



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear friends,

Welcome to the thirty fifth 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.

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.

Songs of Advent

During Advent Fr Julian and Stephanie will be doing a series of sermons on four of the historical figures from the bible and their associated Canticles. They encourage you to send in any questions you may want to have answered about these people or songs. frejc@stmarksottawa.ca

Advent 1 – Zechariah

A Song of Faith

Advent 2 – Angels

A Song of Peace

Advent 3 – Mary

A Song of Trust

Advent 4 – Simeon

A Song of Hope

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 Christmas Cookie Boxes are on the order sheet and will be available for pick-up on December 13. All cookie bakers are asked to have their cookies in on December 11. Please contact Joy/Office to make arrangements to do that. This is the last week to order pies and carrot cakes and we have a few of each of those left. Some of Janis Perkin’s amazing Christmas Cards are left. These are mostly one of a kind, but Janis is willing to do custom orders for that special someone. There is beginning to be much less variety in the preserves and some varieties of cookie dough are almost gone. This week’s order sheet shows remaining quantities of all previously offered items. There are still some carrot cakes available for pick-up on December 4 and some of Pat Sinclair’s wonderful pies available to order for pick-up

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on December 7. Click [Bazaar Order Sheet](#) to see the list of items available. To order, contact the church office by email or phone. Give your contact information and 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. 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.

You may be wondering how the bazaar is doing? It looks as though we have raised about \$1,700 so far this fall. It has been interesting to see the patterns emerging from the sales. Of course, our sales are down compared with the regular bazaar – items from many of our usual tables cannot be offered in this unusual time. (No café for us this year!) I would like to take this opportunity to express heartfelt thanks to Cynthia Greer and Pauline Adams who are taking care of packaging and distributing the orders which come in. – Joy

Christmas Worship

December 24

In-person 7 pm

Online Lessons and Carols for Christmas

December 25

Morning Prayer for Christmas Day

Winter Safety - Debra Dynes Family House (DDFH)

This winter DDFH are organizing a "Winter Safety" initiative for approximately 100 children in the local community where they will receive new hats, scarves and mitts. During the month of December, St Mark's will be collecting winter accessories for babies, toddlers and school age children. Other items including toothpaste, hand cream, and

other toiletries, are also needed for the food bank.

Items can be brought to the church on Sunday or parishioners can call the office at 613-224-7431 to arrange pick-up.

At this time, we acknowledge our thanks to Doreen Matweow for her continued generosity to DDFH. Last month Doreen donated several bags of new and gently-used baby and toddler clothing, blankets, and other items. Doreen has let me know that she has several bags of knitted items and toiletries that she will be delivering to me shortly. Many thanks, Doreen!

Giving Tuesday

The Community Ministries are doing so much to help so many vulnerable people during this time of uncertainty. You too, can help these Ministries "Build a Community of Hope" by making a donation today or on Giving Tuesday (December 1), at the link below.

<https://www.todayfortomorrow.ca/give-hope>

Your donation will provide nutritious food and help people stay warm. Thank you!

Video Backgrounds

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

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 PWRDF Christmas cards. The website is well worth a visit:

<https://pwrdf.org/> Our "All Mothers and Children Count Covid-19" programme serving five African countries has been extended and donations are now being matched by the Government at 6: 1. You

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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.

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 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.