



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear friends,

Welcome to the fifty-sixth edition of our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable

future.

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 **MONDAY EVENING** for it to be included in the service for the following Sunday.

A Note from Fr Julian

In April it was decided to hold Eucharistic service a few times a month. Special regards would have been given to Feast Days. Therefore, the original intention was to have a Eucharist service on Easter followed by another for St. Mark's Patronal/Good Shepherd Sunday/Vocation Sunday. It would have worked perfectly because there would have been at least five people at each service, whereby the participation in receiving the consecrated elements could have occurred. Since then, the province and the diocese have put in place even more stringent measures due to the rise in COVID-19 cases. As a result, only Ms Joy and I are in the church for recordings and the optics of us two receiving the communion and doing the whole service is not helpful. As soon as the diocese gives new directives, we will make an updated decision on the matter.

Video Services

Morning Prayer for April 18 should arrive in your inbox on April 17 at 12 pm.

Many, many thanks to Alex Dee who is doing the audio editing for this endeavour.

The Volunteers at Debra Dynes Family House

Debra Dynes Family House (DDFH) thanks the many incredible people who volunteer their time to help the community in many ways: teach a sewing class, have a position on the Board, deliver furniture, make food for community BBQs, ensure that kids had a healthy after-school snack, fundraise, help us host our events, etc. Here are some photos, which include Georgia Roberts and Russel Wilkins at the Soupalicious event. Joan Hounsell is St Mark's DDFH coordinator.



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Re: Debra Dynes Family House

Excerpt from DDFH April 2021.

“Although we are in the middle of another lockdown and stay-at home order, we want to assure you that we are committed to providing essential services to the community and those who need it. The food bank continues to be one of our most needed and accessed services. March was Hunger Count month across Canada. This snapshot in time of food bank activity provides valuable information on the continuing and intense pressure that our low-income families are facing every day. Our March 2021 food bank count was 2700 people served. Thank you for being a big part of meeting these extraordinary and ongoing needs. We have no indication at this time that this situation will improve. “

Until the Diocese re-opens our church we are not able to accept in person donations for

DDFH. I would like you to consider a financial donation at this time to help fill their food cupboards. Donations are tax deductible from the donor’s perspective. Please mail a cheque directly to : DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSE, 955 Debra Ave., Unit 85, Ottawa, K2G 0J5. Make sure that your name and address are on your cheque so that you will receive your tax receipt. You can also make a donation through CanadaHelps. <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/th-e-debra-dynes-family-house-inc/>

Thank you, Joan

Bishop’s Gala

This year the Bishop’s Gala will be held on May 27 at 7 pm in the virtual world.

They have one national and one international beneficiary, both with a mother/child focus to help vulnerable children and their families in Africa and the Middle East: All Mothers and Children Count COVID-19 Extension Fund (an initiative of PWRDF) for which Global Affairs Canada will match donations 6:1, and, Virtual Therapy for Disabled Children in our partner diocese of Jerusalem at the Princess Basma Center.

You don’t need a ticket to watch the show, but if you buy one, our team will hand-deliver a swag bag of goodies to you (within diocesan limits) to enjoy during the show and you will get early access to our silent auction. Donations of any size are of course also welcome.

Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased here: <https://bishopsgala2021.eventbrite.ca>

Virtual Tulipathon

The Virtual Tulipathon 2021 campaign is now officially open! Due to COVID-19, our annual walkathon will be held virtually on Sunday, May 30. We’re asking our supporters to take a 3K solo stroll or household hike at 3 PM in their own neighbourhoods while maintaining physical distancing.

We have a few new additions to our virtual walk this year.

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Face masks: We're offering a complimentary commemorative 2021 Tulipathon face mask to every walker who registers to fundraise online. (If you'd rather not register online, that's alright... just call us at 613-686-1825 to let us know you intend to walk/fundraise using a traditional pledge form only, and we'll mail you a mask.) We're hoping everyone will wear this mask with pride during their walk on May 30, and take pictures to document their solo stroll or household hike. (Don't forget to email us your pictures on the day of Tulipathon, or better yet, post to social media with the hashtag #tulipathon2021.)

Matching gift from Hobin Architecture Inc.: Hobin Architects, who designed our 98-unit property, the Haven, out in Barrhaven, has provided a matching gift opportunity for Tulipathon. They'll double up to a total of \$10,000 any and all donations from individuals/companies that have never contributed to MHI before. Thank you Hobin Architecture for your generous gift as you work hard to attract new donors to the cause!

As always, 100% of all Tulipathon donations go to our rental housing subsidies program for our tenants. Thanks to everyone for your ongoing support of Tulipathon and Multifaith Housing Initiative! Stay safe and healthy, and take care!

For more information, please visit multifaithhousing.ca/tulipathon.

Best wishes,
MHI staff



A Note from Greta Robinson



This is a picture of a Canada Goose who has made a nest in a large flower pot by my pool.

By law she cannot be disturbed in any way so pool opening will be delayed. I can't wait to see the goslings. Anyone who would like to see her is welcome to come here, just give me a call first. 613-224-2860. and I will give you directions.

I get a pair of mallards on my pool every year. This year another pair tried to join them, and there was quite a kerfuffle as the first two drove them off!

We are very fortunate in Ottawa to have so much wildlife.

Tomatoes anyone?



We usually start our own tomatoes and this year we actually have a heating mat and lights to help germination. We had some old seed which Trev felt would probably not germinate very well, so he planted them all. The above picture shows what we have left after we have

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transplanted 100 plants. We are reasonably sure we can identify which are cherry tomatoes. If anyone would like some plants to grow up, please contact Joy (the office). Containers to put them in would be preferred.

Video Backgrounds

Thank you to those who have sent in pictures this week. It is so nice to see the gardens come alive...and lovely to have a stock of photos to choose from. If you do not see your photo this week, it may be held in reserve for another week.

Please make sure the pictures are in landscape orientation or they don't fill the screen. I can't guarantee I will use every picture but I do enjoy every picture. Thank you to all who have sent photos.

COVID 19 Vaccination

To make finding vaccine information a little easier, the City of Ottawa has created the COVID-19 Vaccine Update e-subscription. [Sign up today](#) and you'll receive the latest updates on vaccine distribution in the city, delivered to your inbox. It will also include a weekly roundup of COVID-19 and vaccine-related information every Friday.

Visit [Ontario.ca/bookvaccine](https://ontario.ca/bookvaccine) to access the provincial booking system or call the provincial vaccine booking line at 1-833-943-3900 between 8 am and 8 pm, seven days a week.

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.

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 into the appropriate income category when it comes to us.

Contacting the Church

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

The logo for the Bishop's Gala features the word "BISHOP'S" in a bold, black, serif font. Below it, the word "gala" is written in a large, flowing, purple cursive script. A small icon of a bishop's mitre is positioned above the letter 'S' in "BISHOP'S". The entire logo is set against a white background within a purple-bordered frame.

**38th Annual and 1st Virtual
Thursday May, 27th, 7:00pm est**

This event will be raising funds for two initiatives serving vulnerable children and their families in Africa and the Middle East

Tickets are on sale here: <https://bishopsgala2021.eventbrite.ca> until May 2nd or they sell out – only 200 available (already over 40% sold out).

Tickets are \$75 each (plus service fees). The purchase of your ticket includes a swag bag hand-delivered to your home (within the diocesan boundaries) and early access to our silent auction!

The show will be streamed live on Facebook & YouTube; links will be emailed out to all ticket holders and donors prior to the event.

You do not need to purchase a ticket to watch the show

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/47820>.