



# 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.

want to try serving, prayers or administering the chalice, please speak to Fr Julian first.

## Tulipathon – A Letter of Thanks

### Dear friends of MHI,

We'd like to extend our deepest appreciation to everyone who donated, fundraised, made a banner, came out to walk, and/or spread the word about Tulipathon 2022! As Executive Director Suzanne Le notes in our [campaign wrap-up video](#), we are delighted to announce that our supporters raised a grand total of \$121,374 this year. The video can be viewed at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ho7rIZN0\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ho7rIZN0_Q)

It's extra special that MHI set this new record in 2022, MHI's 20th anniversary. Our deepest appreciation to everyone who worked hard to make this campaign a possibility

### Tulipathon 2022 award winners:

- The top fundraising team was, once again this year, the mighty St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, with an astounding \$6,320 raised.
- As St. John's won the Farook Tareen Award last year (and this award cannot go to the same team two years in a row), the winner is the team with the second-highest fundraising total: Temple Israel, which raised an incredible \$4,020. Congratulations!
- The winners of the annual Tulipathon Banner Contest are St. Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church and Emmanuel United Church. Congrats to our winners, and thank you to City of Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson for judging the competition again this year.

## 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 Evening for it to be included in the service for the following Sunday.

## Live Streaming

The service will be streamed at 9 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>

## Summer Office

During the summer, the office will only be open on Friday mornings. Joan Grayer will be editing the newsletter over the summer.

If you have newsletter items you may send it to the office or you may send it to Joan at [joangrayer@yahoo.ca](mailto:joangrayer@yahoo.ca)

## Summer is Here!

For the first time in two years we are resuming our usual summer practice. This means:

1. There is one service at 9 am continuing until September 4. The 8 and 10 am services will resume on September 11.
2. There are sign-up rosters for the whole of the summer available in the link. All of the jobs are there. The readings for August are now available

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

We deeply appreciated everyone's participation and support in 2022. As always, 100% of Tulipathon net proceeds will go to

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our rental subsidies program for tenants in need.

**One housekeeping note:** Please be aware that our Tulipathon 2022 online fundraising portal is now closed. If you have any questions about the Tulipathon fundraising portal, please contact our office at [office.admin@multifaithhousing.ca](mailto:office.admin@multifaithhousing.ca) or call 613-686-1825.

Thanks again to everyone for supporting Tulipathon 2022. We wouldn't be here without your contributions, and we look forward to seeing you again next year!

Forever grateful,  
MHI staff

### **Support for Ukrainian Refugees: A Request from Yuri Derkach**

One of our biggest needs and most often requests has been a need for housing. We are looking for believers who are willing to host either a Ukrainian family or Ukrainian student for a short term (one month) or a longer period September to end of December, the duration of fall term. It takes time for Ukrainian newcomers to do all their paperwork, get their documents, improve English, apply to school, or find a job. It also takes time to recover from the horrors of war and to shift focus and recover in a peaceful society in Canada.

If anyone is willing to help to host Ukrainian refugees, please contact me at [derkacy@algonquincollege.com](mailto:derkacy@algonquincollege.com) or at 613 727-4723 ext.5341

### **Support for Ukrainian Refugees**

Many thanks to all the people who have contributed baking, food vouchers, monetary donations and their time as English teachers for this very worthy outreach program.

There is a roster of names on the bulletin board in the link of parishioners who bring baking for the refugees. Plated baked goods can be brought to the church on Sunday or between 11:45 am and 12:15 pm.

The campus minister has let us know that there are now over 400 Ukrainian refugees enrolled in English as a second language (ESL). Because their space is limited, many are taking ESL virtually.

This support to the Ukrainian refugees will continue until August 18. If you want to contribute in any way, please contact Suzanne Bisson at 613-727-5892 or [suzanne.m.bisson@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.m.bisson@gmail.com)

### **Debra Dynes School Supplies**

For the past 2 COVID years your donated school supplies for Debra Dynes have been collected in the church parking lot. This year we will be collecting in person in the church. How exciting! Please consider supporting this very worthwhile Outreach program in the month of August by donating pens, pencils, markers, binders, paper, lunchboxes or any other Back-to-School items you feel are necessary. Donations can be left in the blue bin in the Link. Once I get a more extensive list of school supplies from DDFH I will share that in the Newsletter.

Cash or cheques are also a good idea. The DDFH can then buy school supplies in bulk.

Thank you once again for your continued support during the month of August.

### **Debra Dynes Food Bank**

Ottawa Food Banks continue to run 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.

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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

### **Recycling Procedures**

We are no longer collecting batteries or ink cartridges. Batteries can be returned to Emerald Plaza library. Staples and BestBuy accept ink cartridges.

### **Forward Day by Day**

The Forward Day by Day booklets from August through November are now available in the link.

### **Paving on Fisher**

The City of Ottawa has notified us that Fisher Ave. will be repaved from Meadowlands to Prince of Wales during the summer months.

### **Summer Camps**

What's happening at St. Mark's on weekdays in July and August? We welcome back a summer camp run by Carleton Memorial Daycare Centre, they have rented the upper hall for this camp for quite a few years. You will see some of their cupboards and equipment cleared to the sides of the hall when you come in.

This year they are joined by Peddleheads, which is a group that teaches bicycle skills to children, who enroll for week long camps. Peddleheads have rented the back parking lot, use of the downstairs washroom and also the lower hall if needed on a rainy day.

We wish the campers good luck and hope they enjoy lots of fun over the summer.

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### **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 [FrJulian@stmarksottawa.ca](mailto:FrJulian@stmarksottawa.ca)

### **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.

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### **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)