



# St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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## Weekly Newsletter

**October 18, 2024**

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](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca) with the word newsletter in the subject line.

### 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.

### 75th Anniversary Keepsake

#### Let's Get Together and Build Community!

For our 75th anniversary as a parish, St Mark's has engaged a company to take photos of parishioners, which will be made into a pictorial (photo) directory.

There is no charge to you nor to St Mark's. Every family or individual who has a photo taken, will receive a complimentary directory.

There is also the opportunity for you to purchase copies of your photo (e.g. greeting cards, etc), but there is no obligation to do so.

The photography will take place at the back of the church on November 4, 5, and 6 from 2:30 to 8:30 pm. There are still slots left, but If you cannot make any of these dates, you can submit your own photo. Submitted photographs must be either a hard-copy picture, 4" X 6" maximum in size or a digital photo with a file size of at least 1 MB. There is a \$20 fee plus tax (payable to St. Mark's) for submitted photos and you will also receive a copy of the directory.

Sign-up sheets will be in the Bishop Reed Hall after service on October 20 and October 27. Or you can email Suzanne at [suzanne.m.bisson@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.m.bisson@gmail.com) and let her know your availability.

We need everyone to participate to make our photo directory complete.

This directory will be a lasting keepsake to enjoy and share over the years.

### Annual Fall Bazaar

Our annual Fall Bazaar is November 2 and preparations have already begun. We will again have a café, baking, preserves, cards, handcrafts, books, calendars, puddings. This year, for one year only, we will feature the Attic Treasures which are currently being stored downstairs. If you have something you wish to contribute or help, please contact Joy.

**St Mark's Fall Bazaar ~ 2024**  
 1606 Fisher Ave. Ottawa  
**Saturday November 2, 2024**  
 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
 Handcrafts (sewing, knitting & other crafts) Preserves, Baking,  
 Café, Cards, Puddings, Calendars, Books, Puzzles, Plants, Attic Treasures  
 there will be no Rummage, Jewellery or Clothing

On-line Bazaar October 30 - December 10  
 information: 613-224-7431 [stmarks@stmarksotawa.ca](mailto:stmarks@stmarksotawa.ca)

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Empty 125, 250 or 500 mL jars are always gratefully received

### **Calendars and Puddings**

Calendars are already available and puddings will soon be made. Please order ahead by putting your name, and order on the appropriate sheets on the Link (hallway) table.

### **Lost and Found**

The Lost and Found bin was overflowing. All the lost and found on the pew/bench in the cloakroom. Please look and make sure that none of it belongs to you. Any items remaining will be sent to Belong Ottawa or another charity.

### **Coffee, Company & Conversation**

Yesterday's CCC was quiet, with coffee and conversation the main activity. The food was wonderful as usual - pumpkin scones, banana bread, coconut cookies, orange brownies, crackers, cheese and homemade dip, and homemade pizza in squares! CCC attendees are becoming quite spoiled. It's a good reason to get up on Thursday mornings.

Councillor, Sean Devine, who represents Ward 9, Knoxdale/Merivale, will be sharing information on city and regional issues, specifically crucial ones such as transportation and housing. There will be ample time for questions and answers. Many St. Mark's members live in his constituency and will/should be interested in this particular morning guest's talk. Bring a neighbour or friend who is interested in how our tax dollars are being used.

The following week falls on Halloween! That means the traditional costume contest. Many people who come to the Halloween Hijinks morning wear a costume and there are prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices. In addition, there is fun to mark the celebration of a spooky day. Come and enjoy the fun!

As always, all are welcome.

### **Thanksgiving Donations**

Although it was a little light this year, our Thanksgiving donations were taken to the

Debra-Dynes foodbank on Monday. Thank you to all who donated food or canned goods.



### **Please Read**

## **STEWARDSHIP - OUR WALLET IS EMPTY**



We are celebrating 75 years as an active and vibrant church. Over our three quarters of a century we have seen many years of prosperity and growth yet we have also experienced periods of decline and challenges. Coming out of the pandemic we find ourselves in one of those low periods. We are currently seeing more people come and we are truly thankful for our financial and volunteer contributors and look forward to our renewed ministry. Yet we find ourselves lacking funding to do our regular upkeep and pay our bills on time; to put it in real world terms, we are existing pay cheque to pay cheque with more month than we have money.

At our March vestry we approved a deficit budget of over \$15,000, we are scheduled to come in below the expected amount by carefully watching our expenditures and reducing wherever possible, but we are still coming up short. In this our 75<sup>th</sup> year we are endeavoring to maintain our facilities but, like any 75-year-old, things are wearing out and don't always last (at least two members of our congregation have had knee replacements in

the past 6 months). Our plumbing had to be unplugged at a cost of \$3,000 which was not budgeted for and we are not seeing so well in the dark because our outside lighting need replacing. The list goes on but the bottom line is we need your help.

We have some opportunities coming up, at the Bazaar consider purchasing some items or buy some Dollar for Dollar coupons, they are good for buying your groceries or donating to places like the Food Bank and since the church has already paid for them the money comes back directly into our budget. We ask you to take this time to pray about a love gift or sacrificial giving to help us through this shortfall. Remember you can give by cheque or cash, through electronic transfer or through Canada Helps.

