



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear friends,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable future.

stopped wearing masks to return to them. Please make that message explicit—encourage people to protect themselves and others by wearing masks when they come to church and urge them to get their bivalent vaccine shot.

Please note this requirement does not mean we are changing stages in our pandemic plan: we remain in Green.

While this is a serious statement, am I allowed to find it amusing that it is occurring at Hallowe'en?

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 Wednesday Evening for it to be included in the service for the following Sunday.

Live Streaming

The service will be streamed at 10 am on Sunday. Here are the links for the [service](#) and the [bulletin](#). The link is also available on the home page of our website: <http://www.stmarksottawa.ca>

New COVID Communique from the Diocese – Return of the Mask

Winter is on the horizon, people are indoors more, and COVID infections are on the rise. Throughout the pandemic, our response to the reality of the virus has been science-based and in line with public health, and this latest challenge must be met the same way. Effective this Sunday, October 30th, all liturgical leaders — including clergy, choirs, servers, chalice bearers, readers, intercessors, and sidespeople/greeters — must wear a mask before, during and after services except when speaking into a microphone, eating or drinking.

Fall Bazaar 2022

The Fall Bazaar this year will be a combination of in-person and online. The in-person bazaar will be on November 5 from 10 am to 2 pm. It will take place only in the upstairs. There will be no Attic Treasures, rummage or clothing.

The masks will, of course, help keep those who lead worship and our congregations safe from infection. However, they will also send an important message to people who have

Baking, Preserves and soup mixes, a Café offering soup, beverages, muffins & squares, Handcrafts including knitting and sewing, Janis's Cards, Jenny's Books, Plants, Puddings & Calendars will be available.

Contributions of baking, preserves, handcrafts, books & plants would be gratefully received from 9:30 am to 6 pm next Friday, November 4 in the hall. If you cannot come during that time, please contact the office.



St Mark's Fall Bazaar ~ 2022

1606 Fisher Ave. Ottawa

Saturday November 5, 2022

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Handcrafts (sewing, knitting & other crafts)
Preserves, Baking, Café, Cards, Puddings, Calendars, Books & Plants

On-line Bazaar October 30 – December 11

information: 613-224-7431 | stmarks@stmarksotawa.ca






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As well as the in-person bazaar occurring on November 5, there will also be online offerings. The online order form is [here](#) and you may place your orders for pick up at the bazaar or on Sunday. There are preserves as well as pre-orders for Christmas cookie boxes, puddings, calendars and soup mixes. There will also be a variety of baking offered from November 13 through December 11, including (but not limited to) Eccles cakes, pies, carrot cakes, mince tarts, turkey pies and Christmas Cookie boxes.

There will also be a silent auction for a 61" x 82" quilt. See the details in the order form.



If you have somewhere to put up a poster, please take one from the link.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, would like to work on November 5th or have items you would like to contribute. Thank you to those people I have already heard from.

-Joy Bowerman, Bazaar Convenor

Coffee, Company & Conversation

Our theme on Thursday, October 27 was Halloween Hijinks. Over half the group were in costume, with some quite inventively decked out. A contest for best costume was held and our very sweet scarecrow, otherwise known as Greta Robinson, won 1st prize. She was most realistic. The two runners up were Roger Latta, a CCC regular, who made a very "scary" mad scientist, and Diane McCaul, a delightful bumblebee. All had fun drinking "black coffee, "terrible tea" and "ghoulish goodies" (wonderfully delicious, decorated cookies and loaves). The spirit of Halloween, was evident in our decorations and fun.



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Next week, on Thursday, November 3, at our usual time of 10:00 am, we are excited to welcome back the talented male harmony group, "Aged in Harmony", which is coordinated by our own John Hancock. Their last appearance before CCC proved extremely popular and members requested their return. These very gifted men also have a great sense of humour and delight with humorous stories. Don't miss this special morning at CCC.

All are welcome. Bring a friend or neighbour.

Stewardship Campaign – Week 1

Over the next five weeks, Michael Perkin will lead us in exploring 5 stewardship themes. Here is the theme for the first week. You will also see this as an insert for your bulletin.



Welcome to St. Mark's 2022 Stewardship Campaign.

Over the next weeks we will be exploring some aspects of stewardship and giving more than just our finances.

I invite you to join us in our journey through Advent. A time of anticipation, of waiting and of focusing on, not only the birth of our saviour but also the sacrifice He would ultimately give. Each week we will offer a different reflection on aspects of stewardship in the scriptures



This picture is the inspiration for this reflection. It was taken at Jerónimos Monastery in Lisbon. It is one of a number of frescos that decorate the refectory all depicting various scenes from the bible.

Generosity

John 6: 2-13

'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?'

We are all familiar with the Feeding of the 5000. Scholars tell us that there were probably many more. With all those people it was amazing that the disciples could only find a boy with loaves and fishes. Did others hide what they had so that they would be fed while others went hungry? I would like to think that that the boy saw the disciples searching and came forward with his offering a pure act of generosity. What happened next was a miracle of generosity.

Jesus multiplied the boy's generosity ten thousand fold and the people were nourished not only in body but in soul. Our generosity is magnified when we share it with our St. Mark's community. What one of us can support Debra Dynes, provide pastoral care and so many other ministries alone? It is through our generous gifts, multiplied by our community, that we are able to reach out to do God's work here on earth.

Being generous is not always about giving material things. Take some time and contemplate how you can be more generous. Give a listening ear, sit in silent prayer with someone who is suffering or is ill, and take time to pray. Sometimes all it takes is being there.

Michael P

Michael Perkin
St. Mark's Stewardship Officer



Our Synod Delegates hard at work last weekend

Help for our Rentals Coordinator

We have an increasing number of one-time rentals for parties, etc. Only one person is

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doing the opening and closing for that, sometimes alone and later in the evening. She would greatly appreciate some help with the opening and closing. Please contact Penny Miller for more information.

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Forward Day by Day

The November to January Forward Day by Day are now available. The cost of them has risen and \$2 would allow us to actually cover the cost of the booklets.

Ordination of Stephanie McWatt

Many of you will remember Stephanie McWatt from her video appearances from Fall 2020 through Spring 2021 when she was doing a placement with us while completing her studies at Wycliffe College. Stephanie is currently the Deacon-in-Charge of St Clare's Parish, North Dundas. Stephanie found out this week that she will be ordained to the priesthood on November 19, the Feast of St Hilda of Whitby. Congratulations to Stephanie and every blessing as she continues in her ministry.

Office Hours

The office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 to noon.

Outreach and Debra Dynes

Now that the days and nights are getting colder please consider making a donation to DDFH of hats, mitts, scarves, socks and longjohns to help our neighbours who are less fortunate than us stay warm. Cash and cheques are always welcome to enable buying in bulk. The Food Bank is always grateful for donations made. During this ongoing period of food insecurity your generosity is appreciated.

I will make deliveries as items are left in the blue bin.

Thank you,

Joan Hounsell, Outreach

Changes to COVID restrictions

The masking requirement was reinstated for all liturgical leaders on Sunday, October 30. The following procedures remain in place

- Masks are still recommended for all members of the congregation but required for all liturgical leaders.
- The Peace is status quo until further notice.
- ¼ of the nave will remain with "distancing tape" until further notice.

E-Transfers to the Church

We can accept e-transfers to the main church account. We cannot do autodeposit because of the type of account but you may e-transfer money to stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca. You will be required to give a question. Please either make the answer obvious or email the office and let them know the answer to the question. This option has no cost to the church.

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>.

Contacting the Church

You may contact the office at 613-224-7431 or stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca. Messages are being monitored.

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