



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

November 13, 2020

Dear friends,

Welcome to the thirty third edition of our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable

future.

“Shout Outs”

If you would like some special occasion like an anniversary or birthday acknowledged in the Sunday service, Fr Julian will be more than happy to announce it. However, it must be into either Father Julian or the office by **Tuesday noon** for it to be included in the service for the following Sunday.

- Fr Julian and his womb-mate Earl celebrate their 50th birthday on November 13
- Abbey Greer Pilson celebrates her 15th birthday on November 15
- Phillip Greer celebrates his birthday on November 17

Sunday Services

Please remember to let the office know if you would like to attend the service. Although walk-ins are allowed, there is a strict limit of 50 people in the building and numbers were up last Sunday.

The Pandemic Planning Committee has prepared a [Reopening Brochure](#) with [Re-Opening Q & A](#). The Q & A has been updated. These updates can be found later in the newsletter. For those of you who would like to have more information on what we are doing as a diocese, the full Diocesan Plan was revised on October 14 and is available at [Diocesan Plan - In This Together](#). There is a summary of the plan on pages 3-5.

Video Morning Prayer Service

Morning Prayer services will continue for the foreseeable future. As usual, you should receive an email with a link to the service and the bulletin on Saturday.

Many, many thanks to Alex Dee who is doing the video editing for this endeavour.

St Mark's Bazaar 2020

Each week for the next several weeks we will be adding new items to the selection available. This week, our Winter Soup mixes are available for purchase as well as an exciting new offering – frozen cookie dough. This cookie dough is pre-formed into balls. All you have to do is pop it in the oven or toaster oven to get freshly baked cookies! Also, Pat Sinclair is offering her yummy fruit pies. They will be available for pick-up on December 7. Pre-order to secure your pie. Click [Bazaar Order Sheet](#) to see the list of items available. To order, contact the church office by email or phone and give your contact information then list the item number, name and number ordered. Please include the time you are calling if you are ordering by phone. (We can see the time on an email.) You can pay by cheque made payable to St Mark's, credit card or cash. The final details on pick up or delivery are being worked out and arrangements will be made when your order is received. Within a few days, you will be contacted to make arrangements for pick up or delivery. You are encouraged to share the order sheet with your friends and neighbours.

Christmas Cookie Boxes

We will continue our Christmas cookie boxes this year. However, this year, because of changing demands on the organizer, they will come out in mid-December. If you are willing to bake cookies – or if you wish to order cookies, please contact the office.

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Bishop's Podcasts

The last podcast of Season 2 came out last Saturday. This podcast contains an interview with Fr Julian. Here is a link to last Saturday's podcast: [Bishop's Podcast - Season 2 Episode 6](#)

Video Backgrounds

Thank you to those who contributed to the video background for this week's Morning Prayer. There are some great and truly Ottawa Valley photos in there! Whenever you see a particularly photogenic sight which you think would suit as a background, please feel free to share. Landscape pictures are the best. I can't guarantee I will use every picture but I do enjoy every picture. – Joy

Calendars

Our calendars are completely sold out. If you are interested in a calendar please contact Cynthia before November 20. If there are enough requests, she will order more. 613-723-2680

PWRDF

As your parish PWRDF Rep and as we are now starting to think about Christmas. Please think about the PWRDF "World of Gifts" and the Christmas cards. The website is well programme serving five African countries has been extended and is now being matched by the Government at 6: 1. You should also have received the "World of gifts" in your Crosstalk. Jenny 613 225 6301

Forward Day by Day

The Forward Day by Day booklets for November through January are available in the office. Please call the office to make arrangements for pick-up or ask at church on Sunday morning.

Re-Source Thrift Shop

The re-Source Thrift Shop Ottawa is pleased to announce that we are NOW OPEN!!

Stop in for a visit to say hello to our friendly volunteers and pick up some great deals!

Interested in volunteering? We have many different opportunities available and provide a safe, fun atmosphere where your contributions can make a real impact in supporting Christian education in Ottawa. Please contact Brenda at info@re-sourceottawa.ca or visit our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/resourcehriftottawa>) for more information.

The store is located at 1400 Clyde Ave in the Bleeker mall, and is open from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm Tuesdays through Saturdays. Donations are accepted during store hours at the back of the building.

Funds generated from the re-Source Thrift Shop Ottawa will be used to support Christian education in the Ottawa area, including Redeemer Christian High School (Nepean), Ottawa Christian School (Barrhaven), and Community Christian School (Metcalf).worth a visit: <https://pwrdf.org/> Our "All Mothers and Children Count Covid-19"

Sharing Coffee Hour

If you would like to share a photo, a recipe of what you would have made for coffee hour and/or a short hello message with a few details of what you've been up to, then you are welcome to do so. The editor will not seek out people but would be happy to receive submissions.

Contacting the Church

Contacting the office has actually not changed at all. You may contact the office at 613-224-7431 or stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca. Messages are being monitored and the business of the church is continuing, albeit remotely.

Donations to the Church

We are extremely fortunate at St Mark's that there are a number of people who use Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). If you are not on PAR, we would encourage you to continue

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your donations. Of course, putting a cheque in the mail is always a great option for getting your donation to us. If you wish to make a donation by credit card, you may do so at CanadaHelps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/47820>.

You will have to remember when you go to do your taxes for 2020 where you have put your receipts from CanadaHelps. If you cannot find them, contact CanadaHelps and they will be happy to issue duplicate receipts. All money donated will be put into the appropriate income category when it comes to us.

Comments and Suggestions

If you have anything you would like to see in next week's newsletter, please email the church at stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca.