



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.

FALL BACK
The time will change this weekend so remember to set your clocks back!!

Newsletter

Please send any news items or announcements for the newsletter to 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, we will be more than happy to announce it. However, it must be in to 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. [service bulletin](#) The link is also available on the home page of our website.

Bible Study

Bible Study continues on November 5 at 10 am in Bishop Reed Hall. The reading for this week is: Luke 20: 27-38.

Last Sunday

Keith Wilkins gave the reflection at the 8 am service which contained some of the history. If you missed it, the 8 am congregation asked that you be given a change to read it [here](#).

Fall Bazaar – TOMORROW

Well, this is it! The Fall Bazaar is tomorrow! Come and join us between 10 am and 2 pm on Saturday. If you have baking, preserves, handcrafts, books, puzzles or jewellery, you may drop them off until 6 pm today.

The first order form is out and is available [here](#). There will be weekly order forms from now until mid-December with new offerings every week. The weekly order form should arrive in your inbox on Wednesday evenings.

In the weeks following the bazaar, there will be a number of food items offered online for pickup on Sunday. I am still hoping and looking for some new items to offer.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

"T'was a dark and stormy" morning at CCC on Thursday. The spirit of Halloween soon possessed the spirits of the 42 souls who arrived in anticipation of having a fun morning!!! Little did they know that in addition to the scrumptious home baked and other goodies on display at the coffee/tea

St Mark's Fall Bazaar ~ 2025
1606 Fisher Ave. Ottawa

Saturday November 1, 2025
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Handcrafts (sewing, knitting & other crafts) Preserves, Baking, Café, Cards, Puddings, Calendars, Books, Puzzles, Jewellery
there will be no Rummage or Clothing

on-line Bazaar November 9 - December 14
information: 613-224-7431 stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca

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table, Fright was also on the menu. The resident fortune teller, aka Janis, challenged the souls who made up teams at each table with a fascinating Halloween Trivia. Who knew that turnips preceded pumpkins as Jack O'Lanterns. The winning table was the kitchen crew!



Then another challenge for the table teams followed. Each team created a scary story to share, and the "winningest story" team won sweets, befitting Halloween. The winning story, like others, brought on gasps and nervous laughter.



The costume contest was, in itself, challenging for the three witches, who had the scary job of choosing 1st, 2nd and 3rd. There were witches, pirates, a fortune teller, explorer (Shackleton), ladybug, Marie Antoinette, a sheriff, a leopard, ---and a delightful Sugar Bowl, among others! The 1st prize went to the Sugar Bowl, aka Greta Robinson, 2nd

prize to a colourful pirate, Tom Gajdicar, and 3rd prize went to the sheriff from the wild west, Roger Latta, and Marie Antionette, still with her head, Lorl Benotto.



The delectable goodies made by our kitchen witches of the morning, Penny and Gillian,

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were treats, not tricks. Pumpkin spice squares, gooey chocolate brownies, salted caramel cookies, Bara Brith slices, coconut cookie bar slices, cookies, plus Brie, Blue and Cheddar cheeses, crackers, and apple and pear slices with clementines. This was a feast for the happy haunted group. Thank you, Penny and Gillian, and all kitchen witches for making it special each Thursday.



Next week is Bridge and Games morning, although the busy writers will be meeting as well to work on their pre Christmas creations. Others will relax over coffee or tea and chat.

See you on November 6.

Fall Cleanup

Many, many thanks to everyone who came out the last two weekends to help with the fall cleanup.



Forward Day By Day

The newest edition of Forward Day By Day, covering November, December and January is now available. Enhance your prayer life with

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these daily devotions, carrying you through Advent, Christmas and into the new year. Copies are placed in the link, and are \$3 apiece.

Debra Dynes Family House

Please continue to donate generously to Debra Dynes Family House. More and more people are having to use the food banks in our unsettled times.

Many thanks to those who responded to the request for candy to help with Halloween. There is a blue bin in the link waiting for your donations.

There is always a demand for the list below.

- Canned evaporated milk
- Canned tuna
- Apple Sauce
- Pasta
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Some on-sale items from local flyers:

Metro:

Kellogg's Raisin Bran, Vector - \$3.99

Campbell's soups - \$1.29

Irresistible Almonds and Walnuts (350 g) - \$3.99

No Frills:

General Mills cereals - \$3.00

No Name tuna - \$1.00

No Names sliced mushroom - \$1.00

No Name pasta (900 g) - \$2.00

No Name granola bars - \$2.00

Giant Tiger

6 pack applesauce - \$2.50

Primo pasta - \$1.27

Giant Value strawberry jam - \$2.97

Giant Value baked beans - \$1.27

Giant Value creamy peanut butter - \$2.97

Giant Value pasta sauces - \$2.77

Giant Value canned vegetables - \$1.37

Monetary donations are another way to give. You may place your donation in the collection plate in a plain white envelope clearly marked for Debra Dynes or give it in person to Joan Grayer to take to Debra Dynes. If you require a tax receipt, please indicate and provide any information needed for that.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joan Grayer.

Rev Mary-Cate's contact information

Mary-Cate's email is MaryCate@stmarksottawa.ca We are still finessing the access details. You may call her at 613-231-7451 or 416-709-3487.

E-Prayer

E-prayer is now managed jointly by Cynthia Greer and Joy Bowerman. If you have a concern for which you would like prayer, you may contact Cynthia Greer at 613-723-2680 or greercynthia69@yahoo.com or send an email to Eprayer@stmarksottawa.ca. Likewise, if wish to be included on the E-prayer list, you may use the same contact information.

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.

Emails Addresses for Key People

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

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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. 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.