



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear friends,

the fall for a degree in Information
Technology

Welcome to the
fourteenth edition
of our weekly
newsletter. We
expect this
newsletter to
continue as long as

we cannot meet in person. A limited number
of paper copies will be placed at the link
doors for people who do not have access to
email.

ADOn the Move

Bishop Shane is doing a series of podcasts
(like radio broadcasts on demand) where he is
moving around the diocese and talking to
people. The first in this series came out last
week where he talked to Gordon Johnson and
Revs Susan Lewis and Eric Morin. The series
are coming out every Saturday. I found I
listened to it all the way through. You can
find the podcasts at:

<https://www.ottawa.anglican.ca/podcasts>

Joy

“Shout Outs”

Recently Father Julian introduced the “shout
outs”. If you would like some special
occasion like an anniversary or birthday
acknowledged in the Sunday service, he will
be more than happy to announce it.
However, it must be into either Father Julian
or the office by Tuesday noon for it to be
included in the service for the following
Sunday.

This week’s shout outs include:

- Karen & Bill Barber’s 51st Wedding
Anniversary in on June 21
- Paul Greer’s birthday is on June 22
- Ray Davidson turned 87 on June 16
- Ethan Morpew graduates from South
Carleton this year and heads to Carleton in

Sunday Morning Service

Although we cannot attend Sunday morning
worship, we have put together a recording for
June 21. It should arrive in your inbox on
June 20.

Accompanying the recording will be a file
which has the complete service including the
readings if you would like to read them.
Unfortunately, the sermon will not be
transcribed and you will need to listen to the
video to hear it. Many, many thanks to Alex
Dee who is doing the video production for
this endeavour.

Because of the method of recording different
sections at different times and then melding
them together, we are able to follow the
Anglican Diocese of Ottawa guidelines on
Physical Distancing. There are no more than
three of us in the church at any one time and
we maintain a distance of 2m between us.

National Indigenous Day of Prayer

The National Indigenous Day of Prayer falls
on Sunday this year. The Office of the
National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop
invites you to join them for an online video
worship service to celebrate National
Indigenous Day of Prayer, June 21, 2020 at
2pm Eastern Time. This may be found on the
Anglican Church of Canada website:
<https://www.anglican.ca/im/nidp/>.

The Indigenous Ministries has also put
together a series of podcast of Sacred
Teachings which you can find at:
<https://www.anglican.ca/im/podcasts/>.

There is one entitled the life of Odeiman.
Odeiman means both strawberry and heart in
Ojibway. There is also quite a short story
about the chipmunk.

Fabric Face Masks

There is a certain amount of distrust in North America of people covering their faces, even with masks, unless they are in a job which makes it prudent. It may be something we all have to grapple with in the new “normal”. As you may have seen in the news, masks are becoming part of the strategy for re-opening the Province and some stores are starting to require masks for you to enter.

If anyone would like a fabric mask, there are sewers at St Mark's who can make you one. Just let the office know. It has been taking just over a week to fill the orders so don't give up if you have ordered.

Sharing Coffee Hour

If you would like to share a photo, a recipe of what you would have made for coffee hour and/or a short hello message with a few details of what you've been up to, then you are welcome to do so. The editor will not seek out people but would be happy to receive submissions. This week marks the end of the scheduled coffee hours.

Coffee Hour with Joanne Pagani



Hello Everyone!

It's incredible to imagine that 3 months have elapsed since I last walked out of my office in the West end of Ottawa and experienced the rush hour drive home. Similarly, 3 months since my kids said goodbye to their friends at school and boarded the bus home for March break, thinking they'd be back in 2 short weeks (or 4 weeks based on the extended

March break meant to address any kids headed out of town/country). But here we are, nonetheless, almost through June and about to enter the summer season. While the pandemic has caused huge turmoil, pain, grief, and challenges to so many individuals and companies, I have to admit that I am truly grateful for some of the opportunities that it provided me. While I've been separated from many, including the Greer clan and the church family, I have been able to spend so much time with my kids. No commute meant more time with the kids. I've enjoyed chats with them when they sauntered down the stairs in the morning (or afternoon sometimes for Sabrina!). I've had lunch with them countless times, even if it was only a quick bite to eat between virtual work meetings. We've had bike rides, and plenty of neighbourhood walks. Francesco and I have played baseball at the local diamond half a dozen or more times already (well, we practiced hitting and throwing anyway). Unfortunately, the grass was so long that we spent as much time looking for the 15 baseballs in the outfield as we did actually hitting them. Sadly (for me), Francesco can throw the ball farther than I can now; he's got quite the arm! I've enjoyed helping them with school work, when required (virtual learning has had its challenges). I've walked each of the kids through my small gardens telling them the names of plants, which I'm sure they've already forgotten. But, it was time well spent. It actually reminded me of times I'd done the same with my mum, and I too did not remember a single name of a plant back then, except perhaps 'iris', mum's middle name. We've made many dinners and baked some delicious goodies together. Isabella and I have enjoyed a couple puzzles, and we've been out driving too (she has her G1 learner permit). And of course, we watched a few movies too. So, despite having to cancel our long-awaited trip to Italy (scheduled for June 29 to July 21), there have been many, many silver linings to be thankful for.

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In the past month or so, we've had some physical-distanced visits with Mum and Dad, Kate, Steve and the kids, and Julie, Nathan and their kids. Mostly separately, except when the Close family and Pagani family all showed up at Mum and Dad's house at the same time. We couldn't have planned that if we tried! Different visits than we were accustomed to in the past, but we got to see them, and know that everyone was ok. We've all been blessed with good health throughout.



With businesses re-opening we were able to buy sod and lay it in the backyard. The grass will never look better or be as weed-free as it was the day we laid it. With the phased reopening of the provinces, we were able to enjoy a terrific day at the cottage last weekend with mum, dad and the Close family. Despite the cold water, we all got to try sailing in a Hobie Cat 16, pictured here. Lots of fun for sure, with more cottage visits planned through the summer.



I hope you have all experienced some silver linings. We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone soon. Until then, stay safe and enjoy the summer weather.

Joanne, Franco, Isabella, Sabrina and Francesco (Pagani)

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). That gives us some source of income during this time that there is no public worship. 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>.

You will have to remember when you go to do your taxes for 2020 where you have put your receipts from CanadaHelps. If you cannot find them, contact CanadaHelps and they will be happy to issue duplicate receipts. All money donated will be put in to the appropriate income category when it comes to us.

Contacting the Church

Contacting the office has actually not changed at all. You may contact the office at 613-224-7431 or stmarks@stmarksottawa.ca.

Messages are being monitored and the business of the church is continuing, albeit remotely.

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.



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