

This Week In The Parish

Exploring our faith and serving the world God loves.

- Feb. 4** 10:30 am – Epiphany 5 - *live streamed*
Feb. 6 9:00 am – Coffee Morning Gospel conversation – *via zoom*
Feb. 11 10:30 am – Epiphany 5 – *live streamed*

Mark's regular office hours: **Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 to noon or by appointment.**
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Ruth Speer is in the office on Friday morning 9:30 - noon.

The office phone (613-543-3904) is checked Sunday to Friday mornings.

Save The Dates For These Upcoming Events in the Parish:

April 12, 2024 – *The Curse of the Black Walnut* - A Murder Mystery Fundraiser at the Upper Canada Playhouse at 7:00 pm

April 27, 2024 – **Rory Gardiner Concert in the Church** – a night of music, laughter and unforgettable memories – 7:30 pm – speak to Bob Ruddock for further information. Tickets are available at the church and through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rory-gardiner-tickets-797389121327>

Serving the World God Loves

Martha's Ministries

*Martha of Bethany was a friend of Jesus, known for her hospitality.
The Parish of South Dundas is known for its Martha's Ministries.*

Martha's Drop-in Lunch: Thursday February 15 at 11:30 am.

Lunch is served at noon on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. All are welcome.

Next Martha's Closet: Saturday, February 24, 9am - 11:30am.

For more information, please call the Parish Office: 613-543-3904.

Community Hub and Warming Centre at Martha's House: Mon. - Fri., 8:30 am - 4 pm.

Programs include a drop-in breakfast on Mondays, 8:30 - 10 am, a drop-in lunch on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 12 - 1 pm, as well as access to Legal Clinic and Advocacy.

Please contact House of Lazarus at 613-989-3830.

Income Tax Clinic: House of Lazarus is running a free, one-on-one, tax clinic at the Rectory/Martha's House, Wednesdays from 9 am-4 pm.

Circle of Caring/Grief Support Group: Growing stronger together as we share our grief. 2nd Thursday of each month at 12:30 pm at Martha's House. For more information, please contact Ann Barkley at: 613-543-3908, annbarkley2008@gmail.com.

Exploring our Faith

Weekly Coffee Morning Gospel Conversation: Tues. from 9-10 am. This is a facilitated discussion about the upcoming Gospel reading. For a Zoom invite, call Pat at 613-543-0403 or revpjmartin@gmail.com.

Announcements / Upcoming Events

Preparing for Lent: February 14 – Ash Wednesday service 11:00 am – a soup lunch will follow
February 14 – Ash Wednesday service 7:00 pm

Lenten Series: “How to stay grounded in God, when the world is in chaos!”

Dates: Wednesdays, Feb. 21, 28, March 6, 13

Times: 10:30 am in person at the church, 7:00 pm via zoom

Signup sheets are at the back of the church

Week 1: How did Jesus and the early church stay grounded and hope filled in a time of Roman occupation? Managing fear and anxiety with prayer and action.

Week 2: Collective resilience needed during times of crisis

Week 3: Engaging with a world on fire

Week 4: Radical Resilience

Tilted Steeple Coffee House: The next date is February 16, 2024 at Lakeshore Drive United Church. The show features: The Mill Street Duo, Isabelle & Sam, and Ian Hanchett. For further details, check out their website, <https://www.tiltedsteeplecoffeehouse.ca/>.

Vestry Sunday: March 3rd. Reports are due into the office by tomorrow, Monday, February 5th.

What is Vestry?

- It is our annual general meeting when important decisions for our parish are discussed and voted on.

When is it?

- Sunday, March 3rd after church.
- There will be a potluck lunch!

Who can attend?

- Everyone is welcome / encouraged to attend.

Who Can Vote?

Members of this congregation who are:

- sixteen years of age or older
- regular communicants with this congregation
- those not eligible to vote in any other parish vestry
- those who support this congregation with a tax receiptable donation

Community Connections

Centre 105 Drop-In Day Program is an outreach ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, located at Trinity Anglican Church in Cornwall, “Providing Breakfast - Creating Community.” For more information go to www.Centre105.ca or phone 343-585-4360. Follow them on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Centre105/>)

The Community Food Share: Donations are always appreciated. To make a financial donation please call 613-543-0065, or mail to PO Box 563, Morrisburg, or contact: <https://www.communityfoodshare.ca/contact-us/>

Our parish is a proud supporter of the Madagascar School Project, developed by Kathy Lucking. Their Wish List is always available at www.madagascarschoolproject.com. You can donate on-line or send a cheque directly to Box 684, Cornwall, ON K6H 5T5.

Madagascar Orphanage: Donations to the Akany Famojena orphanage or Akany Tafita center can be sent to Anglican Missions Service Committee, PO Box 1072, Sault Ste Marie ON P6A 5N7.

Prayer Shawls: If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl or if you would like to support this ministry in any way, please contact Judy Lapensée (613-652-6278) or Joyce Millard (613-652-2350).

Greeting Cards: If you would like to suggest that a card be sent from the church to members of our community for birthdays, anniversaries or get well wishes, please call Elizabeth Irwin at 613-543-3158 or egmirwin@gmail.com.

No Scent Makes Sense: A number of people are sensitive to scented products. Please help us make the church a safe space for everyone.

Coffee: We use Equator’s *Freakin’ Good Coffee* which is Fair-Trade.

Offering Envelopes: If you would like a tax receipt for your regular donations to the parish it is helpful if you sign up for weekly donation envelopes or PAR (pre-authorized remittance). For more information please contact Elizabeth Irwin (egmirwin@gmail.com, 613-543-3158)

J.W. MacIntosh Community Support Services: are looking for drivers to assist with their transportation program. To find out more information, please contact them at 613-535-2924.

Playhouse lunches: We will be hosting playhouse lunches during the 2024 season. One in each of May, June, July, August and September and December. All will be on Wednesdays. Shirley Alguire has agreed to run the kitchen and Wendy Lewis will run the front of house.

We ask that anyone interested in working in the kitchen for this event or any future events (Kid’s church, fund raisers, breakfast, or funerals) get certified in the food handler course. This can be done online at <https://trainfoodsafety.ca> for \$49.95 or google: Train Food Safety.

Jigsaw Lending Library: at the back of the church.