



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

**BEFORE SUNDAY:**



**Considering our Future**

Join us for a morning of prayer and discernment at the church on **Saturday, March 21, from 10 am - 1:45 pm**. 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.

## E-News for March 22, 2026 The Fifth Sunday in Lent



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

**11 AM - Eucharist** - led by The Rev. Allison Courey

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



On Sunday, please see the box at the back of the Church, and remove your **Easter Letter** from Rev. Allison. That will save us postage when they get mailed after church. Thanks so much!

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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

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

March 28 - Labyrinth Walk in our Gym

March 28 - **Palm Cross Making Bee** - 9:30am at the back of the church

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** - 10am - decorate church for Easter

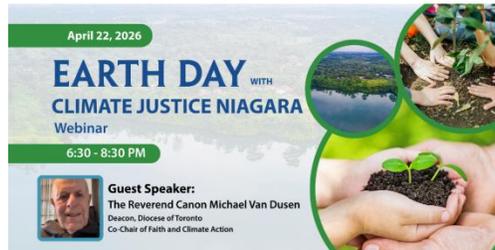
**April 5 - EASTER SUNDAY - Eucharist at each service**

Sun, Apr. 12 - 8am Morning Prayer - 11am Eucharist

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

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



**April 22 is Earth Day.** To mark the occasion, Climate Justice Niagara invites you to a workshop from 6:30 – 8:30pm to hear from Michael Van Dusen, co-chair of Faith & Climate Action, a multi-faith group advocating for the reduction of carbon emissions. He'll speak about how we can move toward climate justice together, helping us better understand our baptismal call to safeguard our planet. [Register today.](#)



**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) .

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



**Palm Cross Making Bee - Saturday, March 28 at 9:30 am**

Beginners and experienced cross makers are welcome; instruction and refreshers are offered to all. It is a great to make these crosses together. We are usually finished around noon. This year, due to the Labyrinth group in the Gym, we will be making crosses at the back of the church.

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Our monthly labyrinth walk for February will be **Saturday, March 28, 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.** in the **gym at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, 3428 Portage Rd., Niagara Falls.** You are welcome to join us in that window of time, completing your walk by 12:00. Please enter at the gym door at the far left of the sanctuary entrance. Whether you're an experienced walker, new or just curious you are most welcome. Brief instructions will be provided as needed. Please bring slippers or be prepared to walk in socks. For more information contact Stephanie Wilton-Duncan, [swiltonduncan@gmail.com](mailto:swiltonduncan@gmail.com) or Deb Kostialik, [kostialiks@gmail.com](mailto:kostialiks@gmail.com).



**Donation envelopes** are now available at the back of the Church for those of you who wish to have special people remembered at Easter. Just drop the envelope in the Collection plate. Please have your donations in by or on Palm Sunday (March 29).

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Rev, Allison led a **Prayer Beads Making Workshop** at Holy Trinity, Chippawa this week, with several St. John's members attending. Besides learning how to make your own individualized version, everyone was also given a handout and demonstration on how to use it prayerfully. Here are most of the prayer beads that were made (*a few others were added later*). Rev. Allison blessed them all.



**A PRAYER FOR IRAN**

BY THE RT REVD DR GULI FRANCIS-DEHQANI,  
BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD

Ever loving God,  
who hears us in our anguish and distress,  
and longs for us to be free.  
We pray for the people of Iran  
and the wider Middle East,  
at this time of fear and uncertainty.  
Be near to those who are anxious;  
bring comfort to all who are suffering.  
Guide those with the power to make decisions,  
and lead them in the ways of wisdom,  
compassion and moderation:  
that people of good will would seek  
harmony and reconciliation.  
Join us with our Christian brothers  
and sisters in all places,  
in praying for peace with justice,  
through him who is the prince of peace,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





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 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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