



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

Dear friends,
Welcome to the twenty first edition of our weekly newsletter. A limited number of paper copies will be placed at the link

doors for people who do not have access to email.

“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 Tuesday noon for it to be included in the service for the following Sunday.

This week’s shout outs include:

- Diane McCaul celebrated her birthday on August 18
- Joyce Dunn celebrates her 96th birthday on August 23
- Francesco Pagani celebrates his 13th birthday on August 24

Getting Ready to Open

The pandemic planning team has been hard at work adapting the Diocesan Covid-19 plan to St Mark’s, aiming to have the first in-person service on September 6 at 9 am. The members have been meeting on Zoom and have all taken on a number of tasks. They are studying such things as the cleaning and sanitation required and a seating plan that will respect physical distancing while allowing a maximum of 50 people to be present. They will be testing out their plans through dry runs at the church. More information will be coming to you very soon electronically; mail and phone calls will also be used to reach some of our parishioners. Stay tuned!

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For detailed information about the Diocesan COVID-19 plan, go to [Diocesan COVID Plan for Reopening](#)

Sunday Morning Service

Although we cannot attend Sunday morning worship, we have put together a recording for August 23. It should arrive in your inbox on August 22.

Accompanying the recording will be a file which has the complete service including the readings if you would like to read them. Many, many thanks to Alex Dee who is doing the video editing 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 five of us in the church at any one time and we maintain a distance of 2m between us.

Debra-Dynes

School Supplies for Debra Dynes Family House (DDFH)

Debra Dynes has put together a video showing their response to the pandemic. [Debra-Dynes video](#)

Although St Mark’s is currently closed, we are accepting donations of school supplies. School supplies may be dropped off every Thursday in August from 10 am to 1 pm.

Over \$315 has been collected to date.

Bins will be placed between the doors in the link entrance. Should you wish to drop off a monetary donation, please make your cheque payable to Debra Dynes Family House and include your mailing address for income tax receipt.

I will be at the Church from 10 to 1 on the Thursdays in August to accept donations. If these dates and times are not convenient or if

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you would like a pick-up, please call me at 613-727-5892 and I will make arrangements to accommodate you.

Many thanks for your usual kind generosity to this worthwhile cause.

Suzanne Bisson
St. Mark's Outreach Coordinator

Sample School Supplies

Three-Ring Binders
Pens, pencils, crayons, coloured pencils,
highlighters, washable markers,
Pencil Sharpener
Glue sticks,
Blunt-tipped scissors
Erasers
Sticky Notes
Tabbed Dividers
Wide ruled notebook, pads of paper,
Single-subject spiral notebooks
Backpack
Calculators
USB Flash Drives

Preserving Jars??

Although the bazaar will likely be online this year, the canning fairies are hard at work making delicious preserves. If you have any empty mason-type jars which you don't need, they would find a worthy home at St Mark's. They may be dropped off on Thursday (with Debra-Dynes supplies) or contact the office to make alternate arrangements. (You can leave them outside the link door as long as someone knows to go and get them.)

Extra Yarn on your hands?

Doreen Matweow is looking for extra yarn that may be available to make scarves for various charities. Either drop it off on Thursday from 10 until 1 or contact the office to make other arrangements.

Fabric Face Masks

Face masks are now required in Ottawa at all indoor public spaces.

If anyone would like a fabric mask, there are sewers at St Mark's who can make you one. Just let the office know.

Behind the Scenes

Suzanne Bisson came into the church on Thursday (to receive school supplies for Debra-Dynes) and discovered Ariane and Joy checking the balance and overall sound of a recording of the Jubilate for next week. (and yes, changes were made and it was recorded again.) She was a little surprised and captured the moment. Note the headphones for listening to the recording and social distance with backs turned.



St Mark's Zoom

St Mark's now has a Pro Zoom account. Karen Roberts would be happy to schedule meetings for any church groups that might want to use the account. She just needs to know date/time and duration of a meeting and then she can send along the login information. Once a meeting is set up,

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attendees can join without a 'host'. If you are a St Mark's group/committee and would like to schedule a meeting, please email zoomstmarks@gmail.com with the details of the meeting you would like scheduled.

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.

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.