



Church School is Alive and Well with Stephanie and Caroline



Photo by Eugene Wright

Stephanie Tombs is in the specialization program for Art Education at Concordia and has been co-teaching Sunday School at St. Barnabas Church for quite some time now. This fall, she is jumping in with both feet as she takes on more of a leader's role in the church's Sunday School. To give her a hand, her good long-time friend Caroline Cuffling joins her in the fellowship of faith. Every Sunday morning, Caroline has a theological discussion with the kids and Stephanie plans for a creative activity such as a craft or a game. This dynamic duo is working to increase the popularity of Sunday School with the youth of our community. In doing so, Stephanie and Caroline planned an apple-picking trip to Rougemont for the parents and children of St. Barnabas. Together they are organizing children's activities for the Oktoberfest that takes place at the church on October 27th. (See page 3 for more details)

From the Rector's Desk



FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Recently, Dave Blizzard and I attended an event called 'Meet Me at the Border', jointly sponsored by our diocese and the Diocese of Quebec. We gathered at the Havelock Fairgrounds with our two bishops and a fascinating assortment of people from far and wide, to pray for those who are entering Canada on foot in hope of declaring themselves refugees. Then, we drove to the nearest border crossing and placed an icon of the Good Samaritan right near the closed gate. Will someone bring it into the Canadian customs office? Will it weather away outside? We know only that it is a sign of the prayers we offered for those who have crossed in the only way they could, for those who receive them, and those who try to make sound decisions about their cases. Life is messy, unpredictable and at times oh, so harsh, for all its wonder and beauty. How many stories lie behind those who seek sanctuary?

I heard recently of a man who had arrived in Montreal after travelling through six countries, in hopes of a new chance. For the time being, he even left his young son behind in a South American country, not his own nation, till he makes his way. All he had managed to keep with him beyond the clothes on his back was his well-worn Bible, which reminds him of the reason for his hope. As I think of the feast of All Saints this year, I think of the countless people of goodwill who strive to make something good and meaningful of the life they have been given. We often associate the saints with the past, with biblical times and times long gone. In the words of the beloved hymn, we remember those 'who from their labours rest'. But the Bible itself speaks of saints in the present tense: They are those who keep faith, throughout all hardship, confident that their lives are now lived in Christ, who has brought them through to salvation – or safety; the ancient word has a double meaning. The saints include those *right now* who let the light shine through when the darkness threatens to overwhelm. They are those whom God is guiding to safe havens, to a new kind of existence that finally makes sense, through to what Jesus liked to call 'the Kingdom of Heaven'.

What is a church? It is a community of people who have decided that it is important to live lives bigger than the surface of things, deeper than what the advertising industry would have us believe, more real than all our fears and foibles. We are God's saints, struggling to embody what we already are, sinners being brought through to life by the risen Christ, and dedicated to making our church one where many may find safe haven. All our activities, all our gatherings, are for that purpose, and that alone. At this time of the year, when our church is at its busiest, let us smile with gratitude as we think of the saints who now rest from their labours. We, meanwhile, are busy: busy welcoming back our families and the renewed team who will work with them (Welcome Deacon Jess Bickford and Caroline Cuffling!) welcoming new users of our space, including the South Shore Emmanuel Alliance church and ARC (see more below), trying out new music, getting ready to teach a group of teens (with all their totally appropriate tough questions) the reason for our faith, for our hope, for our love. Together, in our various ways, we are studying how to walk more closely with, and toward, our travel mate, Jesus. It is a big journey to travel, a great adventure, and not without perils. Let us hold each other up in prayer, always, as we step forward, one foot at a time.

Upcoming Parish Events

October 27th & 28th :

BOOK SALE / VENTE DE LIVRES

Friday October 27th, 11:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.

vendredi 27 octobre de 11h-21h

Saturday October 28th, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

samedi 28 octobre de 9h-17h

OKTOBERFEST & FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Friday October 27th 5:00 - 9:00/vendredi 27 octobre 17h.-21h.



TEA & BAKE SALE

Saturday October 28th, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

THÉ ET VENTE DE PÂTISSERIES MAISON

samedi 28 octobre de 13h-15h

VERNISSAGE

Art Show Friday October 27th, 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. &

Saturday October 28th, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Exposition d'art vendredi 27 octobre de 17h.-21h.

samedi 28 octobre de 13h-17h



Wednesdays, November 1st and November 8th at 7pm. Both evenings will be on Daniel. The first is on the context of the Book of Daniel. The second is to be on the text itself. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Leaders are Guy Tombs and Reverend Gwenda.

St Barnabas Ladies Guild: October 25th

As usual the Executive of the Afternoon Guild serves luncheon to the Guild members at the September meeting. This is always a warm & friendly way to welcome each other back to Afternoon Guild. Instead of a speaker, Muriel Martin gave us a quiz on Canada to acknowledge Canada's 150th birthday.

