



# 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.

We currently have a roster of persons who will bake and/or provide beverages every week. Juices, sandwiches, cheese and crackers would also be welcomed.

The campus minister has also let me know that they need an additional assistant and substitute English teachers, and volunteers to help set-up, clean-up and join in the English conversational hour.

If you feel you would like to help out in any way, please contact Suzanne Bisson at 613-7272-5892 or [suzanne.m.bisson@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.m.bisson@gmail.com)

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Multi-Faith Housing Tulipathon

The Tulipathon take place next Saturday 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. St Mark's plans to walk in it. Please contact Brian Harrison or Laurie Slaughter for more details.

## 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. Friends and neighbours are welcome. It has been running for 5 weeks and is going very well. CCC will continue until June 30.

## Who was Titus Brandsma?

Titus Brandsma O.Carm (born Anno Sjoerd Brandsma; 23 February 1881 – 26 July 1942) was a Dutch Carmelite friar, Catholic priest and professor of philosophy. Brandsma was vehemently opposed to Nazi ideology and spoke out against it many times before the Second World War. He was imprisoned at the Dachau concentration camp, where he was murdered. He was beatified by the Catholic Church in November 1985 a martyr of the

## Support for Ukrainian Refugees

Algonquin College and Campus Ministry are supporting displaced Ukrainians by providing English as a second language (ESL) sessions every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from May 10 to Aug 18. St. Mark's delivered baked goods, coffee, tea and milk this past Tuesday. Many thanks to all.

faith and canonized as a saint on 15 May 2022 by Pope Francis.

After the invasion of the Netherlands by the Third Reich in May 1940, Brandsma's long-term fight against the spread of Nazi ideology and for educational and press freedom brought him to the attention of the Nazis.

In January 1942 he undertook to deliver by hand a letter from the Conference of Dutch Bishops to the editors of Catholic newspapers in which the bishops ordered them not to print official Nazi documents, as was required under a new law by the German occupiers. He had visited fourteen editors before being arrested on 19 January at the Boxmeer monastery.

After being held prisoner in Scheveningen, Amersfoort, and Cleves, Brandsma was transferred to the Dachau concentration camp, arriving there on 19 June. His health quickly gave way, and he was transferred to the camp hospital. He died on 26 July 1942, from a lethal injection administered by a nurse of the Allgemeine SS, as part of their program of medical experimentation on the prisoners.

To Yvonne Temple-Vermeulen, he represents and is the saint of the Free Press.

In 1942 he was killed in Dachau during the war because he refused to be silenced. That is a bravery that many journalists face today.

Yvonne's family in The Netherlands, personally benefited from the handouts of food and his generosity in a time (1930's) when poverty was very high in Europe, just before the war started in 1940.

Her father would have been very happy to have his good works recognized by canonization.

### **A Message from the Diocesan Homelessness & Affordable Housing Working Group**

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? 1 John 3:17

Across Ontario, many people are suffering marginalization and social isolation. Their suffering increases when they are homeless or lack safe and affordable housing

Housing people makes sound economic sense. It reduces health care, social service and justice system costs. It is cheaper to develop safe, affordable, permanent homes than to pay the high social costs that result from housing insecurity.

Anglicans are partnering with government, private sector and local groups to address this crisis. We are on the front line of developing innovative affordable housing solutions. Anglicans are making safe and affordable homes a reality through direct financial support and repurposing of church property.

Ask the candidates in your riding:

- What will you/your government do to end homelessness in Ontario?
- What is your/your government's plan to create truly affordable rental housing?
- How will you/your government address the rising cost of homeownership?

For more information about how to advocate for affordable housing during the 2022 provincial election, check out the Homelessness and Affordable Housing Working Group page on the Diocesan website at:

<https://www.ottawa.anglican.ca/index.php/homelessness>

### **Your Kingdom Come**

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension (May 26) to Pentecost (June 5) for more people to come to know Jesus.

What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. Christians from 172 countries have taken part in praying 'Come Holy Spirit'.

This praying together has been across our diversity and differences as every person, household and church are encouraged to pray in their own way.

During the 11 days of 'Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ

Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus

Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness

Over the years more and more worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'.

We are praying that the Spirit will inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities and networks. It has been amazing how many varied ways there have been in which people from every tradition have taken up this challenge. The effects have been remarkable.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part – along with churches from over 80 different denominations & traditions in nearly 90% of countries (172) around the world.

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." Archbishop Justin Welby

Join the prayer wave here

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/lightuptheworld>

### **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 [drblodge@sympatico.ca](mailto:drblodge@sympatico.ca).

### **Bishop's Gala**

The Bishop's Gala will take place virtually this 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](http://www.stmarksottawa.ca)) for updates.

### **Walk-in Vaccine Clinic**

There are walk-in vaccine clinics operating at the Emerald Plaza library and the multi-purpose 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. They will be open until the end of June.



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Parkwood Hills Public Health Neighbourhood Vaccination Hub	Centre de vaccination de quartier de sante publique Parkwood Hills
Tuesday 1 pm – 7 pm Closed – 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm Saturday 10 am – 4 pm Closed - 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm	Mardi de 13 h à 19 h Fermé de 15 h 30 à 16 h 30 Samedi de 10 h à 16 h Fermé de 12 h 30 à 13 h 30
Emerald Plaza Library 1547 Merivale Rd.	Bibliothèque Emerald Plaza 1547, ch. Merivale
Wednesday 8 am – 1 pm Closed - 11 am to 12 pm Friday 10 am – 4 pm Closed - 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm	Mercredi de 8 h à 13 h Fermé de 11 h à 12 h Vendredi de 10 h à 16 h Fermé de 12 h 30 à 13 h 30
Multipurpose Room 1341 Meadowlands Dr.	Multipurpose Room 1341, prom. Meadowlands
For more information on where to get vaccinated, scan the QR code:	Pour en savoir plus sur les endroits où vous pouvez vous faire vacciner, scannez le code QR ci-dessous :



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### 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>.

### 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>