



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

Dear friends,
Welcome to our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable future. Please send any

news items or announcements for the newsletter to stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca

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.

Mark Moss is the organist this 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:

Fall Bazaar

It is hard to believe but the bazaar is almost upon us. The first [order form](#) is available now. Items will be ready for pick-up November 4 (at the bazaar), November 5 (after church) or by arrangement.

This years Fall Bazaar will follow the same format as last years. There will be an in-person Fall Bazaar on November 4 from 10

am to 2 pm. As well, we will offer an online segment offering preserves and baked goods from November 5 through December 10.

The in-person bazaar will have a café, preserves, baking, handcrafts, fabulous cards, books and puzzles. As well, for this year only, there will be a jewellery table.

We are looking for donations of baking, preserves, handcrafts, books (fiction and cookbooks are the focus this year), puzzles and jewellery. If you have any of these items to donate, please contact the office or bring them to the church on Friday, November 3 between 9 am and 6 pm.

As well, we will need people to help set up the bazaar in the morning of November 3 at 9:30 am and help clean up on November 4 at 2 pm.

Thank you to those people who have already contacted me, but more people are always welcome.

Joy Bowerman at 613-224-7028 or stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca

Synod Highlights

Over the next few weeks, there will be selections of the highlights of synod. (See later in the newsletter for this week's. The full highlights of synods can be found [here](#).)

Church Calendars

I keep trying to order the 2024 calendar, but they will not be ready until mid or end of November, well after the bazaar. Next week there will be a sheet in the link to sign up, or

St Mark's Fall Bazaar ~ 2023
1606 Fisher Ave. Ottawa

Saturday November 4, 2023
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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

On-line Bazaar October 30 – December 10
information: 613-224-7431 | stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca

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call or email the office. Please order now so I can order the correct amount and at least I won't have a lot left over. I'm not sure how much they will charge, but hopefully we will charge \$7.00 unless they charge us more than that. - Cynthia 613-723-2680

Coffee, Company & Conversation

Thursday's CCC was lots of fun with the majority of the attendees wearing Halloween costumes. We enjoyed lots of pumpkin baked goods and there were prizes for best costumes.



Next week, November 2, join us for coffee and conversation – and of course, tasty treats. All are welcome.

First Prize – The Baker



Second Prize – The Butterfly



Third Prize – The Witch



Synod Highlight: *Shape of Parish Ministry Consultations and The Eleven Actions*

During diocesan-wide Shape of Parish Ministry Consultations (SPMC), parishes reported being challenged by volunteer fatigue, property and administrative responsibilities, finances, evangelism, and aging congregations but also spoke of their desire to share God's love and engage with more people in their communities in new ways. Three proposals were resoundingly

approved at Synod in 2022, and in the past year, the Eleven Actions called for in the proposals were developed. At this Synod, the Bishop said, we will see how each of the Eleven Actions has been addressed, listing the hoped-for results:

1. There will be less reliance on parish revenues to fund the operating budget;
2. Diocesan staff will provide increased assistance and support to parish leaders as they manage parish finances, properties, stewardship, communications, human resources, and administration;
3. Our Bishop will provide guidance to parishes facing major changes, and will promote and enable innovation and collaboration;
4. Parish officers and leaders will receive training and more learning opportunities, and there will be a clear understanding of how parishes operate;
5. A Learning Commons and a Program for Parish Development will provide resources, knowledge, and practical instruction on all essential aspects of parish ministry;
6. We will learn how to practice contextual mission as we engage with the world and establish new worshipping communities (NWCs).

Finally, the Bishop reminded those who attended that “the reason we need to be well-run and well-resourced is so we can focus outward with humble confidence and expansive generosity—as a resource to the wider community around us, sharing in God’s mission to bring the whole world into the orbit of Christ’s love.” (Read Bishop Shane’s Charge to Synod [here](#))

Belong Ottawa Donations

How You Can Help!

Preparing for Winter



With summer's sun slowly falling, and the cold temperatures making their way into the weather reports, Belong Ottawa is preparing for this chilly season by stocking up on much needed toiletry and winter items! All donations can be brought in to St Mark's and they will be taken to Belong Ottawa. There is a container in the cloakroom for donations. Also, donations of coffee cups will be gratefully received.

Office Hours

The office will be open Monday and Friday mornings from 9:30 am to noon and Wednesday morning from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Please call ahead to make sure someone is there.

COVID Status

In his most recent communique, our Bishop announced a revision of the Diocesan COVID restrictions. Parishes can now observe normal social and liturgical practices, with one exception, while following the three main public health recommendations. These are:

- asking people to stay home when sick;
- encouraging mask-wearing in indoor spaces; and
- keeping up-to-date on COVID boosters.

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The one liturgical exception to normal practices is that LAC's must wear masks when administering communion.

An easy tool for determining whether you are eligible for a new COVID booster, and how to book one, is found at <https://www.ontario.ca/booster-recommendation/>

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. Email is faster.

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



St. Helen's Anglican Church Christmas Bazaar

Saturday,
4 November 2023
9 AM - 2PM

1234 Prestone Drive, Orleans, Ontario

One block south of St. Joseph Blvd,
one block west of 10th Line

Bake Table, Jams & Preserves
Crafts, Knitting, Gifts
Pre-Loved Jewelry, Attic Treasures, Baby Table
Children's Craft Activities
Coffee, Tea & Sweets available