



St. John the Evangelist, Niagara Falls



Welcome Back BBQ

It's here ... this Sunday, September 17th!

Invite your friends and neighbours to join you at church this Sunday as we welcome everyone back. The BBQ will take place after the 10:30 a.m. service, rain or shine. All you need to **bring** is yourselves and a lawn chair if you have one. Weather permitting, we will enjoy the late summer weather as we catch up or should we say 'ketchup' 😊. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Celebration of Life - Florence

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The family of Florence will be gathering to celebrate her life and they would be honoured if you joined them.

Sept 17 (*after the BBQ*)

2 - 4 pm

Delphi Banquet Hall No. 1

4414 Portage Road, Niagara Falls



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Bishop's Request for Volunteers

Bishop Susan Bell has sent us the following request:

"Dear friends,

*We're at an important juncture in the history of the Diocese of
Niagara.*

*From September 25 through December 22, we are conducting a
comprehensive survey of the people of our diocese regarding the
possibility of conducting a major fundraising effort. This planning
study is aimed at gathering feedback on our long-range needs
and important major projects and initiatives to support the
flourishing of our many ministries.*

*The primary focus for this campaign will be to resource our
parishes and missions to support their Mission Action Plan
(MAP) initiatives. Two-thirds of all funds raised will be directed
back to parishes and missions for their ministries."*

A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the Church for those interested, or you can call/email the office to be added to the list.



Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

***The Porch Sessions: Films of Subversive Laughter with
Walter Brueggemann and Peter Block***

Biblical Theologian and Old Testament professor, Walter Brueggemann and community developer and author, Peter Block engage in conversation about the broad narrative of faith and community that has immediate implications in our particular neighborhoods and churches. Besides the interviewers, the prophet Elisha is the other conversation partner who seeks to show us how empire is to be subverted. This series of films demonstrates that the ideas of Brueggemann and Block do not come from untested ideology but the richness of the relationship that they share, as lives lived in community.

SESSION TITLES AND FILMS

10. NURTURING A NEW NARRATIVE

11. COMMODYING LOVE

All are welcome!



Our opening videos for the rest of the summer come from this series of videos from The Work of the People website. The following is the description of the series from the website. Each video is about two and half minutes long.

“Welcome to the film series *Earth, Our Original Monastery*, a contemplative prayer series featuring seven poetic blessings written by Christine Valters Paintner inspired by her book *Earth, Our Original Monastery*.

Poetry is the soul’s language. Through image, lyric, and metaphor, poets are able to convey messages from the soul of their humanity to express a moment of awakened truth—a glimpse of the Creator still at work and ever connected to creation. Christine’s poetic blessings are an invitation into the blessed Divine current, into the practice of deep listening for the whisperings of your own soul. They are contemplative prayer pieces, guides to being present in communion with Creator and creation.”



Building Check

The Diocese is looking for "a volunteer or two who might be willing to check in on the former **All Saints Niagara Falls Church building on Robinson Street** on a weekly basis. The task is pretty simple: walk around the building to ensure everything is in order; it usually takes no more than 5--10 minutes." If this appeals to you, please let the office know.



Calling All Extra Jewelry

As fall approaches and preparations for St. John's Christmas Market begin, Pat Niven is looking for donations of jewelry, small boxes for jewelry, and jewelry pieces that can be made into new creations. These items will be available for sale at the jewelry table at St. John's Christmas Market. Please reach out to Pat Niven on a Sunday or leave donated items with the church office or church wardens. Thank you for your continuing support.



St. John's Prayer Shawl Ministry provides prayer shawls that can be given in times of celebration, life change and in time of need. A prayer shawl can provide comfort and support and reinforces that we are all held in God's loving care. This ministry also embraces those with a desire to volunteer their time, talent, and prayers in the creation of shawls. Completed prayer shawls are available at St. John's in the basket at the back corner of the worship space on the garden side of the church.

It is hoped that come **late fall** we can organize **a time for creators to get together**, work on shawls, and share some fellowship in the chapel space at St. John's. If you are interested in learning more, participating in this ministry, and/or need shawl patterns, please reach out to Karen James on a Sunday or the church office for more details.



We have a number of **old pews** available for new homes. Donations welcome. Talk to the Wardens or the Office.

Ways We Can Help our Community

Grace Pantry (Emergency Food Bank): A Shared Ministry between Niagara Falls Christian Ministries and St. John's. Please bring non-perishable items, hygiene products, or grocery store gift cards (*No Frills or Food Basics \$25 suggested*). By appointment only Thursdays 6pm-9pm & Sundays 1230-330pm. Call Christine or Darlene at 905-356-5634 or 647-464-3774. *Please note - It was recently reported in the news that **Niagara Falls' Project Share has the highest per capita food bank usage in Ontario.** The need is very great in our area.*

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

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

The Church phone number is 905- 354-1227.
The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 AM - 2 PM

Reverend Mark can be reached as needed at 289-303-7070
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