



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

May 7, 2021

Dear friends,
Welcome to the fifty-eighth edition of our weekly newsletter. We are continuing the weekly newsletter for the foreseeable

future.
know you are interested.
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Happy Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, including all mothers of the heart. Yvonne Temple send in the following snippet.

The artist of the painting in the centre of the page is a 9th grader Ajunath Sindhu Vinayala of Trissut, Kerala. He painted this because his

father continually introduced his mother as "she is just a house wife, she doesn't work". Ajunath was surprised because he never saw his mother idle so he painted this to depict his mother's daily routine and showed it to his teacher who sent it to the state govt. office where it got selected as the cover page for the 20-21 gender budget document.



Youth-oriented Pentecost

We are planning a service for Pentecost which will feature some of our young people. We are

asking the young and young-at-heart to create a 1 minute video to show what Pentecost means to them. In the past we have waved streamers, let go of balloons, showed doves....whatever says Pentecost to you. The sound of the videos will not be used. If you wish to contribute, please submit your video to the office by May 14. If you need help to submit, just contact the office. It is one of the

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.

- Alex Dee celebrates his birthday on May 7th

Video Services

Morning Prayer for May 9 should arrive in your inbox on May 8 at 12 pm.

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

Bible Study Resumes

The Zoom Bible Study led by Fr Julian will resume on May 18 and continue until the summer. Please contact Fr Julian to let him

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skills that has improved significantly in the last year.

Prayers for Stephanie

Stephanie McWatt, our theological student for the past year, is attending (virtual) ACPO (Acceptance Committee for Postulants for Ordination) next weekend. She asks for our prayers as she goes through this (stressful) process. She will be in interviews on May 13 from 630-930pm, Friday 9 am-6 pm and Saturday 230pm – 530pm. Let us prayerful support Stephanie as she takes further steps on the road to ordination.

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.

The Shape of Parish Ministry Consultation (SPMC)

During the evening of April 20, 2021, Suzanne Bisson, Georgia Roberts, Father Julian and I joined a Diocesan Zoom meeting that launched Bishop Shane Parker's Shape of Parish Ministry Consultation (SPMC). This Diocesan-led project will conclude in October 2022 with a report and recommendations to Bishop Shane at the Diocesan Synod.

There are 4 stages to the consultation:

Stage 1 Ending October of 2021

A draft parish profile will be developed by the SPMC team for each parish, making use of 10 years of the parish's statistical returns data, an approximate age distribution of the parish and an interview with a group of parish leaders about various aspects of the parish.

Stage 2 Ending February 2022

All parish profiles will be made available for analysis by leadership in each parish, assisted by the SPMC team, to determine the fit of a particular parish profile with neighboring parishes.

Stage 3 Ending August 2022

Proposals for (re)shaping parish ministries will be developed through consensus-building discussions with neighbours, and then gathered by the SPMC team.

Stage 4 Ending with Synod in October 2022

A set of integrated proposals will be submitted and formally recommended to Bishop Shane at Synod.

There is much to be done to take our part in the future shape of the Diocese. This is not a voluntary process but a key element of Bishop Shane's vision for the future of the Ottawa Diocese.

More information about the aims of SPMC is available in Bishop Shane's charge to Synod 2020 [Charge to Synod](#) and in his Easter message ([Easter Message](#)).

Keith Wilkins

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:

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(613)862-4626

Michael Perkin

Ottawa Horticultural Society Plant Sale

Spring is coming and with it the OHS's second-ever online plant sale! This sale is open to the public and will offer a variety of indoor plants, perennials including native plants, and will feature seedlings of annuals, edibles, and perennials, all donated by OHS members. All items will be "buy now" for immediate sale; no auction items. The sale opens at 10:00 a.m. on May 22nd and closes at 6:00 p.m. on May 25th.

The sale will be run through 32Auctions, the same site as we ran our Fall sale and Auction. Before the sale site opens, you will need to create a username and password for the 32auctions site if you don't already have one. You can do so here: <https://www.32auctions.com/> by clicking on the "Login" link and then following the link that says "Don't have an account? Create an account now".

Check out the sale here:

<https://www.32auctions.com/OHS2021>.

Please note sale items will only be made available for viewing a week before the sale opens.

All plants purchased will be available for pick-up on Sat. May 29, 2021 between 12 and 3 pm at **St. Mark's Anglican Church**, 1606 Fisher Ave. at Normandy Cres. in the parking lot behind the church (entrance to parking lot is on Normandy). Please wear a mask and follow social distancing rules.

Please bring your item numbers and names of items, boxes or trays to carry your plants, and proof of payment. Payment can be made through Stripe on the auction website. Credit card/debit payments will also be accepted at the time of pick-up, as well as cheques. No cash please – we are trying to be as contactless as possible.

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.

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.)

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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

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 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

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*Springing
for Plants*

 OHS

**The Ottawa Horticultural Society's
Online Plant Sale**

Select your perfect plants for Spring!
Seedlings, edibles, perennials, and indoor plants
all donated by OHS members.

**Saturday, May 22nd 10:00 am to
Tuesday, May 25th 6:00 pm**

Sale site: www.32auctions.com/OHS2021
Plant pick-up: Sat. May 29 12-3 pm, St. Mark's Anglican Church
Visit ottawahort.org for full details



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