

# JUNE

## News and Events for June

### A Prayer for the New Bishop

**A**LMIGHTY God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in thy Church: Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and to the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



## Our New Bishop

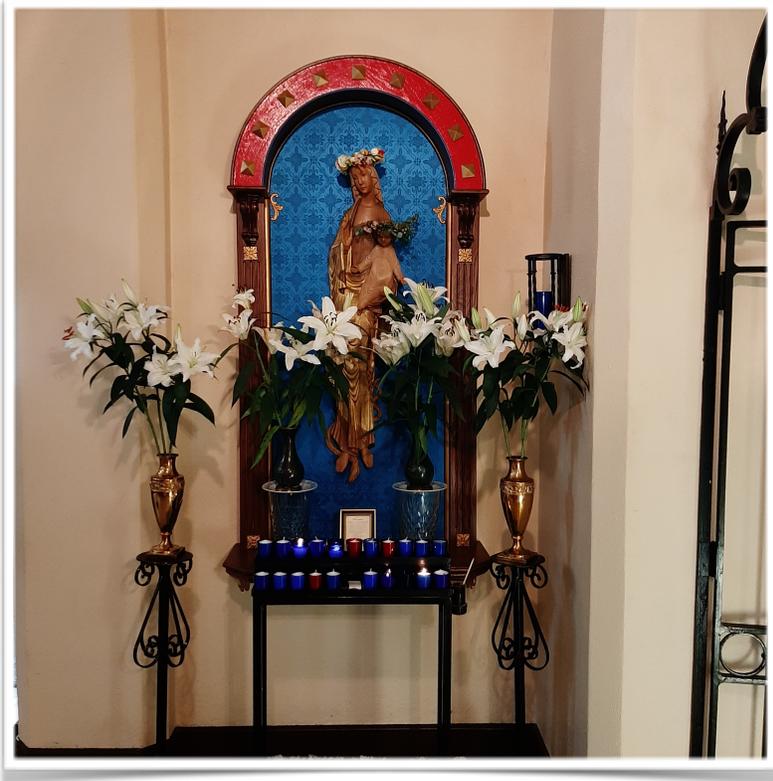
The Very Rev. Shane Parker, the long time Dean of the Christ Church Cathedral was consecrated as the 10th Bishop of Ottawa on Pentecost Sunday May 31st at Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa. Bishop John Chapman will now enjoy a well earned retirement after leading our Diocese for 14 years. Bishop Parker, is well known in our Diocese and indeed in Canada for his leadership in a variety of ministries, during his tenure as Dean of the Cathedral. Please keep our new Bishop in your prayers as he assumes the heavy responsibility as our Bishop.





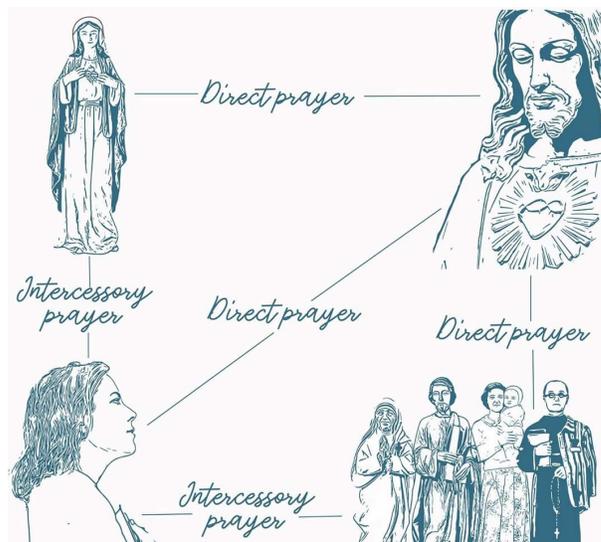
### St. B's Garden

The grounds around the Church provide a welcome respite from the asphalt and cement of Kent St.. The gardens especially on Kent St. Provide a splash of colour and a touch of nature in the heart of the city and we receive many compliments of people as they pass by. The volunteers who maintain the grounds do so quietly and with out much notice. I would like to thank Julie Cross, who for a number of years has weeded, planted and tended the gardens. Her creativity and hard work has made a difference. I would also like to thank Wesley Warren who once again this year has taken on the work of maintaining and cutting the grass and offering assistance to Julie when needed. A special note of thanks to Dennis Boyd who did the major clean up of leaves in the Fall and the Spring clean up of the grounds. There are many others who have helped keep the grounds in good order over the years and some of them are the late Patty Squires, Susan Howell ,the late Joe and Michelle O'Brien, Henry Schlarb, Robert Imrie and Gavin Wilkie.



