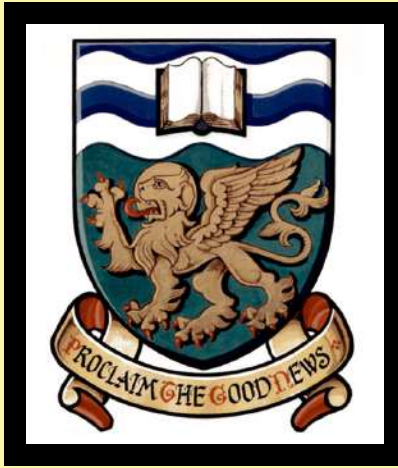




E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 333rd Edition, September 25th, 2026



Dear Friends,

I have a very brief note for you this week. This Sunday, you'll notice that our summer experiment with having Morning Prayer at 10:30 am on the last Sunday of the month continues.

The response to this service was extremely positive so this will be our new worship pattern on the last Sunday of every month. The Holy Eucharist will always be celebrated at 8:30 am.

On Sunday the choir will sing C V Stanford's well-known (even iconic) Te Deum and Jubilate in B-flat and we will sing grand hymns in honour St Michael and All Angels.

Please take note of the special events and services happening at St Mark's over the next couple of weeks. We are truly into our autumn activities after the quieter summer months.

See you in church!

**Grace and peace,
Leighton**

SPECIAL NOTICE

**There will be no livestreaming of this
Sunday's service.
Livestreaming will resume on Sunday, October 4th.**

SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING OCTOBER 4TH

**A Special Vestry Meeting will take place immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service on
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
Sunday, October 4th, 2026, at 5 PM.

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

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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

You are invited to join the October Communion and Breakfast
Wednesday, October 7th - 8 a.m
followed by breakfast at
The NOTL Golf Club Waterfront Restaurant

Please RSVP Greg Walker if you plan to attend
905-687-0607 or gregoryfwalker@gmail.com
(hats optional)



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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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

September 27th, 2026

Greeter(s) -

8:30 a.m. - Allan Magnacca

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

Reader - Donna Belleville

Server - John Shaver

Hospitality Servers - Michael Bloss and Mona Bailey

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: Peter Warrack, Earle Waugh and Trudi Watson,
Garry and Shirley West, and Arn Westlake and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: St. Saviour, The Brock Memorial Church, Queenston;
The Reverend Janet Cashin, Priest-in-Charge; and the people of that parish.

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer: The Rt. Rev. Clara Plamondon, Bishop, and the clergy, and people of The Territory of the People; the people and ministries of the Mission Province of Newfoundland and Labrador; and every child matters! Remember the Indigenous children who did not return home from residential school; for survivors and their families; for truth, healing, and reconciliation.

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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