



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear friends,

Fr Julian on holiday

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable future.

Fr Julian is on holiday from August 23 through September 6. The Rev Canon Hilary Murray will be taking the services on Sunday and providing pastoral coverage. If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact the office. Email (stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca) is the fastest way to contact. The office phone is only monitored for messages a few times a week. If you need to contact someone immediately, please call Joy at 613-224-7028 or 613-867-7027. If Joy is away at the cottage (no cell reception), please contact Suzanne Bisson at 613-727-5892, Suzanne.m.bisson@gmail.com

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.

- Coralie Sheehan celebrates her 80th birthday on Tuesday, August 29.

Keegan Lazarus is the supply organist for the month of August.

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:

Office Hours

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



Just before he went on holiday, Fr Julian performed a house blessing for the Lockhart family.

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!



Last Week of Summer Camps

With the impending return to school, the summer camps are closing down for the year. Carleton Memorial Daycamp is on the calendar for this week but the bike camp has finished for the year.

Forward Day by Day

The August to October booklet has arrived and is available in the office. The cost of the booklet is \$3.



St. Mary's botanical garden. CowHead, Newfoundland.

DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSE

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Each year, we distribute school supplies to elementary, high school, and post secondary students. There is always a gap that needs to be filled- especially for those going to high school and post secondary! Your help goes a long way and ensures back-to-school costs are not a barrier to learning.

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- backpacks
- binders
- duotangs
- notebooks
- math sets
- scientific calculators
- lined and graph paper
- glue sticks
- highlighters
- pens
- erasers
- pencil sharpeners
- rulers
- pencil cases
- crayons, pencil crayons, and markers

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Personal Cheque or Cash

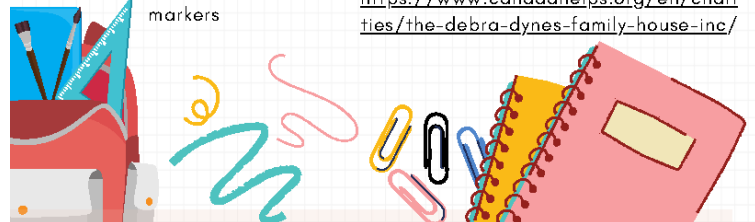
Personal cheques can be made out to Debra Dynes Family House. We are happy to make arrangements to receive cheques/cash without contact. You can also mail a cheque to the following address:

Debra Dynes Family House
955 Debra Avenue, Unit 85 Ottawa, ON
K2C 0J5

Online

You can make a donation through Canada Helps at:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-debra-dynes-family-house-inc/>



info@debradynes.com 613-224-3824 955 Debra Ave, Unit 85 debradynesfamilyhouse.com

St Mark's School Supply Drive

The school supply drive ends TODAY. If you have any donations, please contact Joan Hounsell.

Thank you as always for your continued support of DDFH.

Joan Hounsell,

Outreach

Slim N Trim

Slim N Trim exercise class begins Monday September 11th at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall. For information contact Jenny at 613-225-6301.

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/>

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