

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

WARDEN'S LETTER

A large thank you to The Venerable Lynne Marchand for being our "interim" and guest preacher, while Fr. Leighton has been on vacation. Lynne and her husband Rick have become a welcomed member of St. Mark's and we hope to see them on a regular basis. This past week we have lost a parishioner, Ross Tomlinson. Please keep Tina and family in your prayers.

We continue with our one service at 10:30 on Sunday with live streaming. We are continuing to have some sound issues on the uploads to Facebook and YouTube and are working to minimize this issue.

We continue to be restricted in our numbers and to follow exactly the protocols issued by the Diocese. We received on Thursday the latest update which continues to keep the same restrictions that have been previously issued. Although Covid-19 numbers are lower in some areas, there is a major concern about the uptick there has been in the past few weeks mainly with unvaccinated people or those with a single shot. We continue to encourage everyone to be vaccinated not only to protect themselves but those whose space they may be in.

Fr. Leighton will be back for Sunday Service on August 29th and we will start Bible Study after the September long week-end as well as Wednesday Morning service. We are now in that period of financial concerns. Without the usual July Cherry Festival and other events that greatly impacted our bank account and without any current expectations for the Fall, we need to rely on our parishioners to maintain their givings or consider an extra donation. Many responded to our extra month "ask" last year.

This Sunday is a special date for our long-time parishioner Donald Combe, who will be celebrating his 90th Birthday. For more than 30 years Donald has been a historian, archivist, sexton, raconteur. He co-authored (with Fred Habermehl) more than 20 publications on the history of St. Mark's and its members. Donald spearheaded (with Percy Webb) the planting of indigenous trees in the cemetery, more than 80 were planted since 1990, and the current stones preservation project (16 stones are under restoration) including the butcher's block, Chrysler and Waters (obelisk). Donald is also working on a project to update the cemetery maps and transcriptions for the Ontario Genealogical Society.

Please, read a wonderful article about Donald in the "Local".

We wish Donald the best of health, happiness and every success in his extremely important work. Thank you, Donald!

As always if you know of anyone needing care or assistance, please contact the office.

Stay safe – keep well

Called to Life – Compelled to Love

Your Wardens

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>

WORSHIP:

Sunday Prayers with Bishop Susan in the Summer

Start Date: July 4, 2021 - 10:00am

End Date: September 6, 2021

We invite you to join Bishop Susan and people from across the diocese and beyond for a time of worship, prayer, fellowship, and teaching.

Each Sunday during the summer our diocesan service will begin at 10:00am on our [diocesan Facebook page](#) and then will be posted on our [YouTube channel](#). We'll have a number of special guest preachers to open up the Word of God for us.

On the third Sunday of the month the service will include spiritual communion. Spiritual communion will take place on August 22 during the summer months.

READINGS FOR THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 22, 2021 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8:22-30,41-43 The Temple has been built, and the Ark of the Covenant moved to it, in procession. A cloud shows the presence of God in the Temple. Solomon has addressed the people. Now he prays to God.

John 6:56-69 Jesus has said that he is divine and the living bread. Now he says that partaking in the Eucharist, the Lord's Supper, establishes a lasting relationship, a community of life, between him and the believer. Belief in this ultimate reality is a gift given by God to some.