



St Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church

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Weekly Newsletter

May 21, 2021

Dear friends,

Welcome to the **sixtieth** 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.

Video Services

Morning Prayer for May 23 should arrive in your inbox on May 22 at 12 pm.

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

Bible Study Continues on WEDNESDAY

The Zoom Bible Study led by Fr Julian will continue on WEDNESDAY, May 26 and continue until the summer. Please contact Fr Julian to let him know you are interested. frejc@stmarksottawa.ca

Congratulations to Stephanie!

It has been an exciting week for Stephanie McWatt, our theological student for the past year. Stephanie graduated with her MDiv from Wycliffe College. She has also been recommended for ordination by ACPO. Congratulations Stephanie! Next for Stephanie is continuing and completing the CPE in London, ON (a very "heavy" course in itself) and a full-time diocese parish placement in the fall.

Teaser for sermon

[This song](#) is mentioned in the sermon.

Virtual Concert in Support of Algonquin College Ministry

There will be a virtual concert, Make a Joyful Noise, on TONIGHT Friday, May 21 at 7:30 in support of Campus Ministry at Algonquin College, an ecumenical Christian chaplaincy serving the young adults attending the Ottawa, Pembroke, and Perth campuses. The performers are from a variety of denominations and local churches. St Mark's is contributing some of our recorded music to the venture. Click [here](#) for the Zoom link and enjoy the concert.

Debra Dynes Family House:

Until the Diocese re-opens our church we are not able to accept in person donations for DDFH. At this time I would like you to consider making a financial donation to help two very worthy resources within the Debra Dynes community. Their FOOD BANK continues to be one of the most needed and accessed services with a count averaging 2700 people monthly.

Secondly, SCHOOL SUPPLIES are needed in the community. I hope to collect school supplies in person in the church parking lot in August (if the church is not open by then.) In the meantime a financial donation sent to DDFH for school supplies would be most welcome and appreciated.

Donations are tax deductible from the donor's perspective. Please mail your cheque directly to : DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSE, 955 Debra Ave., Unit 85 Ottawa, On., K2G 0J5. Make sure that your name and address are on the cheque so that you will receive your tax receipt. You may also donate through CanadaHelps [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support.

Ottawa Horticultural Society Plant Sale CHANGE OF PICKUP DATE

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

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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. 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. **June 5**, 2021 between 8:30 to 5 pm at **St. Mark's Anglican Church**, 1606 Fisher Ave. at Normandy Cres. in the parking lot behind the church. 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://bishops gala2021.eventbrite.ca>

Today 4 Tomorrow

You are invited to help build a community of hope by supporting



Today 4 Tomorrow. This year your gift will continue to support the people who are most at risk during the pandemic: people struggling with poverty, Indigenous peoples, young people and refugees. To learn more about Today 4 Tomorrow and the ministries it supports, and to make a donation online, please visit

<https://www.today4tomorrow.ca/>. Cheques are payable to Today 4 Tomorrow and sent to Today 4 Tomorrow, 71 Bronson Ave, Ottawa ON K1R 6G6. Thank you for sharing to deliver hope in our communities.

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

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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

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.

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