### MAY FESTIVAL OF OUR LADY

The annual celebration of the May Festival this year was a much simpler affair. But thanks to the leadership of our organist Wesley Warren and Brian Wehrle with the kind help of volunteer singers, a glorious celebration was held. On Saturday May 23rd. The Vespers of the Blessed Virgin Mary with music of John Dunstable (c.1390-1453) was offered. Find links to the service on the Parish website [stbarnabasottawa.com](http://stbarnabasottawa.com).



## A FINANCIAL UPDATE

I along with the Wardens and Deputy Wardens of the Parish want to extend our deepest appreciation to everyone in the Parish who have been able to keep their offerings to the Parish up to date. Your faithfulness and generosity has enabled your Parish to continue to meet its financial obligations and to continue to provide the support both to our members and to the wider Community. Please continue to send in your offerings as we head into the Summer months.

Fr. Murray



## NAMES AND FACES IN THE PARISH

MR. BRIAN WEHRLE over the past two years has become a valued member of our ministry team in the Parish. Brian has been a member of the Choir, an altar server, office assistant and part of the Sitio student outreach ministry along with Fiona Laverty. The Carnival lunch complete with gondola in the parish hall are part of his creative touch. In the past two months, Brian has taken up the challenge along with Devin Crawley to stream and record the services to enable all of us to share in the ongoing life of the Parish. Brian has also put together the weekly e bulletin and the service booklets for the Sunday service and the mid week services. He along with our organist Wesley Warren and others worked to provide the wonderful music that we all enjoy. Brian who in another part of his journey was a professional opera singer who grew up in Winnipeg, until he discerned a call to the priesthood. In responding to this call, he pursued theological studies at the historic Anglo Catholic Nashotah House seminary in Wisconsin. As a member of the Diocese of Albany New York, he did a parish placement in Ogdensburg New York while based in Ottawa. Most recently he was to move to a Parish in Potsdam, but with the current travel restrictions he was unable to do so and we at St. B's were fortunate that he was able to stay with us. Please keep Brian in your prayers as he continues through the process in the Diocese of Albany that will by God's grace bring him to the Priesthood.

## OUT REACH UPDATE

Although the doors of the Churches are closed, the ministry of the Church continues in countless ways. One of the key ministries is supporting people in our local community who are struggling at the best of times and who now because of the Covid pandemic are in an even more desperate situation. The Community Ministries of the Diocese, that we share in through our Parish Fair Share, continues to provide support to our community through the work of Cornerstone Women's shelters, The Well, St. Luke's Table and Centre 454. All of them have had to reorganize now they do their work, but the need is always there and how we respond as changed in light of the health restrictions. On the Parish level we have had to regretfully close our buildings and such activities as our

monthly Communion are suspended. We still are providing aid to those who come to the doors of the Church and are always ready to respond to requests for help.



## A blessing prayer given by Bishop Parker on the day of his consecration

### A Blessing for the City of Ottawa

**The blessing of God who creates life, be upon this city as we celebrate life.**

**The blessing of God who restores life, be upon this city as we rebuild our lives.**

**The blessing of God who sanctifies life, be upon this city as we bring life, hope, healing and justice to others.**

**Et que la paix de Dieu, qui surpasse toute intelligence, descende sur la ville d'Ottawa et demeure toujours avec nous. Amen.**

### WHEN WILL THE CHURCHES REOPEN ?

This question is one I am asked almost daily since the beginning of the pandemic. As we have all been seeing in the news, the restrictions are slowly being eased with some stores and services being reopened. The concern for the church is that we will have to be flexible and open to changing how we worship and gather as a community. The new protocols for sanitizing common spaces and respect for social distancing will be key parts of reopening. In the near term, we are praying that we will be allowed to once again offer the Holy mass in the Church with a limited number of people in attendance. With the change in Bishops as of June 1st I am hoping that the current restrictions will be reviewed.

We are living in challenging times and the overriding concern is for the health and safety of everyone. Will be partially open by the Fall? Most likely we will return to our normal life in stages as the pandemic subsides, whether that is in two, six or 12 months no one knows. Remember the Church is here regardless, and if you have a need, a concern, or need to talk we are here for you.

Continue to pray for your Parish and its leadership and for all responsible for the health and safety of the people of Ottawa

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