We continue to knit & crochet afghans for shut-ins. Marion Sullivan, the afghan convener sends them to the smaller hospitals. We recently received a warm thank you note from the Lachine Hospital expressing their gratitude. If someone in our congregation would like to offer one of our cosy lap robes to a shut in, please speak to Marion.

The Guild's next meeting will be Oct. 25th. That same week we will be preparing for the St. Barnabas' Oktoberfest Oct. 27th & 28th. We hope the congregation will help by donating their baking, preserves or fudge. The Guild will be responsible for the bake sale. The Bake Sale & Tea will be Sat. Oct. 28th from 1-3 pm. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Gayna Knowles

Parish News

Vernissage during St Lambert Days: August 24th: This past summer on August 24th, Stephanie organized and hosted a Vernissage by gathering fifteen local and Montreal artists to present their paintings, prints, and ceramics in the Memorial hall. Stephanie enjoyed the experience tremendously and is ready to host her second Vernissage on October 27 and 28th at St. Barnabas. *Stephanie Tombs*



Book Sale during St. Lambert Days: For those who haven't heard, the August Book Sale by Glenn, Paul and their gang was cancelled at the last minute by the City of St Lambert and Bell Telephone because of work that the latter was planning to do at that time at the very location of St Barnabas book sale. The book sale coming up during Oktoberfest is the replacement.

H 2 O – Hands to Others Water Walk – Sept. 30, 2017



Dave Blizzard (at left), the Reverend Ros MacGregor and the Reverend John Lee all participated in the Water Walk in September. Dave tells us about it in the following article.

Saturday, September 30 brought both a beautiful day and a real challenge to our Diocese. The PWRDF team put a support challenge out for all of the churches in the Diocese to step out on a support walk for clean water. The walk was put together to start a support and awareness campaign for provision of this necessary resource to First Nation communities like Pikangikum and others in Canada.

There were two starting points set for the walk. The first, at St-Lawrence Church in Lasalle or the second, at the intersection of Crawford and Lasalle Blvd in Verdun. The walk distance, from St-Lawrence Church, was 3.4 kilometres and from Crawford and Lasalle Blvd, was 3 kilometres. The end point was set for the park area near the St-Lawrence River at Bishop Power and Lasalle Blvd in Lasalle, Quebec.

The area and scenes brought all participants into direct connection with the St-Lawrence River, the presence of many types of birds and ducks, their nesting areas, along the shoreline and a bird sanctuary just off the end rally point. The closeness to nature helped one to forget you were so close to habitation and residences on the island of Montreal.

The event was a success with the presence of Bishop Mary Irwin Gibson, Vicar General Robert Camara and close to 100 participants on such a beautiful September day walking along the shore of the St-Lawrence River.

Dave Blizzard

St Barnabas Annual Hilary Bourne Golf Tournament: Sept 24th

Once again the St Barnabas annual golf tournament took place at the St Lambert Golf Club. Participation was down this year with only five teams of four participating. Winners of the Hilary Bourne Trophy for first place once again were Norm Birrell, Real Langlois, Jane Lawrence, and new-comer Keegan Birrell. Runners-up were Charles Poulton, James Gardiner, Graham Bourne, and David Poulton. Since the other 3 teams were tied for last place, the dreaded "Horns" trophy which is traditionally off-loaded onto the "most honest foursome", was held for next year. Thanks to the organizing committee of Charles Poulton, Glenn Smith, Brian O'Malley, and Trevor Ingram for their efficient organization and to all others who helped. *(from Charles Poulton)*



The financial results of the golf fundraiser of this year were \$1320 after expenses. It was a smaller group than normal: there was 41 people served this year and everything went very well. There was a portion of our left-overs that was donated to Meals on Wheels.

Many thanks to all the hands involved in making the event a success. *Trevor Ingram*

The Winners: L to R: Norm Birrell, Keegan Birrell, Jane Lawrence, Real Langlois

Apple Picking at Rougemont

On Sunday, October 15th, a group of children from the Church School and their parents headed to McArthurs' apple farm in Rougemont for fun in the orchards and some apple picking. Nelson and Carol McArthur have been hosting this event for quite a few years. They also have a maple tree grove and supply St Barnabas with delicious maple syrup for our pancake supper on shrove Tuesday



photo by Carol McArthur

Reports from the Management Unit

A Report on the Negotiations between Saint Barnabas and the City of Saint Lambert



We have successfully negotiated an agreement with the City of St. Lambert to preserve our right to park on the servitude adjacent to the Masonic Temple.

The City of St. Lambert announced the sale of the Masonic Temple to L'Échoppe de Fromages last year, which meant the servitude, (3.05 m X 22.86 m) located on the west side of the temple land would be used for deliveries to L'Échoppe. St. Barnabas owns the land. A servitude was granted to the Masons when the land was sold in 1930.

