

# St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church 1606 Fisher Ave, Ottawa ON K2C 1X6

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# **Weekly Newsletter**

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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.

 Glenn Ethier, the son of Bev Muma, has been deployed for 6 months. Bev asks for prayers for his health and safety.

# Livestreaming

The service will be streamed at 10 am on Sunday. Here are the links for the <u>service</u> and the <u>bulletin</u>. The link is also available on the home page of our website: <a href="http://www.stmarksottawa.ca">http://www.stmarksottawa.ca</a>

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. CCC will continue until June 23.

# Support for Ukrainian refugees

Algonquin College and Campus Ministry are supporting displaced Ukrainians by providing informal English language instruction every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from May 10 to August 18. To date they have 20 to 30 families who will attend, and they expect more refugees in the coming weeks.

The Campus Minister has let St. Mark's know that they would welcome contributions of baked goods for the Ukrainian refugees. Contributions of coffee, tea, sugar, milk or cream are also welcomed.

Georgia Roberts, Joan Hounsell and Suzanne Bisson will be making the first delivery to Algonquin College at noon on Tuesday, May 17 and every Tuesday afterwards until August 18.

Contributions can be brought to the church on Sunday or on Tuesday mornings.

We are putting together a roster of persons who are able to bake (cookies, muffins, loaves) or provide coffee, etc. Store bought baked goods are also accepted. If you are able to help, please advise Suzanne by email (suzanne.m.bisson@gmail.com) or by phone 613-727-5892

Any questions, please call or get in touch with us. Many thanks.

Georgia, Joan and Suzanne

# Spring Clean-up

We have scheduled a general clean-up day for Saturday, May 28. We would work inside the building and outside on the lawns, parking lot and garden areas. If you have a little time on Saturday morning, - starting about 9 am, please volunteer to join the work party. There are garbage bins, garbage bags and yard bags at the church, - and a few tools. If you can bring a rake, or shovel, or broom, or duster, and work gloves, that would help.

# E-Prayer

Do you have prayer concerns that you would like support with? Do you want to know how your fellow parishioners and their families, former parishioners and former clergy are doing? You want e-prayer. E-prayer is run by Margaret Lodge and prayer concerns are sent out by email as they come up. Margaret does a great job of sending out the concerns and

providing pictures and background information when appropriate. Everyone who is on the list can be assured that they are current with the needs and concerns of the parish. The office only announces the deaths of current members. To join the e-prayer list, please contact <a href="mailto:drblodge@sympatico.ca">drblodge@sympatico.ca</a>.

## Multi-Faith Housing Tulipathon

The Tulipathon campaign launched on April 24. There was a <u>video</u> 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 <u>Tulipathon</u> 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

The Bishop's Gala will take place virtually on Thursday, May 26. 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) for updates.

#### Walk-in Vaccine Clinic

There are walk-in vaccine clinics operating at the Emerald Plaza library and the multipurpose room at 1341 Meadowlands for the next while. They are not that busy so if you are looking for another dose, it is a great way to go.



#### 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

W 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 <a href="mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca">stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca">stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca">stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</a>



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

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