***2 Corinthians 9:7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.***

May you be enriched and blessed by your generosity.

If you have any questions please contact any of the wardens or myself.

**Michael Perkin Stewardship**

### **Financial Update**

In several ways, we are doing better than we were last year. However, there are several ways where we are significantly behind last year.

At the end of September, our collections income is around \$12,000 behind what was budgeted and but only about 1% lower than last year. However our total non-directed income, while still ~\$5,000 behind the budgeted amount is 3% above last year. While most expenses are below the budgeted amount, the drain work in BRH in April, has increased our building expenses, leaving our net income almost ~\$7,000 less than expected

What is significantly different this year is the amount of cash in the bank. If we had paid the full amount owing to the diocese at the end of August, there would have been under \$4,000 in the bank. As a result, when corporation met in September, they decided to withhold one month's payment to the diocese. We hope that increased income during the fall will allow the full payment to be made before the end of the year. At the end of September, our position actually improved slightly from the end of August

To increase the amount in the bank, the GST & PST refunds have been applied for and the Memorials fund held in the Consolidated Trust Fund has been returned to the bank. This money was accounted for in the reserve accounts.

Joy Bowerman, Acting Treasurer

### **Debra Dynes Soupacious Ottawa 2024**

This annual DDFH fundraiser takes place on Sunday, October 27 at Carleton Heights Community Centre , 1665 Apeldoorn Ave, 4:30 – 7 pm.

This culinary experience allows you to savour yummy soups crafted by talented local chefs. Bring your own spoon and on open mind to savour something new.

Tickets can be purchased using the QR code on the poster in the link. Speak to Joan H or Georgia for more information. Hope to see you on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Belong Ottawa Wish List**

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, remember those who have so little to be thankful for, the people who are served by Belong Ottawa,- Centre 454, the Well, and St Luke's table.

Items needed are

- Clothing, hats, scarves, mitts gloves, socks and underwear all sizes. Gently used sweaters t-shirts and jeans, or jogging pants, could be brought also.
- Toiletries, towels, soap, deodorant, hand cream, shampoo, combs, tooth brushes and paste..

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These articles can be brought all fall and winter. Add a couple of items to your weekly groceries.

### **Dollar for Dollar Coupons**

We still have some dollar for dollar coupons from before the pandemic. We will be selling these at coffee hour until they are gone. They can be used at participating Loblaws, Dominion, No Frills, Real Canadian Superstore, Maxi, Provigo, Extra Foods, Your Independent Grocer, Atlantic Superstore, Zehrs Markets, Valu-mart, Fortinos, Wholesale Club and T & T Supermarket. Please talk to Joy about purchasing coupons.

### **Latest Update on COVID 19**

From now until October 28<sup>th</sup>, doses of the new COVID-19 vaccine are prioritized for high-risk and priority populations, which include adults 65 years of age and older. Starting October 28<sup>th</sup>, anyone 6 months and older can access the COVID-19 vaccine in Ontario. For more details about where you can get your updated vaccine, go to <https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/public-health-topics/covid-19-vaccine.aspx>

In the meantime, please keep using what OPH calls your layers of protection, which work for COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses like influenza (flu) and RSV. These are:

- Stay home when you are sick
- Avoid visiting people at high risk when you are sick
- Consider wearing a mask to protect yourself, to protect others, or when recovering from illness.

A detailed respiratory illness factsheet is available at

[https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/public-health-topics/resources/Images/corona/mitigation/Respiratory-Illness-Factsheet\\_8.5x14\\_v2023-09-08\\_EN.pdf](https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/public-health-topics/resources/Images/corona/mitigation/Respiratory-Illness-Factsheet_8.5x14_v2023-09-08_EN.pdf)

Georgia Roberts and Michael Perkin  
St Mark's pandemic team

### **Pro Organo Recital**

The next Pro Organo recital takes place on Monday, October 28 at 7:30 pm at Eglise Ste-Anne/St Clement Church 528 Old St Patrick. It features Isabelle Demers from Montreal. A Memorial Concert in honour of Rachel Laurin, the recital features work by Rachel Laurin, including some of her last organ works. Tickets \$30, \$25 for seniors, \$15 students at the door.

More Information on the [website](#)

### **Symphony of Seasons Concert**

Little Hummingbird Foundations presents the premier performance of The Symphony of Seasons by Justin Saulnier. October 19, 2024, 7 pm at Carleton Dominion-Chalmers Centre. The event is free but tickets can be reserved [here](#).

### **Forward Day By Day**

The new Forward Day By Day booklets, covering the months of November, December, January are now available. Nurture your life in Christ with daily Bible readings and meditations from this inspirational resource.

Booklets are displayed in the Link, and cost \$3.

### **Office Hours**

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

### **Emails Addresses for Key People**

The wardens, as well as the paid staff (Fr Julian, Joy and Elaine) all have email addresses in the StMarksOttawa domain. They are:

Fr Julian: [Frjulian@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:Frjulian@stmarksottawa.ca)

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### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca)