



St. John the Evangelist, Niagara Falls  
*in our 206th year of ministry in this community*

**BEFORE SUNDAY**



E-News for March 8, 2026

The Third Sunday in Lent



**8 AM - Eucharist** - led by The Rev. Canon Howard Anningson

**11 AM - Eucharist** - led by The Rev. Rob Duncan

The Facebook link for 11 am Sunday broadcasts can be found at: <https://m.facebook.com/stjohnstamford/>.



### **Passing the Offering Plate**

The offering plate hasn't been passed at St. John's for some time, and it has become unclear for newer folks how to give financially to the church. As part of our season of stewardship during Lent, we're going to try passing the plate again.



Rev. Allison is on holidays from March 2 to 9. Enjoy your vacation! Thanks to Rev. Rob for covering the 11am service this

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Sunday.



### **Considering our Future**

Join us for a morning of prayer and discernment at the church on **Saturday, March 21, from 10am - 1:45pm**. This event will be a kick-off to our year of visioning for the future of St. John's.

After spending time in prayerful study and listening, we'll consider what God is doing in our community, what's working well at the church, what things need to change, and how to best steward our property. It's easy for an established congregation to get into a rut of doing things the same way they've always been done, simply because that's easiest. But what if God is inviting us into something different, and something more? Let's talk about what discernment means and how we can move into a season of prayerful listening together. We want your perspective! Lunch will be provided. **Please sign up on the list provided Sunday, or contact the office to be added.**

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### **Lenten Wednesday Evening “Soup and Scripture” Services**

Soup Supper **starting at 6 pm**, with Evening Prayer at Stephanie and Rob’s Home (8014 Alpine Drive). You need to sign-up weekly on Sunday, so we know how much soup to make! There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church and in the parish hall. Or email Stephanie by the end of Sunday: [swiltonduncan@gmail.com](mailto:swiltonduncan@gmail.com) .



**Kashechewan Cree Nation** is going to be in Niagara Falls for longer than they expected, which means they’re out of work for longer too. One of their layreaders has asked if we can donate any (gently used) clothing for him to share with folks. **They need kids, teens, and adults of all sizes, and tend to prefer casual clothes like sweatpants.** Let's help them out, folks!!

**UPDATE OVER LAST 2 WEEKS:** Rev. Allison was initially able to drop off about 20 garbage bags of clothing to our friends from Kashechewan Cree Nation 2 week agos, and more donations were distributed this past week. Thank you so much for your generosity.

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There are over 1000 people now staying at hotels near the casino.

We'll continue to accept donations over the next few weeks.



As part of your lenten discipline, you may consider helping others in Canada and around the world. **Alongside Hope** (*formerly called the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund*) offers tangible choices where you can direct your money towards issues and places that touch your heart.

Among them you can help with beehives in Columbia, provide 5 chickens to people in Kenya (*backed by a triple donation from the Government of Canada*), through "In- Canada Emergency" help emergency situations in this country, and through the "*Peace in the Holy Land*" option, support the Diocese of Jerusalem in its operation of Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza. There are so many other worthy options and needs as well. Brochures and information are available at the back of the Church. Check out these and many other options, beginning as low as \$15, at <https://wog.alongsidehope.org/world-of-gifts>

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# DATES TO REMEMBER

*At present, our calendar includes:*

Wednesday evenings in Lent: Soup Supper & Evening Prayer - at the home of Rob & Stephanie (*see info here*)

**REVISED TIME - Mar 21 - CONSIDERING OUR FUTURE** gathering 10am-1:45pm

March 28 - Labyrinth Walk in our Gym

March 28 - **Palm Cross Making Bee** - 9:30am at the back of the church (*Labyrinth Group will be in the hall*)

March 29 - **Palm Sunday**, at the beginning of HOLY WEEK

**Wednesday in Holy Week (Apr. 1)** at St. John's - 7pm Stations of the Cross

**Maundy Thursday (Apr. 2)**- 6pm service at Holy Trinity Chippawa

**Good Friday (Apr. 3)** Ecumenical Service at St. Johns - 10am

**Saturday (Apr. 4) morning** - decorate church for Easter

**April 5 - EASTER SUNDAY - Eucharist at each service**

Sun, Apr. 12 - 8am Morning Prayer

April 19 @ 11am - Baptisms of  
"Claire Jill Peacock" & "James McFadden"

April 26 - Parish Council meeting after 11am service  
(approx. 12:30pm)

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As Lent continues, Rev. Allison has prepared some **resources that can aid you in your walk through Lent**. Some suggestions are from online resources collected from around the world. Other are practices with no internet access required. Pick up a yellow page from the back of the church on Sunday for a list of suggestions, and a blue sheet that outlines a different daily practice for each day of Lent.



At the end of January we were aware of **bad weather** approaching for Sunday. We followed our usual **procedure**, and let you know at 1pm on Saturday what our Sunday plans were. For those of you who are

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new here, we inform you of storm closures in 3 ways:

- 1 - an email blast through MailChimp (like this message),
- 2 - a notice on our church's Facebook page, and
- 3 - a new recording on our Church's voicemail, so that those who phone the church will know the plans.

Just so you all know the process!

## Ways To Help our Community

**Grace Pantry:** appreciates donations of non-perishable food, and prepaid gift cards to inexpensive food stores.

**Breakfast Club Red Jam:** is always needed for St. Georges/St Catharines. Please drop off red jam at the back of the Church.

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*St. John's - "A Community of friendship, faith, and care for our neighbours and all of creation"*

Written by our Parish Administrator, Val C.

The Church phone number is 905- 354-1227. Email: [stjohn@cogeco.net](mailto:stjohn@cogeco.net)

Voice and email messages will be checked during office hours.

The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 AM - 2 PM

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