



June 19, 2022 – Announcements for St. John the Evangelist

The Sunday Readings are from *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church* by Wilda C. Gafney.

THANKS – to the Rev. Canon Howard Anningson for being our Presider today, and to Karen James for being our Preacher.

Birthdays this week: Florence MacLeod – June 22

This week's Parish Council Meeting – Wed, June 22 – at 7pm in the Chapel.



We will celebrate Aboriginal Sunday NEXT week, June 26. Wear your orange shirt if you have one!

Parish MAP Meeting Next Sunday, June 26, after the 10:30am service, for approx. 1 hour. June 5th a handout (with the results of the 1st meeting and a short questionnaire before the next meeting) was available at the back of the church. It was also emailed out June 9th. The final 2 meetings will be held July 10 and August 14. After completing these 4 meetings and submitting our results, we will be refunded one month of DM&M payments (approx. \$1,500.00)!

Prayer List update – due Monday, June 27: We update our prayer list **monthly**. If you wish to have a name remain on or be added to the prayer list, please notify the church office by email or phone by June 27. You can also notify the contact information recorder in the church narthex on a Sunday. If you are requesting prayers for someone else, please ensure and indicate that you have their permission to be on the list. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.

Paving Portage Road. We received a letter from the City, telling us that they are paving Portage Road from O'Neil Street to Mountain Road. This work began June 6th. At some point it will affect access to our parking lot.



Recruiting!! – We are looking for volunteers to help out in many different ways – as a Reader at our Sunday liturgies, a Greeter, an Altar Guild member, a LayReader, and the list goes on. Please consider how you can best offer your gifts, and let the office know. All help gratefully appreciated. *(Please note that everyone taking on any of these roles needs to show proof that they are fully vaccinated.)*

Best Foot Forward Fundraising Campaign. Rev. Mark and the Wardens sent parishioners a letter in early April, speaking of the special fundraising campaign just begun. It is aimed at providing funds for kitchen and nursery renovations, repairs to 2 windows at the front of the Church (Sanctuary), and the roof flashing over the Chapel and offices. The total expense for these projects is \$25,000.00. Thanks to those who have contributed in big and small ways already. So far, we have raised \$7,540.00. All future donations greatly appreciated! See email sent May 26 or handouts at the back for recent photos.



Moon Time Sisters Menstrual Period Products needed again! Verna Saveall is once again coordinating donations for this campaign, continuing through to October (*after which northern roads and waterways can become impassable*). Moon Time Sisters Ontario has been partnering for the last 5 years with over 30 northern Indigenous communities in Ontario, Quebec, Nunavut, and Northwest Territories to supply people who menstruate with free period products. They are looking for donations of pads, tampons, cloth pads, and menstrual cups. All other hygiene items that are not sent north are given to an Indigenous based family shelter and a women's healing lodge in Toronto. More detailed information can be found at their website:
<https://truenorthaid.ca/mts-on/>

Masks Memo: Masks are still **required** in church. Ontario removed the mandatory masking requirement for most settings on March 21, with the exception of select settings such as public transit, health care settings, long-term care homes and congregate care settings. As per communication from the diocese, masks will continue to be an essential part of our suite of protections in place for indoor ministry activities, in order to care for those who are most vulnerable in our midst.

Children's Program - We continue to have two children's tables at the front of the church for use of one family per table. Colouring pages and pencil crayons are provided. The front pew and table will be reserved so a family can remain together during the service. Please notify the church office if you wish to reserve one of the tables. St. John's will resume Sunday School in September of 2022 provided the diocese permits it at that time. Thank you for your continuing patience and co-operation.



Breakfast Club Need – from Eleanor Frost. During this pandemic, the breakfast program at St. Georges (*St. Cath.*) has been soldiering on, providing a take-out meal for sixty to ninety guests every day. Not surprisingly, the cost of providing this service has DOUBLED. One of the more expensive items is jam. THANK YOU to everyone who has already contributed red jam. The need continues, so please remember to grab some extra jam to donate when you get your groceries. We are now their unofficial 'red jam' donor!

E-Transfers Directly to Church Bank Account! You are now able to send deposits directly into our bank account. A password for the church is not required, but you need our email address: stjohn@cogeco.net . For more complete instructions, please contact the office.



These announcements are emailed to the parish on the Thursday before the Sunday Service. They are also available on our website. Check out <http://www.stjohnsniagarafalls.ca/> . Web-links in these Announcements can be easily clicked through from our website.

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