



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 are thrilled to welcome two long-standing members, James and Annabella Martinez-Ball into new roles as servers.



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>



Coffee, Company & Conversation

Yesterday, at CCC, people heard a very interesting speaker who is a specialist on being "Fit to Drive". Louise Brunelle from the Council on Aging, in a slide presentation, discussed the various factors that affect a driver's capability to avoid accidents and adhere to the rules of the road in a safe and courteous manner. The point was made that

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at some time, people have to assess their capability and fitness to be behind the wheel. Her presentation brought out new aspects of driving with respect to recent laws and increased dangerous situations. She also talked about having a future plan to remain mobile and independent when the freedom to drive, or desire to do so, has ended.



This very important interactive presentation resulted in a number of questions and concerns. As the speaker coordinates the program for fitness and capability re. driving at the Council on Aging, she was extremely well informed and left resource information which can be made available to anyone who would like to access it. The morning was one where all present were most interested in the information and participated.

Many thanks to Louise for being with us.



Next week, June 15 will be Card, Games and Creative Writing Group.

Appointment Announcement

Bishop Shane is pleased to announce the appointment of the Venerable Kathryn Otley as Incumbent of the parish of All Saints Westboro and Archdeacon of Ottawa West, effective September 12, 2023.

Summer Services

During the summer, from July 2 to September 3, there will be one service Sunday morning at 9am.

Outreach

Suzanne has been helping Doreen's son clear out her apartment as she will no longer be living independently. Here is a photo of some of the knitted baby items I just that were delivered to DDFH. Sylvie was happy to get them (2 boxes), as she makes up bundles for newborn babies in the area. Anything left over is placed on the take-away table. Also delivered were a box of grocery items, several cans of condensed milk, etc., and 10 stuffed animals including a Gund teddy bear.



Where I worshipped on Trinity Sunday



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While vacationing in Newfoundland last week, I attended the Trinity Sunday service at St Peter's Anglican Church in the small community of Catalina on the Bonavista Peninsula. St Peter's will be celebrating its 150th anniversary this fall. In June 1987, the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador declared St Peter's to be a Heritage Structure. The church still contains the original pews and can seat 450 people.



With me at the service was Doris Freake, age 89, my late husband's first cousin. Doris has a long connection with St Peter's, having recently retired from playing the organ there regularly since the 1990's.

Georgia Roberts



As smoke filtered down from wildfires burning up the valley, we experienced some unusual looking skies as well as poor air quality. Schools had no outdoor play for several days and people were warned to stay inside. Luckily, the wind shifted on Thursday.

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!

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.

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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.

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.

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