



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.

Office Hours

The office will be open Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9:30 am to noon. Please call ahead. Even volunteers take holidays.

Bahamian Celebration Day



The Bahamian Consulate and many members from the Bahamian community will be joining St Mark's at the 9:00 am service on Sunday, July 16. They will be bringing some Bahamian treats to share after the service. Everyone is welcome in person or via livestream.

The After 80s Club

I was looking at a photo of the seniors' luncheon at St Mark's during Father Brian's time here and thinking of all our seniors. Irene Parboosingh was busy serving. I remember saying by the time you reached 80, you should be enjoying the meal, not still serving it out. The ACW were then able to relax, and the M.U. took on the jobs mainly. Our M.U. has been the youngest group for 40 years, and still is. No younger group has followed us.

This reminded me that 5 women who are still active and involved, all turn 80 this year. Wanda, May 22nd, Cynthia July 12th, Karen July 18th, Coralie, August 29th. Our 5th is waiting until later in the year. 3 of those members, the ones in the choir, also celebrate 54 years of marriage this year, so I guess age

Summer Newsletter

Please send any news items or announcements for the newsletter to joangrayer@yahoo.ca and also to stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca

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:

Summer Camps

Our church building continues to be used over the summer by a number of different groups. As we did last summer, we have 2 day camps operating every day for most of the summer. The Carleton Memorial Daycare operates a day camp for school age children in Bishop Reed Hall and Pedalheads operates a bicycle camp in the back parking lot, using the lower hall for their inside space. The grounds will certainly be lively!

Summer Services

There will be one Sunday service at 9 am from July 2 to September 3

Sign up rosters are now available in the link.

PLEASE SIGN UP!

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80 does not make you eligible to retire from active service these days.

Happy birthday to all 5, and congratulations on 54 years of marriage, to the 3.

Submitted by Cynthia

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

Forward Day by Day

The May to July Forward Day by Day are now available. The August to October booklet has arrived and is available in the office. 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/>

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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. 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