The Management Unit was never opposed to the construction project. However, the use of the servitude for deliveries would have reduced our parking to two spaces from the current four. The Civil Code of Québec states that a servitude not in use for

ten years can be extinguished. The Management Unit hired the law firm Lavery to apply to the court to have the servitude extinguished. It should be pointed out here that St. Barnabas did not sue the City as reported in the local media and suggested in the community. We simply wished to preserve now and in the future our right to use our own land, since parking is very important in the centre of St Lambert. As is usual when a matter

is under negotiation, both parties (Saint Barnabas and the City) were bound to maintain confidentiality through the process.

The City of St. Lambert proposed to negotiate the terms of the servitude, St. Barnabas agreed. We have successfully retained parking rights on the servitude, Monday through Sunday, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and formally agreed upon a clear set of principles for good neighbourly relations now and in the future. This agreement is between the City and St. Barnabas. The conditions of the agreement are attached to the land, consequently any future buyer of the Masonic land must respect the terms of the agreement.

The chief objective of our action was to preserve our right to park. This has been accomplished.

Jim Grant, People's Warden

NOTE: Pictured is the area of the servitude beside Masonic temple where St Barnabas will be able to preserve 4 parking spaces during the day.



ARC: Assistance and Reference Centre

Most of us know St. Barnabas as a place to worship on Sundays. Did you know that St. Barnabas also provides valuable services to the larger community of Saint Lambert and beyond? We provide space for the scouts to meet; Memorial Hall hosts a weekly band practice; the University Women's Club holds an annual book sale in our hall. Recently St. Barnabas had an enquiry from another community organization interested in potentially using the space we call the "library". Our discussions have been successful, and we are pleased to invite ARC into our building. We will be selecting and moving library books to the bookshelf on the stage, and considering how to accommodate other users of the library, mostly in the far end of the choir rehearsal room. Let's meet the ARC.

Assistance and Referral Centre (or ARC) is a non-profit organization that promotes awareness of and accessibility to English health and social services within the Montérégie. Working closely with people in the communities and the health care network, ARC helps to provide information and referrals about health and social services available in English. In a recent annual report, the organization indicated that its main objectives are:

1. Provide information and referral services in the health and social services sector;
2. Liaise with public partners, stakeholders and community groups about the needs of the English-speaking community;
3. Support and promote health promotion initiatives in collaboration with the community;
4. Create awareness of health and social services offered in English by organizations

Some of their current initiatives are:

1. Networking and Partnership Initiative (NPI)
2. Recharge Caregiver Course
3. McGill University Training and Retention of Health Professionals
4. Health Promotion Project (HPP)

To find out more about this local organization or to make use of the services they offer to the community, you can visit their website (<http://arc-hss.ca/>) or give them a call (450-812-0981). You can also follow them on Facebook ([facebook.com/ARC](https://www.facebook.com/ARC)).

Laura Prince, Deputy People's Warden

Farewell to Shirley Ahern

Sadly, we say good bye to long-time member of St Barnabas, Shirley Ahern, who is moving to Alberta to be near her daughter. Shirley quietly did a lot of work behind the scenes, cutting Campbell Soup labels and stamps, and as a member of the Women's Afternoon Guild, knitting beautiful afghans. Many of us remember Shirley and her husband, "Mo", both Canadian veterans, participating in our Remembrance Day Ceremonies. We wish you God speed, Shirley. You will be missed.

Here is a brief farewell message from Shirley:

Good bye everyone in St. Lambert. After 80 years here I'm starting a new life in Vegreville, AB at the end of October. It is a big change for me, but one I feel I have to do. I will be closer to my older daughter Peggy and her husband and will be living in an assisted care residence.

God bless you all. Shirley email: nrehams@gmail.com

Former St. Barnabas Beavers Excel at Golf

This year's men's champion at the Saint-Lambert Golf Club, (a.k.a. the "Rock Pile") is 1986 St.Barnabas Beaver Carl Mitev. He clinched the title September 17 after three rounds and in the final group, which included his father George. Carl joins 1980 St.Barnabas Beaver Dominic Racine, who won the same title in 1996. One of scouting's goals for its members is "achievement" in all aspects of life. Carl and Dominic have done this in a very physically and mentally challenging activity.

When Carl and Dominic were Beavers, golf was not part of the St.Barnabas Beaver program. With valued help from the Saint- Lambert Golf Club Manager, Sylvain Beauchamp, Beavers have been able to have a golfing experience for the past five years.

Now that there are many girls in scouting, the St.Barnabas Beaver Colony looks forward to a ladies golf Champion from its former members.

Congratulations, Carl!

Brian O'Malley

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