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.

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.

- Alan and Mary Reed celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday September 5th. Because of health issues we are now virtual Members of the Church. Thanks be to God.
- Tony Martin celebrates his 75th birthday today on September 8th
- Carolyn and Peter Findlay celebrate their 18th wedding anniversary on September 9

Live Streaming

The service will be streamed at 10 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.

8 & 10 am services resume this Sunday, September 8

The following link will be referenced on Sunday: <u>Archbishop of Canterbury's sermon</u> to the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman <u>Islands 200th Anniversary Service.</u>



Aged in Harmony Concert

As part of our 75th Anniversary celebrations, Aged in Harmony will be hosting a musical event at St Mark's on Saturday, September 28 at 2:00 pm, with refreshments to follow in Bishop Reed Hall. Aged in Harmony was started in 2002 by a small group of "retired" members of the Ottawa Capital City Barbershop Chorus. Presently, it has a membership of about 30 senior male singers directed by Rod McKenzie and it performs twice a month at seniors' residences or hospices.

The concert is free; however, free-will donations are suggested to cover costs. Mark your calendar now so that you don't miss this event!

St Mark's@75



Until the pandemic, the pancake supper was a long-standing tradition at St Mark's. This is a collage from 2014.

Coffee, Company & Conversation

Coffee, Company & Conversation resumes Thursday, September 12 at 10 am with a relaxed morning of reconnecting with friends

Volume 5:26 September 6, 2024 and exchanging summer stories. All are welcome – come on out and bring a friend!

Slim & Trim

Slim & Trim will begin again on Monday, September 9 at 9 am and will continue Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The Mysterious Envelope 30

We have been noticing Envelope 30 from 2014 appearing in our collection plates. Unfortunately, it is 10 years ago and the envelope secretary has changed and we have no easy way of checking who had envelope 30 in 2014. If this is you, could you please identify yourself to Karen Roberts, our envelope secretary, by emailing her at graniteseven@yahoo.ca. We cannot issue a tax receipt if we cannot identify the donor.

Annual Fall Bazaar

Although our annual Fall Bazaar won't occur until November 2 this year, preparations have already begun. This time of year is the time to make jams, jellies, pickles and other preserves to offer at the bazaar. Empty 125, 250 or 500 mL jars are always gratefully received

Annual Diocesan Altar Guild Meeting

September 14, 202

49:45 am - 3:15 pm

St. Clare's Anglican Church 2530 Falcone Lane Winchester K0C 2K0

Annual General Meeting for all persons involved in Altar Guild throughout the Diocese of Ottawa.

Join us for a wonderful day of fun and fellowship.

Registration: \$15; includes lunch.

For registration details please see poster and register by September 9th.

Contact Arlene Armstrong (613) 652-4739 arlenearmstrong000@gmail.com<mailt o:arlenearmstrong000@gmail.com>

Poster available here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N6D G02tQb6rHLd2XvbScAxf7hDpmBgkr/view? usp=drive_link

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 Monday, Wednesday 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>

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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