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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

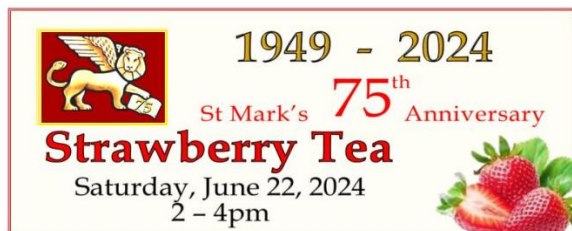
news items or announcements for the newsletter to stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca with the word newsletter in the subject line.

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.

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.



1949 - 2024
St Mark's 75th Anniversary
Strawberry Tea
Saturday, June 22, 2024
2 - 4pm

Strawberry Tea

Please sign the list in the link after church if you would like a ticket. There are 60 only.

Starting Wednesday you may phone or email the office and leave your name and number of tickets. Prices are \$14.75 for adults, \$5.75 for ages 5 to 12, and free under 5. Payment is accepted by cash, cheque or e-transfer to stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca. The word strawberry would be a good choice.

Planting a Tree for the 75th Anniversary



On

Sunday May 26 there will be a tree planting ceremony between the two services at 9:00 am. Councillors Sean Devine and Riley Brockington will also attend. Fr. Julian will lead us in prayer to commemorate this event. Please join us! There will be a bonus coffee hour after the 8 am service this week.

Tulipathon Walk for the Multifaith Housing Initiative



The annual Tulipathon Walk organized by The Multifaith Housing Initiative, is being held on Sunday, May 26.

Registration will begin at 2:00 pm, followed by opening ceremonies at 2:45 and the start of the walk at 3 pm. It starts and finishes at Commissioners Park across from Dows Lake. People from many faith groups will be walking in support of the important mission to provide safe and affordable housing for low-income families, veterans, and others in need of a home in a supportive community. MHI has more than 70 faith groups who are invited to walk among the tulips and raise money for tenants who live at MHI communities.

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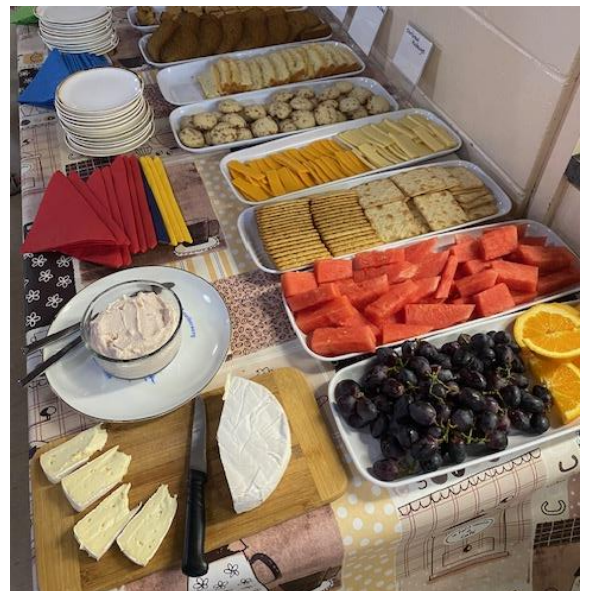
This year, we have an extra incentive to donate to the Tulipathon here at St. Mark's. An anonymous parishioner will be matching donations up to \$1,000! We are pleased to report that we have received donations of \$1000!

Please consider walking with the St. Mark's team along the Canal and making our presence known. You can complete the walk in 20 to 30 minutes. If you are unable to walk, then a donation towards our church's contribution would be very welcome.

See either Brian Harrison or Laurie Slaughter for further information on donating and walking. We need you!

Coffee, Company & Conversation

Thursday at CCC was a pleasant one, with one table of bridge and two groups playing Scrabble. Others spent the morning enjoying company and conversation. The morning snacks were delicious. Sweets, cheeses, crackers and fruit were presented beautifully as usual. It is always much appreciated that the CCC bakers provide such nutritious and special accompaniments to the coffee and tea, green tea included. It's truly a "labour of love" on the part of St. Mark's volunteer bakers.



Next Thursday morning, May 30, will be fun as the musical group called PLAID, consisting of seven instrumentalists, play old and newer pieces with a bit of humour included. Everyone always looks forward to them coming to entertain.

Hopefully again, there will be no storms or other weather concerns that result in a cancellation of CCC.

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St Mark's @ 75



Pentecost 2014

Spring Outreach

St Mark's Outreach Spring Campaign is focused on the nutritional health of the children living in the Debra Dynes community. The Family House is currently making lunches for 50+ children a day and giving out supper to 25 children. Some nourishing suggestions that I received from Barbara are :

- Apple sauce and puddings in individual sizes
Granola bars, prepackaged cookies e.g. bear paws
- No Name cheese packets with crackers, pretzels or breadsticks
- Loblaws and Costco gift cards used to buy fresh fruit and vegetables, buns, bagels, cream cheese and cold cuts.
- Brown lunch bags and plastic sandwich bags (not fold-over.)

“Lack of food and money to purchase food has left our families in a very bad place. What we are seeing is quite awful as they struggle with high food prices and rents.” - Barbara Carroll, Executive Director of Debra Dynes Family House

Let us do what we can to help the children in the Debra Dynes community.

Joan, Outreach.

Directories Available

At long last, the directories are ready for distribution. There are a number of directories already printed and there will be a

sign-up sheet if these run out. Please see Cynthia Greer to collect your directory. (She will be easy to find as she is on coffee this weekend.) If you wish an electronic version, please contact the office.

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.

Emails Addresses for Key People

The wardens, as well as the paid staff (Fr Julian, Joy and Elaine) all have email addresses in the StMarksOttawa domain. They are:

Fr Julian : Frjulian@stmarksottawa.ca

Joy: stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca

Elaine: Elaine@stmarksottawa.ca

Suzanne Bisson: Suzanne@stmarksottawa.ca

Janis Perkin : Janis@stmarksottawa.ca

Joseph Amuah : Joseph@stmarksottawa.ca

John Hancock : John@stmarksottawa.ca

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

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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