



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear friends,

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

news items or announcements for the newsletter 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.

Amy Andonian is the supply organist on Sunday morning.

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.

Fr Julian on holiday

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

Hello everyone,

I am in the process of making note cards and Christmas cards for the winter bazaar. However, Thanksgiving comes before this and I am wondering if anyone wants Thanksgiving cards to send out. I have a few made but will make more if there is an interest in them. Please contact Janis Perkin at the Paper Riot Studio email: calgary1953@gmail.com. As usual all monies made from the sale of these cards go to St. Marks. Thank you for your support."

God Bless! Janis & Michael Perkin

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.

Forward Day by Day

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

Summer Services

THIS IS THE LAST SUNDAY AT 9 AM

Next week the services will be a 8 and 10 am.

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COVID Status

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. Email is faster.

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