

This Week in the Parish

Exploring our faith and serving the world God loves.

Mar. 23: 10:30 am – Lent 3 - live streamed

Mar. 25: 9:00 am – Coffee Morning Gospel conversation via zoom

Mar. 26: 1:00 pm – Lenten Series – Stained Glass Window Reflection led by Wendy Lewis

Mar. 29: 11:00 am – Martha's Closet

Mar. 30: 10:30 am – Lent 4 – live streamed

Mar. 30: 12:00 pm – Celtic Rainbow Cabaret – Dress Rehearsal

Mark's regular office hours: **Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 to noon or by appointment.**

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Office Hours: Monday morning 9:30 – noon

Wednesday morning 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Friday morning 9:30 - noon

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

Serving the World God Loves

Martha's Ministries

Martha of Bethany was a friend of Jesus, known for her hospitality.

The Anglican Parish of South Dundas is known for its Martha's Ministries.

Martha's Closet: Saturday, Mar. 29th, from 9 am - 11:00 am. For more information, please call the Parish Office: 613-543-3904.

Martha's Drop-in Lunch: Thursday April 3rd. The doors open at 11:00 am, coffee served at 11:15 am. Lunch is served at 11:45 am on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. All are welcome.

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 - 11 am. Wednesday there is Income Tax assistance from 9 to 4 pm. A drop-in lunch on 2nd & 4th Thursday from 11:30-1pm. Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri. the Advocacy Centre is available to help find support from various services in the community. See the March Calendar at the back of the church. *Contact House of Lazarus at 613-989-3830.*

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.

Lenten Series: Finding Spirituality – Wednesdays at 1 pm in the church

March 26 – Stained Glass Window Reflections

Led by: Wendy Lewis

April 2 – Doodling Prayer

Led by: Ann Barkley

April 9 – Contemplative Chair Yoga

Led by: Wendy Lewis

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week is the time when we walk with Jesus from the excitement of the Palm Procession and Last Supper to the anguish in the Garden of Gethsemane and the desolation of the Cross before arriving at the joy of the Resurrection.

April 13 10:30 am ~ Palm / Passion Sunday - The service begins with the Liturgy of the Palms as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. People are invited to process around the church waving palms as we sing "All Glory, Laud and Honour". We then tell the story of the Passion of Christ.

April 17: 7:00 pm ~ Maundy Thursday - This service recalls the events of the night before Jesus died. We begin with foot-washing and then move to the Institution of the Last Supper. At the end of the service we strip the altar and those who wish are invited to pray quietly in the church for one hour. We close with an Order of Compline and exit the church in silence.

April 18: 11:00 am ~ Good Friday - On Good Friday, the most solemn day of the church year, we assemble to remember the Passion of Our Lord as we journey with Jesus to His Crucifixion. We exit the church in silence.

April 19: 7:00 pm ~ Holy Saturday - This service begins outdoors (west door) with the lighting of the new fire. The Pascal candle is lit from the new fire and carried into the church.

April 20: 10:30 am ~ Easter Day - This is the day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Butterflies and Alleluias are unleashed and chocolate Easter eggs are waiting to be found.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee Time: Join us ahead of the service for coffee, tea, cookies & conversation at the back of the church from 9:50 to 10:20 am.

During Lent: please consider donating a can of ground coffee to Centre 105. A donation bin is located at the back of the church. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile ministry.

Martha's Closet – Sorting: Sorting continues this week in the downstairs hall. Confirm with the office times when the church is open for volunteers to come in and help sort for the March 29th Martha's Closet.

Flowers on the Altar for Easter: If you would like flowers on the altar in memory of loved ones for Easter, please contact the church office at 613-543-3904 or by email at stjames072013@gmail.com.

Rehearsals – Celtic Rainbow Cabaret: For those involved with the upcoming performance on April 5th, rehearsals are as follows: March 23 – NO REHEARSAL, March 30 – noon to 1:30 pm – dress rehearsal. If you have any questions, please speak to Pat.

House of Lazarus Lunch & Learn: April 7, 2025 11 am to 1 pm at the Gathering House, Chesterville. Join us for a session on Spring Planting - Register by Apr. 4th – mharbers@houseoflazarus.com or call 613-989-3830.

Celtic Rainbow Cabaret: Saturday, April 5th at 7 pm at the church. See poster at the back of the church for details or speak to Pat. Tickets available in the Church office - \$20.00 each.

Seaway Valley Singers Bursary: 2025 Student Bursary program - Once again this year, the Seaway Valley Singers are happy to present their Student Bursary Program. A \$500 bursary will be awarded to a deserving student at the choir's spring concert, to be held at Christian Reformed Church in Williamsburg on Friday, May 9, 2025. The deadline for bursary applications is April 13, 2025. Full details of the program along with the application form are available at www.seawayvalleysingers.ca/program-details.

132nd Cursillo Weekend – Men's: The next Cursillo weekend is being held at the Galilee Retreat Centre in Arnprior on **May 8, 9 & 10, 2025**. If you would like to know more about the Ottawa Anglican Cursillo Movement, check out their website at www.oacm.ca or speak to Jack Barkley, our Cursillo Parish contact.

Decoration Day: Sunday, June 1st Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Decoration Day at St. John's Cemetery, Iroquois. Further details will be provided from the Planning Team.

Madagascar Tea: Sunday, June 8th from 2 to 5 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion Morrisburg. Further details to follow in the coming weeks.

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." Sponsor a "Meal of the Day" for a donation of \$150.00. For more information go to www.Centre105.ca or call them at 343-585-4360. <https://www.facebook.com/Centre105/>

Martha's Closet: The last Saturday of every month with the exceptions of July and December. We accept donations of family clothing (clean and gently worn). Items can be dropped off at the church, when the church office is open. **PLEASE NO BEDDING OR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.** For emergency needs and information, call the church office at 613-543-3904 or by email at stjames072013@gmail.com.

Community Food Share: 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/>

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

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

Pastoral Care: If you would like a pastoral care visit, or know of someone who would like a visit, please contact Mark or Ann Barkley at 613-543-3908.

Prayer Team: The parish has an **emergency prayer** chain process. Wendy Lewis is the coordinator of this vital ministry within our community. If you have a prayer request or questions about the process, please call Wendy Lewis at 613-213-2121.

Prayer Shawls: Thank you to everyone who has created prayer shawls, donated yarn, made monetary donations, notified us about prayer shawl recipients, delivered prayer shawls, admired the many beautiful shawls, and encouraged our efforts. Your support of this special ministry is most appreciated.
Sincerely, Judy Lapensee and Joyce Millard

Greeting Cards: If you would like to suggest a card be sent from the church to members of our community for birthdays, anniversaries or get well wishes, please contact Lynn Levere at 613-662-9432.

No Scent Makes Sense: Several 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 donation envelopes or to sign up for PAR (pre-authorized remittance), please contact Ruth Speer speerruth62@gmail.com, 613-652-2542

Jigsaw Lending Library: at the back of the church.

Save Your Stamps for Oxfam Canada: Every year, Oxfam raises tens of thousands of dollars by collecting stamps from individuals and companies, which are sorted and sold to collectors. They can be taken to the Canada Post outlet within the Shoppers Drug Mart at the Cornwall Square.