



# 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 **Wednesday noon** for it to be included in the service for the following Sunday.

- Phil Conquer turned 95 on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April
- Penny Miller celebrates her birthday on April 30<sup>th</sup>

### Livestreaming

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: <http://www.stmarksottawa.ca>

The stream is automatically recorded so it can be watched later. The stream is available to watch immediately.

### Coffee, Company & Conversation

CCC takes place from 10 – 11:30 am on Thursday mornings in the church hall. It is a place to share and enjoy coffee and snacks (in accordance with protocols). All people attending need to have been vaccinated at least twice and wear a mask. Please call and inform one of the following coordinators if you plan to attend as numbers are limited. CCC will continue until June 23.

Laurie Slaughter - 613 596 0660  
Suzanne Bisson - 613 727 5892  
Georgia Roberts – 613 226 5693

### Help with the Gardens

Spring is almost here in spite of the snow I think we saw on Wednesday.

For the last few years Margaret Blakeney has been our chief gardener. She has worked diligently, especially during the hot summers, but has now sadly asked to be replaced.

Thank you Margaret for your devotion to the gardens which we have all enjoyed.

Fortunately Joan Grayer returned from B.C. and is keen to be involved. She is our new team leader for the gardens, and would really like to meet a few more parishioners who love gardening, and are happy to help, whether by watering, weeding raking, or the many other jobs which can be done alone, but are more fun in company. Please speak with Joan, if you can be of help, or call the office.

Thank you.

### Debra-Dynes Family House

Thanks to all for your continued support of Debra Dynes Food Bank.

The need for food is now greater than ever and I will make deliveries weekly of all donations in the blue bin. Towels are also needed urgently and Mothers Day is fast approaching.

I will pick up donations at your home if you are unable to get to church. You can contact me at (613) 262-4108. Thanks again.

Joan Hounsell

### Mothers Day Donations for Debra Dynes.

These are suggestions only :

- Soaps
- Hand lotions
- Chocolates
- Toiletries...toothpaste, toothbrush , mouth wash
- Small hand towels
- Scarves

### **Donations for St Luke's Table**

St Luke's table has put a call out for gently used bath towels. They can use mugs, even gently used socks, shorts, t-shirts, light jackets, jogging pants, ball caps etc. If you have any of the above items, please bring them to the church before the end of April and they will be taken to St Luke's.

### **Multi-Faith Housing Tulipathon**

The Tulipathon campaign launched on April 24. There was a [video](#) released to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MHI.

We hope to see as many of you as possible on Sunday, May 29 at Commissioners Park (across from Dow's Lake) in Ottawa. Registration is at 2:00 pm, while the opening ceremonies begin at 2:45 pm and the walk starts at 3:00 pm. Please visit the [Tulipathon](#) website to donate or set up your own fundraising page, get the scoop on the free t-shirts this year, learn more about our annual banner contest, and more!

### **Forward Day by Day**

Forward Day by Day is now available for May – July. You can pick them up from the table in the link.

### **Bishop's Gala & Silent Auction**

The Bishop's Gala will take place virtually on Thursday, May 26. There is a silent auction which has already begun. Please see the poster on the last page for further details.

### **In-person Services**

- 8 am and 10 am services have resumed.
- The far right side of the church will be maintained as distanced seating for those who feel more comfortable that way. The left side and middle of the church will have no distancing requirement.
- Anyone with COVID symptoms should assume that they have the virus and stay home
- Provide proof of double vaccination, if you have not shown it to us before. Booster shots are strongly encouraged.

- Masks must be worn when you enter the building and throughout the service, except when taking communion. Three-layer, medical or N95 masks are encouraged.
- Come warmly dressed since some windows will be open to improve ventilation.
- All leaders in the service, readers, LACs and choir must show proof of triple vaccination.

We anticipate further loosening of our diocesan COVID protocols in the coming weeks. Consult the St Mark's website ([www.stmarksottawa.ca](http://www.stmarksottawa.ca)) for updates.

### **PWRDF and Ukraine**

PWRDF continues to respond to the crisis in Ukraine.

To make a donation to this response online, click [here](#)

### **Office Hours**

The office is open from 9:30 am to noon on Wednesdays and Fridays. The office will not be open on April 6.

### **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>.

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**Contacting the Church**

You may contact the office at 613-224-7431 or [stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca). Messages are being monitored.

**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)



**- Join us virtually -  
Thursday May 26, 2022**

**TICKET SALES**  
<https://bishops gala2022.eventbrite.ca>



**This year's event will feature fabulous talent from across our diocese and fun swag bags!**

**Tickets available from \$80-\$170 including swag bags. Delivery available. Or, enjoy the show without a ticket or swag bag.**

**Our 2022 Bishop's Gala beneficiary is the Urban Inuit Elders Program at Inuuqatigiit, a centre for Inuit children, youth and families**



**BISHOP'S GALA  
SILENT AUCTION**

**READY! SET! BID!**  
APRIL 22 TO MAY 8, 7PM

<https://www.32auctions.com/BishopsGala2022>