St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church 1606 Fisher Ave, Ottawa ON K2C 1X6



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 <u>stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</u> with the word newsletter in the subject line.

Summer Newsletter

Please send any news items or announcements for the newsletter to <u>joangrayer@yahoo.ca</u> and also to <u>stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</u>

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.

- Joy Bowerman and Trevor Dee celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary on August 8.
- Margaret and Nick Van Dyk celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 17th

Live Streaming

The service will be streamed at 9 am on Sunday. Here are the links for the <u>service</u> and the <u>bulletin</u>. The link is also available on the home page of our website.

Summer Sign-up Rosters

The summer sign-up rosters are posted in the link. **Please make sure to sign up.** Every Sunday during the summer we need people to open, act as sidespeople, read, offer intercession, assist with communion, serve, make lemonade, count, and close.

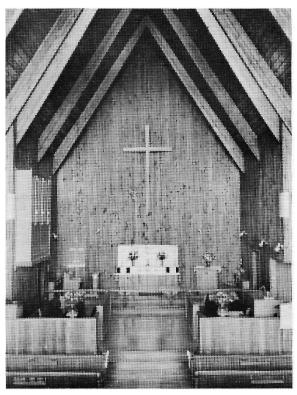
Summer Camps

Again this year, we have two summer camps operating in the church.

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Summer Schedule Sunday, June 30 – Sunday, September 1. Sunday service at 9 am. Summer office hours 9:30 am – 12 noon, Tuesday and Friday

St Mark's @ 75



Thirty-two years ago this week, renovations began on the church which closed the stairway at the back of the church, created the chapel and added new stairs to the lower hall and the cloak room as well as reconfiguring the sanctuary. Here is a view of the original sanctuary. Note the pipes for the organ on the left and the low lights on the wall for providing light to the choir. Following is one of the last pictures taken before the construction. Note that the organ box is gone, replaced by speaker screens, the low lights have been replaced by higher ones and perpetual light has been added.



Debra-Dynes School Supplies

The beginning of school is just around the corner and Debra-Dynes Family House is gearing up to help with school supplies. Please see the last page for a list of needed school supplies which may be dropped off to the church. You may also give monetary donations. Please contact Joan Hounsell for further details.

Forward Day By Day

The new Forward Day By Day booklets, covering the months of August, September and October, are now available. Nurture your life in Christ with daily Bible readings and meditations from this inspirational resource.

Booklets are displayed in the Link, and cost \$3.

Is it time to update your COVID vaccine?

Ottawa Public Health is holding a spring vaccination campaign. It includes the recommendation that people over 65 who have not received a COVID-19 vaccine in the past 6 months should do so now. A typical early-summer spike in cases is expected and research has shown that COVID-19 can still cause serious illness among older adults – even more severe than seasonal influenza. If you are eligible for a COVID shot, vaccines are available at pharmacies and at some neighbourhood health and wellness hubs. More information is available at <u>ottawapublichealth.ca</u>

Georgia Roberts & Michael Perkin St Mark's pandemic team

Office Hours

The office will be open Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9:30 am to noon. 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 <u>Frjulian@stmarksottawa.ca</u> Joy: <u>stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</u> Elaine: <u>Elaine@stmarksottawa.ca</u>

Suzanne Bisson: <u>Suzanne@stmarksottawa.ca</u> Janis Perkin : <u>Janis@stmarksottawa.ca</u> Joseph Amuah : <u>Joseph@stmarksottawa.ca</u> John Hancock : <u>John@stmarksottawa.ca</u>

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 <u>stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</u>. 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 <u>stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca</u>. 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

DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSE

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Each year, we distribute school supplies to elementary, high school, and post secondary students. There is always a gap that needs to be filled- especially for those going to high school and post secondary! Your help goes a long way and ensures back-to-school costs are not a barrier to learning.

SUPPLIES NEEDED

-backpacks -binders -duotangs -notebooks -math sets -scientific calculators -lined and graph paper -glue sticks -highlighters -pens -erasers -pencil sharpeners -rulers -pencil cases -crayons, pencil crayons, and markers

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Personal Cheque or Cash

Personal cheques can be made out to Debra Dynes Family House. We are happy to make arrangements to receive cheques/cash without contact. You can also mail a cheque to the following address: Debra Dynes Family House 955 Debra Avenue, Unit 85 Ottawa, ON K2C 0J5

Online

You can make a donation through Canada Helps at: https://www.canadahelps.org/en/chari ties/the-debra-dynes-family-house-inc/

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