



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 334th Edition, October 2nd, 2026



Dear Friends,

My meditation this week, "Use Your Imagination" explores how imagination can transform the world. You can watch it [here](#).

Or, if you prefer to read, you can find the text [here](#).

See you in church!

**Grace and peace,
Leighton**



SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING OCTOBER 4TH

A Special Vestry Meeting will take place immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service

THIS SUNDAY

Sunday, October 4, 2026.

The only item on the agenda will be the replacement of the balconies on the rectory tower.

A brief presentation will be given, along with the budget, approved by the Parish Council at its meeting on September 17, 2026.

In honour of the
Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of animals,
you are invited to join us for our annual

Blessing of the Pets

THIS SUNDAY

5 PM

Bring your cats, dogs, birds, and even reptiles —as we gather to receive a special blessing for every pet in attendance.

BLESSING OF THE PETS



God made all creatures, great and small!

St. Mark's Anglican Church in NOTL
41 Byron Street

invites you and your pets to join us for

The Blessing of the Pets
in Honour of feast of St. Francis of Assisi

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH 2026
5:00 p.m.



MEN OF ST. MARK'S **COMMUNION AND BREAKFAST**

For those unfamiliar with our monthly Holy Communion for the men of St. Mark's and their friends, we gather each month-on the first Wednesday- for a special service, followed by breakfast.

It's a time for quiet worship and reflection in the peace of the morning, an opportunity to step away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Those who attend find it a unique experience.

We then enjoy breakfast and embrace the camaraderie of fellow attendees, with the intention to build meaningful connections in a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

Our October gathering will take place on

Wednesday, October 7th, at 8 am

at the church,

followed by breakfast at the NOTL Golf Club Waterfront restaurant.

You are cordially invited to join us.

Please contact Greg Walker if you plan to attend.
Greg is also happy to answer any questions you may have.

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— ANGLICAN CHURCH —

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE



THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

🍁 OCTOBER 11, 2026 🍁

*Join us as we give thanks to God
for all His blessings in our lives
and celebrate Thanksgiving together.*



WORSHIP

8:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist

THANKSGIVING HOSPITALITY

Following the
10:30 a.m. service

*Pumpkin, spice &
everything nice!*



A time to gather, give thanks and enjoy fellowship together.



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Bishop Susan Bell invites the women of the Diocese of Niagara to join her on retreat this fall in Niagara-on-the-Lake to explore how God is calling and equipping women to use their gifts, voices, and experiences in service of God's church.

This gathering offers women across the diocese—lay and ordained—an opportunity to step away from the pace of everyday life, rest in God's presence, and be renewed through prayer, conversation, and spiritual formation.

Led by Bishop Susan in partnership with the [Niagara School for Missional Leadership](#), the retreat will include a special lecture by the bishop, a moderated panel conversation with women ministry leaders, and opportunities for personal and small group reflection. Through shared stories, prayer and theological reflection, participants will explore how women's leadership uniquely contributes to the Church's capacity to engage its context and participate in God's mission.

Held in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in the Anglican Church of Canada, this retreat celebrates the faith, wisdom and ministry of women while creating space to imagine the future of women's leadership in the Church.

Come and be refreshed, inspired and strengthened as we listen for God's call and discover anew the gifts God has entrusted to women for the life and mission of the Church.

MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE RETREAT WILL BE SHARED CLOSER TO THE DATE.

[REGISTER](#)

[Retreat Details](#)

Date: Friday, October 16 (6:30 pm-8:30 pm)
Saturday, October 17 (9:15 am-4:00 pm)

Location: St. Mark's Anglican Church - 41 Byron Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake
Schedule: Friday evening will include a wine & cheese reception and a Compline service.

The main program of the retreat will be held on Saturday.

[Accommodations](#)

Please note that accommodations are **not** included in the price of the retreat.

A block of rooms have been organized at the
Hilton Garden Inn in Niagara-on-the-Lake

and registrants are invited to take advantage of the
preferred rate of \$259.00 for Friday night.

To do so, please call 905-984-4200 (1-866-777-9877) and inform them you are
attending the Diocese of Niagara Women's Retreat at St. Mark's Anglican Church.

Please provide them with the group code: 90D

or click the link
below to make your own reservation.

[HOTEL BOOKING LINK](#)

*Please note that those wishing to take advantage of this preferred rate must do so
by
September 15, 2026*

Parish Updates

In-Person Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon . [Watch the live stream on YouTube](#)

On Duty this Week

October 4th, 2026

Greeter(s) -

8:30 a.m. - Allan Magnacca

10:30 a.m. - Doug and Colleen Hunter

Reader - Wendy Steel

Intercessor: Wendy Steel

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize

Server - Virginia Mainprize

Hospitality Servers - Rita Brown and Anjulika Chand

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](#)

[Click here to access St. Mark's Anglican Church Facebook Page](#)

You can also access our Facebook page when on our website by clicking on the Facebook icon that
looks like an "F".

Prayer Cycles - We pray for:

In St. Mark's Parish:

In the Niagara Diocese:

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer:

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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