



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear friends,

Wednesday morning from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Please call ahead to make sure someone is there.

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.

- Les & Donna Cundell celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary on September 7th.
- Carolyn & Peter Findlay celebrate their 17th Wedding Anniversary on September 9th
- Joy Bowerman celebrates her birthday on September 14th

Glenn Keefe is the supply organist and choir director until September 24.

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:

Office Hours

The office will be open Monday and Friday mornings from 9:30 am to noon and

Stewardship Sunday

September 24

Guest Preacher:

Rev. Canon Hilary Murray
Clinical Chaplain, Cornerstone

Come and join us for fellowship and a light lunch following the

Who we are – A Narrative

When the stewardship committee was meeting to plan a financial stewardship campaign for this fall, committee members expressed a strong desire to give parishioners a sense of what supporting St. Mark's accomplishes. What we do as a parish and our continued existence affects our immediate parish family, the surrounding neighbourhood, and our virtual community. To get beyond "Salaries & Building," the committee has allocated our expenditures to the 6 ministries that are significant to life at St. Mark's and our life in the community. Details about one area will be published in the weekly newsletter over the next 6 weeks.

Volunteers' contribution to the church IS the life of the church. We do not have statistics on the number of volunteer hours

Regular Service Schedule Resumes

Starting this Sunday the services will be at 8 and 10 am.

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invested by St. Mark's members, so you must note that only financial expenditures have been accounted for in these articles.

Worship & Music

*Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness and come
before his presence with a song. PSALM 100:1*



Worship is the foundation of all faith communities. While worship is not the only focus of a faith community, it is a consistent and comforting way of praising the Lord and gathering in community. In the Anglican tradition, music has a long association with worship, enhancing and reinforcing the service's focus. Starting during the pandemic, St. Mark's has extended its worship into the virtual world, first by recorded videos and later by live stream technology. Through our in-person and virtual worship and music, we make an impact.

"One of the ways that St. Mark's Anglican Church, Ottawa, is keeping me in contact with my faith and in my community of faith is through its live streaming of worship services. I watch/listen to many of them and have done since the first YouTube service at the beginning of the isolation brought on by the Covid-19 epidemic. (...) Streaming services are a good part of how and why I continue to an active and contributing participant of the St. Mark's church community." – Betty Caughlin

"And, of course, there was and still is the beautiful liturgy of Saint Mark's, which, if we cannot be there in person we can follow online. So, there are indeed so many ways in which the parish gathers us, even from afar, for mutual support and ministry." – Bishop Peter Coffin

The investment in our Worship and Music ministry in 2023 is expected to be 22% of our total budget expenditure

Thanksgiving Cards

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



Joan Hounsell and Bill Barber installed the lettering for the fall service hours. CCC starts back on September 14. Thanks Joan and Bill.

Slim N Trim

Slim N Trim exercise class begins Monday September 11th at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall.

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For information contact Jenny at 613-225-6301.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

Coffee, Company and Conversation resumes on September 14 with a relaxed morning of conversation, catching up over the summer. Of course, there is sure to be some tasty snacks as well as tea and coffee.

Forward Day by Day

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

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