



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



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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that the St. Mark's email address has changed.

The new email address is:
stmarks@bellnet.ca

Please make a note of this!

Please note that Monday, September 7th is Labour Day and the office will be closed.
We will reopen on Tuesday, September 8th at 9 a.m.
We wish everyone a happy and safe long weekend.

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

September 6, 2026

Greeter(s) -

8:30 a.m. - Allan Magnacca

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

Reader - James Mainprize

Intercessor - James Mainprize

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize

Flowers - Gary Zanner

Server - John Shaver

Hospitality Servers - Mona Bailey and Michael Bloss

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: Joy Rogers, Ian Russell, John and Michelle Scott, and John Shaver and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: Christ Church, Niagara Falls; The Reverend Paul Whitehouse, Priest-in-Charge; The Reverend Canon Jim Powell, Honorary Assistant; and the people of that parish.

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer: The theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Northern Lights: Arthur Turner Training School, the Centre for Christian Studies, the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, Henry Budd College for Ministry, Saint John's College, Dr. William Winter School for Ministry,

James Settee College for Ministry; and for the Season of Creation which continues in the month ahead and a renewed commitment to a healthy relationship with the Earth.

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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