Lowville, The Reverend Stephen Blackmore, Priest-in-Charge; and the people of that parish.

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer: The Bishop, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland; The Dean, council, and congregations of the Georgian Bay and Huronia Areas of the Eastern Synod; and the people and ministries of New Dawn Moravian Church in Toronto.

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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