

**Enews to the St. Mark's Pews  
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***Hear the Good News! Hear the Good news!***

Dear Friends,

They say the devil is in the details. For me it would be better to say that I'm bedevilled by details. So I write with an apology and explanation.

I misinterpreted the new Diocesan policy about vaccination requirements for ministry leaders and volunteers. All we need is to see proof of vaccination and then record names and the date of the second vaccination. We DON'T need to keep a copy of the vaccine certificates themselves. This clearly makes sense now that I think about it. I know some people have been disquieted with having to give this information, and I'm sorry my directions to Roxanne and the Wardens were incorrect.

So, she has destroyed all of that information and has only retained names and the date of the second vaccination - as per the guidelines. So if you are someone who needs to show proof of vaccination in order to continue doing your particular ministry and have been hesitating because you didn't want us to retain copies of this information, I hope this helps.

We are obviously living in a new world, what with proof of vaccination needed in restaurants and so forth, and there are lots of growing pains. But we need to be thankful for leadership, both civilly and ecclesiastically, who have implemented these requirements. Yes, they may be tedious, but if they help those who are hesitant to get vaccinated, that's wonderful. We're all in this together and the only way to get out of it is together. The biggest tragedy is how this pandemic, which brought us all together when it began (remember the nightly banging of pots for healthcare workers?) is now driving us apart. We must be careful that we don't become causes for division ourselves.

I know this is all very tiring and confusing. We want this to be over. But wishing that it were over, or acting as if it's no big deal, won't help. So let's continue to be a community of faith that truly models what love of neighbour means. Now is not the time to lose heart.

Grace and peace,  
Leighton

## PARISH UPDATES

### *Keeping in Touch On-line*

Now that we are back to Church in-person our Sunday morning services are **live streamed** on Facebook and YouTube at 10:30 am. Simply go to St. Mark's Niagara-on-the-Lake Facebook page.

Please use these URLs to watch:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Anglican-Church-Niagara-on-the-Lake-235477056649804/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-vVgNf0GbuxrfIjW4sOXzQ>

Our Enews and Order of Service can also be accessed through new website:

Enews: <https://stmarksnotl.org/news/news>.

Order of Service: <https://stmarksnotl.org/worship-ministry/order-of-service-bulletin>

## WARDEN'S LETTER

Now we are in the Fall! A beautiful time of the year. Colours galore, leaves changing. Spectacular sights when driving in the country. We find it relaxing despite all that is going on around us. A little cooler, but we have the sweater handy.

For anyone who has not been vaccinated, we strongly encourage that you do to protect yourself and those around you. Interesting comment by one of the respected doctors on morning television when asked about the flu shot, he mentioned that last year there was the lowest number of flu cases in years! Why, because we are wearing masks, physical distance, no crowds, hand washing etc! It works!

Thank you to those have participated in the \$500 donation request and will be 1<sup>st</sup> on the list to be given a cherry pie as a thank you! Please consider making this special donation.

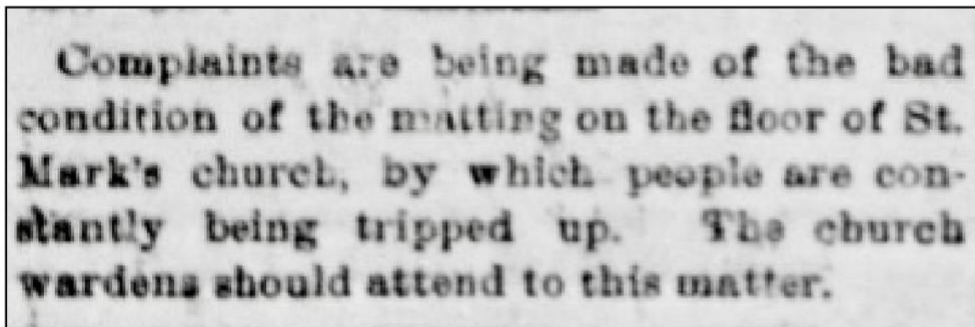
We are still limiting the need for Greeters to one from the team on duty along with Andrea, Steve and Allan. Our ongoing thanks to Rita, Chris and Syme for handling the Registration desk. As we were at our limit last Sunday, please remember to register before Friday noon.

Donald Combe shared this interesting piece with us:

A good friend of St. Mark's, living in New Zealand, Kevin Sherlock, discovered this intriguing bit of our history.

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**The Youngstown News., May 27, 1887, Page 4,**  
About [The Youngstown News. \(Youngstown, N.Y.\) 1886-19??](#)



We are left to wonder how many "trip ups " took place each Sunday and if there were bets on who would be tripped.....  
Were the warden allowing the place go to wrack and ruin as they shortly embarked on the great renovations that were completed for the 100th anniversary in 1892?

Day before yesterday, Ontario's vaccine passport system came into effect. The [new government regulations](#) require people, at the point of entry, to [provide proof of identification and of being fully vaccinated](#) against COVID-19.

These requirements do not apply to worship services; however, we understand they do apply to any indoor meeting (parish council or Bible studies included) or event not associated with worship. And while our ministry guidelines do not currently permit rentals to parishioners or community groups, tenants and license agreement holders using our spaces will also need to comply.

As always a reminder to advise the office of anyone who needs assistance in any way, including a phone call, food picked up and delivered or some companionship through phone, Facetime or over the fence.

Stay safe – keep well

**Called to Life – Compelled to Love**  
Your Wardens

## WORSHIP:



### Sunday Prayers with Bishop Susan

The services begin at 10:00am on [diocesan Facebook page](#) and then will be posted on [YouTube channel](#).

### READINGS FOR EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### [Sunday, September 26, 2021 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost](#)

**Esther 7:1-6,9-10,9:20-22** This is a story set in Persia during the Exile. Haman the vizier has arranged for Mordecai and all Jews to be annihilated, but through the bravery of Esther, they are saved. We learn the origin of the Jewish festival of Purim. At times, God works for his people in ways not found in Mosaic law.

**Mark 9:38-50** Jesus is prepared to tolerate someone who restores people to spiritual health, even though he is not a disciple. Kindness to his followers will be rewarded on Judgement Day, but whoever shakes the faith of a fellow Christian will be condemned on that day.

#### **Prayers of the People** (submitted by Larry Bourk)

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the presence in this community of Jack and Lynn Taylor, Tina Tomlinson, Brenda Trauttmansdorff, and Harriet Tunmer and pray for them and their families. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In the Cycle of Prayer for the Niagara Diocese we pray for Church of the Nativity, Hamilton, the Reverend Canon Matthew Griffin, Rector, and the people of that parish. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and people of The Territory of the People, and the dean, council, and congregations of the North Region of the British Columbia Synod. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick, especially remembering Gillian MacKay, Terry, Don Dicarolo, Jan Brown, Lisa, Dorothy Walker, Sharon, Dick, Doug Garrett, Bev Garrett, Jodey Porter, Sean, and Joshua. And for those shut in their homes, Fred Habermehl, Fred Dixon, Joy Ormsby, Selina Appleby, and Joan Draper. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have gone before us, Ross Tomlinson, Peter Ford, Tony Dolynski, and Jackie Johnson. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**