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



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.

 Karen & Bill Barber celebrate their 53rd Wedding Anniversary on June 21st

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

Summer is Coming!

For the first time in two years we are heading into

the summer with in-person worship. We are resuming our usual summer practice this year. This means:

- There will be one service at 9 am beginning on July 3 and continuing until September 4. The 8 and 10 am services will resume on September 11.
- There will be sign-up rosters for the whole of the summer available in the link beginning this Sunday. All of the jobs are there. The only thing that has been

Weekly Newsletter

Dear friends,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable future.



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Coffee, Company & Conversation

The last CCC of the season takes place from 10 - 11:30 am on Thursday June 23 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. CCC will resume on September 8.

previously scheduled is the coffee roster. If you find you are scheduled on a Sunday when you are unable to come, please cross

> your name out and see if you can find someone to replace you. The readings will be available in paper form ahead of time.

This is a great time to explore jobs that you have been thinking about but were not ready to get tied into a regular schedule. If you want to try serving, prayers or administering the chalice, please speak to Fr Julian first.

Annual Picnic

After a two-year absence, the annual picnic will take place on the front lawn on Sunday June 26th. Again, please let Cynthia or the

office know if you will be there, since she doesn't want to over-buy. Sausages and hotdogs will be for sale, including dessert of some kind, likely cup cakes and ice-cream.

Cynthia Greer 613-723-2680 greercynthia69@yahoo.com

A New Banner for National Indigenous Day of Prayer

Penny Miller has very kindly volunteered to make a new banner for us for National

Indigenous Day of Prayer with a panel she had purchased. An image of the panel appears on the front of the bulletin this week and is shown on the previous page

The panel is called 'Every Child Matters' designed by Karen Erickson and is part of a single colour way by Northcott fabrics called The Journey Home.

Here is the description of the panel:

"In light of the recent traumatic events that have unfolded at former Residential Schools across Canada, Karen Erickson created 'Every Child Matters' out of reverence to those grieving. This painting depicts two siblings who were finally set free after being grimly discovered at a Residential School.

The children who are shown holding hands were torn apart from each other, but now reunited as they make their way back home. Karen included beautiful imagery such as a moon and feathers to represent the First Nations, Inuit and Metis people joining together to guide the two siblings home.

100% of the net proceeds from the sales of the panel from 'The Journey Home' will be donated to the Indian Residential School Survivors Society and the Orange Shirt Society."

Who on earth was Melchizedek?

You will find the readings this Sunday mention Melchizedek several times. I asked Fr Julian who Melchizedek was and what his relation to Corpus Christi is. This was his answer.

Melchizedek was both a priest and king. He brought bread and wine to Abram after Abram went to rescue his nephew Lot. He's seen as the greatest example of the priesthood. He's also seen as foreshadowing the divine priesthood of Christ. Finally, we continue the Melchizedek order because we continue to use bread and wine within the cultus (church)

Debra Dynes Food Bank

As we all know, Ottawa Food Banks are currently running on empty due to an

unprecedented demand for food within the community.

Please consider making donations not only of food products but of cash. When you donate cash, the food bank is able to purchase food in large quantities at wholesale rates. The DDFB will spend time researching and negotiating with distributors to find the best deal on canned fruits, veggies and protein to ensure that they get the best value per dollar spent.

Every \$1 that you donate provides food for two whole meals to feed a hungry neighbour in need.

You may give your donation to me for delivery to DDFB or mail a cheque directly to: DDFB, 955 DEBRA AVE., STE 85, OTTAWA, K2C 0J5. All donations are tax deductible.

Thank you,

Joan Hounsell, Outreach

SPMC Stage 3

Our meeting for SPMC Stage 3 is Tuesday, June 28 at 7 pm. St Paul's Kanata, 20 Young Road. Parish clergy and Lay Members of Synod (or alternates) are expected to attend, but any interested member of your parish is also very welcome to register and attend. Registration for in-person or by Zoom is required at <u>https://spmstage3.eventbrite.ca/</u> The deadline to register is June 24, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Fr Julian.

Support for Ukrainian Refugees

On Tuesday, Georgia and Joan made a delivery to Algonquin College campus ministry in support of Ukrainian refugees. The delivery included sweet treats, crackers and cheese, coffee, juice, serviettes, paper plates and paper towels. Thank you to all who donated to this worthy cause. We will continue to support the campus ministry on a weekly basis until the end of August. Please contact Suzanne for more information on ways that you can help. Thank you



What is needed for the future: 1. Baked goods, juices, coffee, milk. Please plate your baked goods. Anything else you



wish to contribute such as cheese, crackers are welcome. A roster of bakers is placed on the bulletin board in the link. Please add or delete your name as your priorities may have changed. Goods can be delivered to the church on Sunday or brought to the church Tuesday morning between 11:45 AM and 12:15 PM.

2. English as a second language (ESL) instructors. You don't have to be ESL certified to instruct but willing to carry on conversations with Ukrainians learning English and be innovative in developing topics to discuss.

Please let me know if you would like to help out in providing ESL instruction. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. There is a more relaxed conversation/coffee break from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Suzanne Bisson 613-727-5892 suzanne.m.bisson@gmail.com

Pastoral Care Team

Fr Julian is forming a pastoral care team. If you are interested in being part of this or have questions, please contact Fr Julian at <u>frjulian@stmarksottawa.ca</u>

Change of Email Address for Fr Julian

Fr Julian has a new email address since the last one was hacked and used to send scam email. The new address is <u>FrJulian@stmarksottawa.ca</u>

Changes to COVID restrictions

The diocese entered into the Green stage of the Pandemic plan on June 1. In its communiqué, it states "It's increasingly clear the pandemic is not going away any time soon and entering the Green stage, rather than just saying "we're back to normal", is an important symbol that we are still operating under the pandemic plan—and an acknowledgment that restrictions could increase again if the virus resurges (as it has the two previous falls, after more open summers)."

At St Mark's, we will stay in modified yellow (status quo) during the month of June with some gradual changes throughout the month.

- Masks are still required until further notice.
- No Proof of Vaccine required to enter the church as of June 5
- The table at the front of the nave will be removed June 12 and Communion will be administered at the rail. Distance must be maintained.
- The Peace is status quo until further notice.
- ¼ of the nave will remain with "distancing tape" until further notice.

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. They will be open until the end of June.



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 <u>drblodge@sympatico.ca</u>.

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 <u>stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</u>. 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 <u>stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</u>. 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