



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

1606 Fisher Ave, Ottawa ON K2C 1X6

Volume 3:33

Weekly Newsletter

November 4, 2022

Dear friends,

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

will take place only in the upstairs. There will be no Attic Treasures, rummage or clothing.

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.

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.

Next week will be our Remembrance service with participation by the scouts and Scott Kirby on trumpet.

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>

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

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. All orders for preserves received now will be processed after the sale on Saturday November 5.

Time Change Saturday Night

We make the shift to Standard Time over the night on Saturday night. That means that you need to set your clocks back one hour so you don't show up for church too early!

The first of the baking offerings is now available to order. Eccles cakes are available on November 13 & 27. These sold out when they were last offered so get your order in. Orders will be processed according to the time they are received. Gail's delicious carrot cakes are also available on November 13.

Fall Bazaar 2022

Tomorrow!!!! The in-person bazaar will be on November 5 from 10 am to 2 pm. It

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



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



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

Yesterday, on November 3, Aged in Harmony visited CCC and treated the gathering to some wonderful entertainment.



Next week, will be a relaxed time of company & conversation (as well as coffee and treats.)



All are welcome. Bring a friend or neighbour.



Stewardship Campaign – Week 2

Continuing over the next four weeks, Michael Perkin will lead us in exploring stewardship themes. Here is the theme for the second week. You will also see this as an insert for your bulletin.



Nov 06
Talents & Time
Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

There are many things in life that can change you, the birth of a child, a new job or a religious mountain top experience. All of these happened to me in the 1980s. We became a family when our children arrived, my new job made me responsible for others and my mountain top experience shook me to my core. I was gifted a Cursillo weekend, I had no idea what I was going to experience. I came away from the weekend a new person. I had had a personal experience with God and it awakened me to what I was being called to do. The question was what would that work be.

November 4, 2022

Up to that time my church experience was sitting in a pew, attending some bible study and being a participant at all the usual church activities. When I returned I realized that I needed to do more but was wondering what I could contribute. I didn't have any talents that could be shared; all of my treasures were wrapped up in the day to day business of living. I had taken more time for daily bible meditation and listening to some inspirational music. Listening to St. Louis Jesuits Earthen Vessels <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NT3d67vfl2o> the first verse struck me,

"We hold a treasure
Not made of gold
In earthen vessels,
wealth untold
One treasure only,
the Lord, the Christ
In earthen vessels."



How much of my talents were contained within my own earthen vessel? God gave me the opportunity to share but first I needed to get those talents out the pot. So I became a cracked pot. I volunteered to be a sidesperson, lay assistant, a reader and the list went on. Since that time I have been enriched by volunteering, sharing my talents and my time. We see so much happening in our church and in the community. Not all of the work is done by paid volunteers do much of the heavy lifting and gifting of time and talent. Pause and think of all those at St. Mark's who are involved using their God given talents and time. Take some time to consider if there is someplace or activity where you can see yourself offering your time and talents. Consider breaking open your own earthen vessel.

Michael P

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.

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 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.

Help for our Rentals Coordinator

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

Pennysmithmiller@gmail.com 613-226-2363

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

November 4, 2022

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