



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

Help wanted for Craig & Holly's Retirement Reception to be held on Saturday, January 18 at 2PM. There are sign-up sheets for food prep, serving, and clean-up posted on the Parish notice board in the Hall. This is to be open to everyone interested in helping with St. Mark's Food Services.

Any questions please contact Mari Anne Hussen: mhussen@gmail.com or (604)531-6084.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas Sources Food Bank Benefit Concert

While St. Mark's church is not presenting the "Journey of Christmas" outdoor display this year, it continues to celebrate the season with another special Christmas concert.

Well-known operatic/show tune singers Debra daVaughn, Christopher Simmons and their daughter Cassandra - only eight but already distinguishing herself as a singer - will present a program of traditional Christmas songs and some Broadway favourites, at St. Mark's Ocean Park on Sunday December 22 at 7 pm.

This concert will benefit the "Sources South Surrey/White Rock Food Bank". So you know that you are supporting a worthwhile cause as you, the kids, grandma and grandpa, get set to experience that old fashioned Christmas carol feeling.

Tickets are only \$15 (children 12 and under by donation) and may be purchased after church on Sunday mornings, or at the door on December 22.

Nominations for the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster (ODNW) are being accepted.

Do you know a member of the parish who has provided outstanding volunteer service over a significant period of time to the Parish/or number of Parishes, or in an outreach capacity, and/or at the Diocesan level?

Each parish is permitted to nominate one person in each and every even numbered calendar year. Posthumous nominations are not accepted.

Please write a brief summary as to why you think this person should be nominated and discreetly give to Rev. Craig by December 15.

The Lunch Basket Memorial & Thanksgiving Fund Donor Pledge Chart

The 2020 Chart is now posted in the church hall. Please sign up to donate to the Lunch Basket Program. These donations go to help young single Moms with children under 18 years old. Thank you to all who have donated this past year. The chart is located on the west wall in the hall. Please contact Darlene Wiegand at 604-536-7107 or dwiegand@telus.net if you have any questions or concerns.

The Lunch Basket For Hungry Children is provided this week by Sheila Johnston, to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for His gift of loving parents, Eric and Madeline.

Holly Berry Fair THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

To everyone who donated items, created crafts and preserves, sorted through boxes, priced items, helped with set up, prepared and served the delicious lunch, peopled the tables on Saturday and Sunday and for the stalwarts who helped with clean up and disposal of the unsold goods.

This is a parish annual event and we do appreciate members of the congregation who step up to help the Ladies Guild, ACW and Men's Club. Special thanks to Heather Higginson for everything she does.

Please consider joining our team for next year's event on November 28th, 2020!!

- Linda O'Donovan

Flowers for the Altar - are given today by Brenda Horner and Ron Henze to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of family and friends who are dearly missed.

Bible Readings for December 22 Lessons & Carols Services – Genesis 3:1-15, Jeremiah 23:5-8, Isaiah 11:1-10, Isaiah 9:1-6, Luke 1:26-38, John 1:1-14, Matthew 28:16-20

Contact for the Prayer Chain – the Coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Maggie Ferguson. Please send your prayer requests and updates to Maggie at maggieferguson@telus.net or call 604.538.6160.

Ministry Report Deadline Information for the Annual Report

The Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2020.

The deadline for your 2019 Ministry Report is: **Monday, January 13, 2020.**

Below are the 34 Reports we are gathering:

8am Service Volunteers Report
Altar Guild Report
Contemplative Evening Prayers Report
Communications Team Report
Creation Care Ministry Report
ESL Bible Study Report
Financial Stewardship Report
Greeters 10am Team Report
Kitchen Committee Report
Library Report
Music/Choir Report
Prayer Chain Report
Prayer Shawl Ministry Report
Rector's Report
Savvy St. Mark's Seniors Ministry Report
SPIRIT Team Report
Syrian Refugee Committee Report

Adopt-A-Street-Team Report
ACW Report
Coffee Hour 10am Report
Community Outreach Ministry Report
Donations Secretary Report
Eucharistic Server Report
Flower Ministry Report
Intercessor Report
Ladies Guild Report
Men's Club Report
Pastoral Care Ministry Report
People's Wardens Report
Readers 10am Ministry Report
Rector's Warden Report
Sound Ministry Report
Sponsor Child Report
VBS Report

LIBRARY NEWS



Grab a few moments from the crazy Christmas rush and relax with **Diamond in the Rough** by Jen Turano. Miss Poppy Garrison gets embroiled in one hilarious fiasco after another while becoming a diamond of the first order in New York's society. Will Reginald Blackburn be able to teach her etiquette? Will her grandmother's dream be realized? Will you be able to put the book down and get on with your chores?

QUICK LOOK AHEAD

Wed. Dec. 18 – Seniors Get Together
Sun. Dec. 22 – Festival of Lessons and Carols
Sun. Dec. 22 – Special Coffee Hour with Shortbread and Mincemeat Tarts
Sun. Dec. 22 – 7pm Debra daVaughn,
Chris Simmons and Cassandra's
We Wish You A Merry Christmas concert
Tues. Dec. 24 – 5pm Family Communion
Tues. Dec. 24 – 7pm and 11pm Candlelight Communions
Wed. Dec. 25 – 10am Christmas Day Service
Mon. Dec. 30 – 9am to noon – Hall –
Take Down the Christmas Trees

Sat. Jan. 18 – **2pm**
Retirement Party for Craig and Holly Tanksley

PARISH OF ST. MARK - OCEAN PARK " OPERATING ACCOUNT "				
FINANCIAL STATUS AT NOVEMBER 30, 2019				
	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
TOTAL INCOME	35,350.00	340,790.01	331,071.67	9,718.34
TOTAL EXPENSES	35,674.22	343,376.57	331,071.67	(12,304.90)
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (324.22)	\$ (2,586.56)	\$ -	\$ (2,586.56)

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 18

9am – Yoga – Education Centre
10am -- Service – Sanctuary
1pm – Seniors Get-Together
7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Friday, December 20

9am -- Exercise – Hall

Sunday, December 22

7pm Debra daVaughn, Chris Simmons and
Cassandra's "We Wish You A Merry Christmas"
concert - Sanctuary