



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.

follow. The deadline for donating is June 30 and can be done online.



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>

Tulipathon Walk – May 28, 2023

St Mark's team walked to raise money for the Multifaith Housing Initiative's building of safe and affordable housing in Ottawa yet again this past weekend. We were pleased to donate from our church over \$1,800. and more is to

Nineteen people representing our church, along with other churches and faith groups, walked on an extremely hot day. The Walk began across from the Dow's Lake Pavilion and went to the Bank St. bridge and back again. Our group was comprised of the following: Carl Bear, Kate Greer-Close, Madeline and Penelope Close, Bishop Peter Coffin, Carolyn, Caitlyn and Patrick Findlay, Julia Fogg, John Hancock, Brian Harrison, Jenny Morphew, Joanne, Isabella and Sabrina Pagani, Coralie Sheehan, Rob Mellon, Laurie Slaughter, and Elizabeth Van Ossenbruggen. Many thanks to each and every one in this group. Although it was a long and very hot afternoon, it was also an upbeat one as people saw friends from other groups and the number of walkers was impressive.



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St. Mark's may be proud of our participation, our generosity and our compassion as this Outreach is one that truly involves us in the Ottawa community.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

On June 1, everyone enjoyed coffee, company, book sharing and tasty treats.

Next week CCC will be a presentation by Louise Brunell from the Council on Aging called Fit to Drive.

Request for Refreshments

Dear friends of Campus Ministry,

We are looking for volunteers to help us with baked goods for Wednesday workshops, 6-8pm, to feed Ukrainian newcomers affected by war. Every Wednesday on average we have 30 participants attending the college campus, and each week welcome new arrivals to Ottawa. If you are willing to help and support this cause, please contact the chaplain, Yuriy, at derkacy@algonquincollege.com; or call at extension 5341. God bless you!

Take care

Jack Wilson
Chairperson
Campus Ministry at Algonquin College



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..

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

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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.

Jazz Vespers



Praise God, the Source of life and birth.
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame. All glory,
honour to God's name. Please join us for the
last Vespers of the 2022-23 season, with the
irrepressible and inspiring London Trio +.

Hope to see you there!
Elizabeth Brown,
Jazz Vespers Coordinator

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 Mikàn 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

We are still looking for host families who are willing to provide a place for a student to stay this summer, as we have several youth who would greatly benefit from participating but have nowhere to stay. We are offering \$400 grocery store gift cards to families who host a student, in order to compensate for any costs associated with providing meals. We are also open to discussing any additional supports needed in order to facilitate a positive experience for the youth and families!

If you know of anyone who may be willing to volunteer, please have them contact Abby Traina before next Wednesday, June 7th and I would be happy to provide more information and answer any questions!

abby.traina@ymcagta.org, or visit swse.ymcagta.org/hosting.

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.

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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