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

Live Streaming

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>



Last weekend, Fr Julian was at St John the Baptist, Pointe Claire officiating at the funeral and inurnment of Kathy Woodard's parents. Since the parish in Montreal is currently seeking a new priest, permission was obtained from the bishops of both Montreal and Ottawa to officiate for our (mostly) virtual parishioner's parents. Kathy's parents died within weeks of each other during the first wave of COVID.

Tulipathon Walk for the Multi Faith Housing Initiative – May 28, 2023

Once again the annual Tulipathon Walk organized by The Multi Faith Housing Initiative, is being held at Dow's Lake. This year it is on Sunday, May 28 beginning at 2:00 pm. People from many faith groups will be gathering in support of this important mission to provide safe and affordable housing for families, veterans and others in need of a home in a supportive community environment.

St. Mark's members and families in past years, have walked as a team, proudly carrying the St. Mark's banner as part of this effort to raise the needed money so that homes and



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communities may continue to be built. Across Ottawa the Multi Faith Housing Initiative in partnership with private donors, government and others, have created five housing centres including Veterans' House for homeless veterans. Now two new projects, Dream LeBreton, in conjunction with development at LeBreton Flats, and The Anchor on Merivale, in conjunction with Julian of Norwich Church, will be built. In the last two years when we walked on behalf of our church, we were pleased to donate \$1000.00 towards this cause. We have given generously and made a difference.

Please consider walking with friends and others along the Canal and make our presence known. If you are unable to walk, then a donation towards our church's contribution would be very welcome.

To date, on our fundraising page (Tulipathon Walk 2023 - Team Directory and Fundraising) we have raised over \$900 with cash donations added to that. Just to keep people up to date: Julian of Norwich has raised over \$1500.00 and we are in competition!

We have Retired Bishop Peter Coffin walking with our team and Julian of Norwich has Retired Bishop John Chapman. Let's show that St. Mark's can do it! Donate, donate, donate to Brian at the sign up table after church this Sunday or contact either Brian or Laurie to donate.

We also would love to have more walkers to provide support on what is going to be a beautiful day this coming Sunday.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

On May 25, 27 attendees enjoyed a delightful morning listening to the gentle and lovely sounds of three harps and an EWI (electronic wind instrument). Tartan and Tea were the guests. They played classic Gaelic and Maritime pieces that were both calming and nostalgic. People thoroughly enjoyed their entertainment and also were most interested

in their instruments, which the musicians were pleased to show and explain.





Spring rhubarb baking and other treats made coffee and tea special and the tartan theme was in keeping with the music. Next week CCC will be a coffee and conversation morning with the "Book Friends" sharing their favourites as a separate group.

Aged in Harmony



The Aged in Harmony Barbershop Chorus treated family and friends to a concert Tuesday afternoon in the church. Coffee, juice and sweets followed in the hall. Thanks to the men with their Director, Rod McKenzie and the two quartets - Three Good-Lookin' Guys and Tour de Four, for a delightful afternoon of singing and humour.



Volunteer (s) needed

Effect Hope is an organization that supports people and communities affected by tropical diseases such as leprosy. We help in this quest by sending in used stamps, which are then sold to stamp collectors. The proceeds are used to ensure that all people affected by tropical diseases have access to health care and community support.

Over the past years Doreen Matweow processed the stamps, however she is no longer able to do so. People are needed to carry on this important outreach activity. Individuals and other churches donate their used stamps to St. Mark's. The stamps are cut leaving 1/4 to 1/2 of an inch on the envelope on each side.

If you are interested in taking on this activity, please let the office know and more detailed instructions will be provided.

Financial Update

The April collections income was above expected, making up some of the shortfall in collections at the end of March. The rentals income continues to be above expected. Expenses were close to expected, although we continue to see significant savings in the phone and internet after our switch to Bell Fibre. Overall we are on track for our expected net income of -\$20,000..

