



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.

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 **MONDAY EVENING** for it to be included in the service for the following Sunday.

Prayers for Fr Julian

Since Monday, August 2, Fr Julian has been in hospital undergoing medical tests, the latest being an MRI on August 5. He says his care and treatment at the General Hospital is exceptional. We all wish him a speedy recovery and pray that he is back soon.

Summer Vacations

Joy Bowerman will be away from August 1 to August 15. The phone and the email will continue to be monitored in her absence.

Fr Julian will be away from August 9 to August 16. Archdeacon Chris Dunn will have pastoral oversight during his absence. In cases of **pastoral emergencies**, you may contact him at (613) 293-5762. For any other matter, you may contact any of the wardens, Suzanne Bisson and/or Bill Barber.

Debra-Dynes School Supplies
Drop Off at Church
August 3, 10, 17 & 24
10 am - noon



The three remaining compline services will take place on August 8, August 22 and September 5 at 5:30 pm. Pandemic restrictions are still in place so please register ahead of time with the office by calling 613-224-7431 or email stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca

We will be following the same protocols as we did last September.

- Make sure you are feeling well
- Confirm that you do not have any of the COVID indicators. Questions are on the link door
- Wear a mask
- Sanitize your hands on entry
- Maintain social distancing while in the church and in the pews. (Family groups may sit together); and
- Depart church as quickly as possible after the service.

Refreshments and social time outside are planned for after the service.

Please join us for a time of quiet contemplation at Eventide.

Video Services

There will be no YouTube services from St Mark on August 8 & 15. You're encouraged to tune in to any other Anglican Church that might have services online during those Sundays. The up-to-date Diocesan list of online services (with links to the services) may be found [here](#).

Donations Received

St. Mark's received two donations from friends of Salean Chang of \$40 and \$50 along with lovely notes addressed to Fr Julian thanking him for officiating at Salean's funeral and for his inspiring and encouraging homily.

Prayers of Thanksgiving - Ida Blackwell

My Mum, Ida, turned 106 today (August 3). We celebrated as well as we could within covid rules in seniors' LTC, with a small outdoor gathering of friends and an outdoor picnic with her grandson Matthew and family. She also celebrated the following day with her granddaughter Sarah on Skype on what is Sarah's birthday #46

Margaret L



School Supplies for Debra-Dynes Family House

As promised here is a list of school supplies recommended by OCDSB for the coming school year. I will be in the parking lot every Tuesday in August from 10am until noon to accept your donations. If these times are not convenient for you please call me at (613) 262-4108 and I will do a home pick up.

Recommended items are :

Kindergarten to Grade 3

12 pencils, 2 white erasers, 1 package of crayons, 1 package of coloured pencils, 1 package of coloured markers, 1 metric ruler, 1 pair of blunt scissors, 2 glue sticks.

Grade 4 to Grade 8

12 pencils, 2 white erasers, 1 metric ruler, 1 pair of blunt scissors, 3 ballpoint pens, 1 package of coloured pencils, 2 packages of 3-hole lined refill paper, 6 duotangs, 1 package of coloured markers, 1 calculator, 6 lined notebooks, 1 geometry set, 2 highlighters, 3 binders, binder dividers.

Staples Gift Cards are always welcome for all grades. DDFH then can buy in bulk and make the donation dollars go further.

Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

Joan

Pandemic Restrictions

We are working to returning to in-person worship. We will be returning to regular Sunday worship September 12. Your parish pandemic team is working on the details as the world continues to change around us.

The Diocese has newly revised the pandemic restrictions. If you wish to look at the newly revised restrictions, they may be found in their [In This Together](#) plan. (This is an updated version from last week. It was revised July 21.) We moved to the Amber Stage on July 6 and will move to Yellow Stage on August 3.

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You can also read a [letter from Bishop Shane](#) which was issued this week

This pandemic has changed our lives and it has not been easy for any of us. We are looking forward to resuming in-person worship and continuing on with our ministry activities, but we must continue to remain diligent to keep us all safe.

Your continued patience and support are very much appreciated.

Carleton Memorial Daycare

Carleton Memorial Daycare is using our church hall for its summer day camp again this summer beginning on Monday, July 5. Because there are stringent COVID-19 protocols in place, they cannot allow anyone into their space while they are using it (including parents of the children). Therefore, **you may not use the link door to enter the church, enter the church hall or use the washrooms in the church hall during weekdays.**

HELP DESPERATELY NEEDED for Livestreaming

We are desperately looking for volunteers willing to operate the camera for livestreaming. Ideally we should have 4 or 5 people who are able to operate the camera on a rotational basis. The camera is easy to operate and training will be provided by the company installing the equipment. Training will take place in early September.

There will be two cameras, one that is static and the other, which will require an operator.

If you would like to learn a new skill and help record the service, please contact the office at 613-224-7431 or stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca.

Video Backgrounds – Limited Time Left

There are 3 more services that will be pre-recorded and will need backgrounds for the title slides so send in your photos! People also enjoy the photos during the postlude so don't be shy. Remember landscape (vs portrait) pictures work best for a background. Many thanks to the people who have been

sending them in. If you don't see them all in one week, look for them the next. Joy!

E-Transfers to the Church

After long and arduous consultations with the bank, we can now 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>.

You will have to remember when you go to do your taxes for 2021 where you have put your receipts from CanadaHelps. If you cannot find them, contact CanadaHelps and they will be happy to issue duplicate receipts. All money donated will be put into the appropriate income category when it comes to us.

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Contacting the Church

You may contact the office at 613-224-7431 or stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca. Messages are being monitored and the business of the church is continuing, albeit remotely.

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