



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.

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

Who we are – A Narrative

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 for 6 weeks, starting last week.

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

Volunteers' contribution to the church IS the life of the church. We do not have statistics on the number of volunteer hours invested by St. Mark's members, so you must note that only financial expenditures have been accounted for in these articles.

Hospitality & Fellowship

"Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." 1 PETER 4:9

As Christians, we know the love of God, so it is with gratification, not guilt, that our chief



motivation is to receive others with joy. Personal gain is not our motivation as we approach fellowship and hospitality with joy, knowing that we might receive more of

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Christ's kindness in our giving. Hospitality and fellowship at St. Mark's include traditional times for gathering such as coffee hours and community meals. And, recently, Black History Month celebrations have added to the times where we enjoy the company of each other and visitors. Also, through our weekly newsletter and an up-to-date website, we share events involving the parish and parishioners with our community and beyond. As well, St. Mark's offers a welcoming space with affordable rent that brings some activities within easier reach to more community members. It also means opening our space to other faith groups.

"I would like to start by saying we feel extremely grateful and lucky to have found St Mark's! We have been welcomed by the community in a major way, and feel that we are now part of that community! St Mark's has allowed me to fulfill my dream of teaching martial arts and serving the community in our own little way. (...) You have all found a way into our hearts. It feels more like family than just a facility that we use.

We have found a true home. "
Dan (Kung fu Ottawa)

"On behalf of the National Capital Region Music Festival (1945) – you know us as the Kiwanis Music Festival – I want to say a heartfelt thank you for supporting our work and making us feel welcome and at home in your space. More and more these days it is hard to find communities like yours that welcome us – messy and loud though we are – and we appreciate you more than you can know."

Kim Chadsey, Executive Director National Capital Music Festival

The investment in our Hospitality and Fellowship ministry in 2023 is expected to be 14% of our total budget expenditure

Coffee, Company & Conversation

Coffee, Company and Conversation was lively with conversation on Thursday morning while many friends, old and new, exchanged news from the summer. Everyone was happy to be in congenial company again.

Next Thursday the 21st, CCC will be hosting six wonderful dogs from the former Bytown Dog Obedience Club. They, under the guidance of their owners, will be entertaining with tricks and other skills. They are a delightful group of very well behaved dogs and they have been a popular event at CCC in the last five years. Come and experience the joy of gentle dogs who love people, while also enjoying coffee or tea and morning snacks.

This fall's program is one not to be missed.

Pylons in the Parking Lot

In compliance with guidance from the Diocese, St Rita's parents are not allowed to park in our parking lot during drop off and pick up. In order to remind parents of this request, St Rita's places pylons at the entrance to the parking lot. If you find them in place after these times, please gently place them upright on the side of the driveway so they can be used again.

Looking for Jars!

The preservers of the bazaar are looking for jars. These need to be mason-style jars in 250 mL/8 oz or 500 mL/1 pt jars. We could use a few of the 125 mL/4 oz jars but nothing bigger than 500 mL/1 pt. Thank you so much.

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

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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 9:00 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.

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