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Hymn Sing at Cathedral

On Sunday, June 4th at 4 pm, Christ Church Cathedral is hosting a Diocesan hymn sing! This is also the weekend of Doors Open Ottawa and our Cathedral will be open all afternoon, so come early and enjoy tours of our sacred space.

The Cathedral Boys Choir and Lay Clerks, accompanied by Cathedral music Director James Calkin, will lead an hour of favorite hymns from Common Praise, followed by some well earned refreshments. Hymns will include: How great thou art, Tell out my soul, Praise my soul the King of heaven, Love divine, and a favorite selected by vote towards the end of May. Everyone is welcome, no experience is necessary, and it is suitable for the whole family. Come join us to sing or listen as we raise the roof of our Cathedral! Please register using this link, so that we ensure adequate refreshments are available: <https://rsvp.church/r/2bdfOuYg>. Free parking is available at the National Library and Archives building at 395 Wellington Street.

Ottawa McGill Alumni Choir Concert

The Ottawa McGill Alumni Choir welcomes all parishioners to their concert Tuesday June 6 at 7:00 pm with an informal reception to follow. The repertoire is a mix of lovely melodies and familiar favourites, some a capella and some with piano accompaniment. A lovely welcome to summer days. Kind donations to Roger Neilson House gratefully accepted. Always recruiting new singers too! Maybe you will decide to join us in the Fall!

Meditative Community Walk

A meditative walk led by Gilbert Whiteduck of Kitigan Zibi aims to raise awareness of the history of the Algonquin Anishinabeg in this region. The walk will also celebrate the official designation of the Nakweyamàdiwin Mikàns Community Trail, or “Friendship Trail”, the first community trail in Chelsea to bear an Algonquin Anishinabeg name. The path is accessible for wheelchairs and strollers

- Saturday, June 10, 2023, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

- Start at Saint Mary Magdalene Anglican Church

- 537 Autoroute 105, Chelsea, Québec

- Opening ceremony with indigenous drumming

YMCA Student Hosting

The non-profit YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange Program is looking for members of the community to host 16- and 17-year-old exchange students from Québec for 6 weeks this summer. From July 1st – August 12th, volunteers provide lodging and meals for their youth participant while they get to learn more about your family and culture. This low-barrier program is a valuable opportunity for Canadian students to travel and practice their second language in another community while working a summer job placement. The program relies on generous community members who are willing to welcome a student into their home for 6 weeks! To learn more about how to host, reach out by e-mail before May 31st to abby.traina@ymcagta.org, or visit swse.ymcagta.org/hosting.

Benefits of hosting an exchange student include:

You form a lasting connection with the youth while learning about their language and culture

By hosting, you give a student the opportunity to participate when they otherwise could not

There’s no expectation to occupy the student during the day, since they will be at work

We have a team of program staff to support you and accommodate any needs or barriers

Induction Announcement

Bishop Shane is pleased to announce the following service of induction:

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The Rev. Canon Catherine Ascah will be inducted as Incumbent at St. Bartholomew's (125 MacKay Street, Ottawa) on Tuesday, May 30th at 7 PM.

Clergy are not required to vest and are invited to sit in the congregation.

Forward Day by Day

The May to July Forward Day by Day are now available. The cost of them has risen and \$3 would allow us to actually cover the cost of the booklets.

COVID Update

In his most recent communique, our Bishop announced a revision of the Diocesan COVID restrictions. Parishes can now observe normal social and liturgical practices, with one exception, while following the three main public health recommendations. These are:

- asking people to stay home when sick;
- encouraging mask-wearing in indoor spaces; and
- keeping up-to-date on COVID boosters.

The one liturgical exception to normal practices is that LAC's must wear masks when administering communion.

An easy tool for determining whether you are eligible for a new COVID booster, and how to book one, is found at <https://www.ontario.ca/booster-recommendation/>

Office Hours

The office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 to noon.

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. 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. 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