



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

April 30, 2021

Dear friends,

Welcome to the fifty-seventh 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.

- Bob Temple celebrates his 80th birthday on May 3rd

Video Services

Morning Prayer for May 2 should arrive in your inbox on May 1 at 12 pm.

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

Teaser for Sunday Service

In the sermon this Sunday, Fr Julian makes a reference to Henry Louis Gates. If you are not familiar with the reference, the show is Finding Your Roots on PBS at 7 pm. [Finding Your Roots](#)

Live streaming our Services

With the approval of Parish Council, a local company has been hired to install live-streaming at St. Mark's. Work is underway and as we get closer to the implementation date, more information will be provided to you.

With the recent provincial and diocesan restrictions, all Ottawa churches are strongly encouraged to record services as much as possible from our own homes. Currently, only 2 people at a given time are recording in the church, mainly Joy Bowerman and Ariane

Dind and at other times, Fr. Julian and Joy Bowerman.

When these restrictions are lifted, St. Mark's Eucharistic Sunday Services will be sent over the Internet in real time. Everyone with internet will be able to view the Service as it takes place. We are also looking into phone-ins for those people without internet.

Stewardship

I am looking into establishing a Stewardship team. I have one individual who has expressed interest but ideally I would like 4 or 5 more. Job description: willing to work with others to foster good stewardship practices, establish year round stewardship process and bring ideas about how we all can be better stewards. Team will promote a creation-caring, God-knowing, spirit-filling, community-aware, fund raising congregation to help move us forward to a spiritually centred and sustainable future. If you would be interested please don't hesitate to contact me at e-mail: micperk08@gmail.com or give me a call (613)862-4626



Michael Perkin

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

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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.

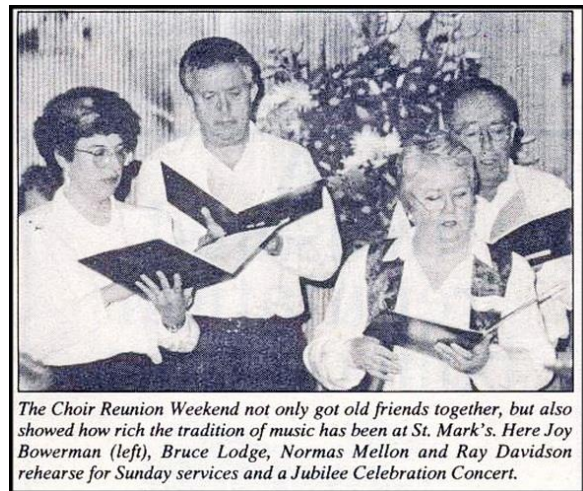
Face masks: We're offering a complimentary commemorative 2021 Tulipathon face mask to every walker who registers to fundraise online. (If you'd rather not register online, that's alright... just call us at 613-686-1825 to let us know you intend to walk/fundraise using a traditional pledge form only, 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



The Choir Reunion Weekend not only got old friends together, but also showed how rich the tradition of music has been at St. Mark's. Here Joy Bowerman (left), Bruce Lodge, Normas Mellon and Ray Davidson rehearse for Sunday services and a Jubilee Celebration Concert.

Tomatoes anyone?



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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 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.

<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 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



BISHOP'S
gala

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