



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 335th Edition, October 9th, 2026



Leighton

Dear Friends,

My meditation this week is "Travel Advisory." In it talk about how you don't need to go great distances to be well-travelled. You can watch it [here](#).

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

See you in church!

Grace and peace,

We invite you to a special celebration this
Sunday, October 11

as we honour the
Rector's 23rd ordination anniversary.

To mark this significant milestone, Michael Bloss will perform two pieces that were played during the ordination ceremony.

Join us for a heartfelt Thanksgiving Service followed by a reception, where we will come together to express our best wishes and gratitude to Leighton for his dedicated service and to wish one another a blessed Thanksgiving.

We hope to see you there!

Andrea Douglas
Rector's Warden

Ian Russell

**Congratulations
to our
Rector's Warden
Andrea Douglas
who has been appointed by Bishop Susan Bell to
The Order of Niagara
in recognition of her outstanding service to St Mark's.**

**The presentation will be made at
Christ's Church Cathedral in Hamilton
Sunday, November 22 at 4 pm.
All are welcome and encouraged to attend the service.**

It will also be live-streamed.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATIONS REQUEST

**Dear Parishioners,
As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded once again of the profound gift
it is to care for one another.**

**This weekend, we invite you to help us extend that care beyond our own walls
by bringing
canned and non-perishable goods to the church.**

**Your generosity will directly support those in our wider community who are
facing hardship. Even a single item can make a meaningful difference to
someone who needs it.**

**If you are able to contribute, please leave your donations on the table to the
right at the back of the church.
Together, we can offer comfort, nourishment, and hope to those who need it
most.**

**With warm thanks,
Leighton**



**Wishing our entire St. Mark's parish family
a blessed Thanksgiving.
May God fill your homes with peace, your table with abundance and
your hearts with gratitude.
Have a safe and joyful long weekend.**

ST. MARK'S

— 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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A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE ALTAR GUILD

Over the past year, the cost of fresh flowers across Canada has risen sharply. Transportation and delivery surcharges—driven by global fuel prices—have made weekly floral orders significantly more expensive.

For many months, we have absorbed these increases so that memorial flower donations could remain unchanged.

Unfortunately, we have reached a point where we can no longer continue covering these rising costs.

With sincere regret, we must now adjust our suggested donation amounts so that we can continue offering beautiful and meaningful memorial arrangements.

For memorial flowers placed on either side of the altar, we now require a minimum donation of \$150.00 per vase (memorial flowers are purchased in pairs).

For smaller memorial arrangements placed on the two tables at the back of the church, we will require donations of \$50.00 per vase.

Tax-deductible receipts will be issued for all memorial flower donations.

We truly appreciate your understanding and continued support. These tributes are an important part of our worship life, and your generosity helps us maintain the care and beauty they deserve.



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](#)

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 11th, 2026

Greeter(s) -

8:30 a.m. - Allan Magnacca

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

Reader - Jane DeMunnich

Intercessor: Jane DeMunnich

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize

Flowers: Gary Zanner

Server - John Shaver

Hospitality Servers - Mona Bailey and Jo-Anne Hill

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: Eve Wylie, Gary and Tammy Zalepa, Gary Zanner, Andrew Clifford, Carroll and Ted Baker, and Marilyn Bardeau and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: : St. John, Ridgemount; The Reverend Dan Bennett, Rector; The Reverend Deacon Rod McDowell, Deacon; and the people of that parish.

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer: The Rt. Rev. David Lehmann, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Caledonia; the dean, council, and congregations of the North Region of the British Columbia Synod; and for people and ministries working to address issues of poverty, homelessness, and affordable housing.

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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