



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. 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.

- Connie Bowerman turns 96 on Sunday, October 15

Elaine Graham is the organist this 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:

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. This week is the last of the six areas.

I hope you have enjoyed these insights into our place in the lives of our parishioners, the surrounding community and the world. We are more than "Salaries & Building" and



our offerings are the foundation for our work and ministry.

Education and Nurture

Equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

EPHESIANS 4 12-15

Being a Christian is a dual process: learning from the traditions in our past and education on the application of Christ's teachings for today and the future. Educational resources at St. Mark's begin with the sermons at each Sunday service and throughout the year additional opportunities are offered by virtual Bible studies in Advent and Lent, special speakers in Black History Month, and training for special ministries such as for servers and pastoral care.

"I go to church to learn about God. ... I like reading the Bible and often Fr Julian refers to things I read about, which provides me with a better understanding on what it means. I also

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like the stories he tells about growing up to help us understand more.” – James Martinez-Ball

“At the age of 83 years, I find that I am exploring the teachings of my Christian faith and its meaning for my life with renewed vigour. Our Bible Studies help me do that.” - Betty Caughlin

“I find services spiritually uplifting and Father Campbell’s sermons incredible, always teaching me something, helping me to better understand my relationship with Christ and challenging me to be a better Christian and a better person.” – Kathryn Woodard

The investment in our Education and Nurture ministry in 2023 is expected to be 21% of our total budget expenditure

Take the time to look at the bulletin board in Bishop Reed Hall to see all the testimonials we received during this project.

Fall Bazaar

This years Fall Bazaar will follow the same format as last years. There will be an in-person Fall Bazaar on November 4 from 10 am to 2 pm. As well, we will offer an online segment offering preserves and baked goods from November 5 through December 10. If you wish to contribute, through working at the bazaar or contributing items, please contact Joy Bowerman at 613-224-7028 or stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca Poster will be available on Sunday if you have a place you can post them.

Bountiful Thanksgiving



A bountiful delivery to DDFH of food donated for Thanksgiving.

Thanks you for your generosity and thanks to our friends at St Ignatius who also contributed when they came on Saturday.



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SOUPALICIOUS Ottawa 2023

Have you heard the news? Souपालicious is back this year! SOUPALICIOUS Ottawa 2023 is a fundraising event in support of the Debra Dynes Family House. It will take place on Sunday October 22, 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm at the Carleton Heights Community Centre, 1665 Apeldoorn Avenue. Come and experience a culinary adventure as you savour an array of mouthwatering soups crafted by talented local chefs.

Prices for Souपालicious are given on the poster below, as well as directions for purchasing tickets through eventbrite. If you prefer a paper ticket, contact Georgia Roberts (613-226-5693) or DDFH..

The funds raised from this event are essential for providing programs for children and youth including after-school programs, emergency lunches and a safe place for ongoing support.

Bring your own spoon to help make this a zero-waste event!



Sip! Slurp! Savour! your way through

SOUPALICIOUS Ottawa 2023

Sunday October 22

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

**Carleton Heights Community Centre
1665 Apeldoorn Ave.**

Adults: \$25 in advance • \$30 at the door

Family: (2 adults, up to 2 children): \$50 in advance • \$60 at the door

Children (under 12): \$10

Purchase tickets here:

<https://debradynessouपालicious2023.eventbrite.com>

A Debra Dynes Family House Fundraiser

For more information, debradynesfamilyhouse.com,
info@debradynes.com, or 613-224-3824.



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Coffee, Company & Conversation

Thursday morning attendees at Coffee, Company and Conversation listened and participated, as Jamie Anderson, singer, songwriter and multi instrumentalist, entertained them with songs and music from the era of the Beatles, Eagles, and other well known beloved singers and composers. Jamie is an engaging international folk, rock and blues performer who had the group singing along together with her. She made the morning a happy one. Those present, as usual, enjoyed wonderful homemade snacks with coffee/tea. We are fortunate to have a group of St. Mark's bakers who make the coffee mornings special.



On Thursday the October 19, cards, games, and conversation will be the theme. Everyone is welcome.

Tending the Earth

The Ottawa Horticultural Society is excited to be hosting a presentation by well-known Toronto-based author and community activist Lorraine Johnson. "Tending the Earth: Gardening for the Future" will be an in-person presentation on Tues. Oct. 24th 7:30-9

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pm at St. Mark's Anglican Church, 1606 Fisher Ave., Ottawa.



Because space is limited, tickets are required for all attendees. Ottawa Horticultural Society members are free (but must still obtain a ticket); non-member tickets are \$15, which includes the price of an OHS membership for one year. There is an option for non-members to purchase a virtual ticket to watch the presentation livestream if they cannot attend.

Tickets and full information are available on Eventbrite at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/ohs-x-lorraine-johnson-tending-the-earth-tickets-729393835597?aff=oddtcreator>



A very wet funeral and burial for George Hopkinson on October 6,

Belong Ottawa Donations

How You Can Help!

Preparing for Winter



With summer's sun slowly falling, and the cold temperatures making their way into the weather reports, Belong Ottawa is preparing for this chilly season by stocking up on much needed toiletry and winter items! All donations can be brought in to St Mark's and they will be taken to Belong Ottawa.

Financial Update

Although our collections income is actually slightly higher than last year, we are still almost \$10,000 behind where we hoped to be at the end of August. Other revenues have increased, particularly our rentals income so that we are only about \$3,000 dollars under our expected net income. The bank balance is as low as it has been since 2010.

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.

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

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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