

**June Focus
2020
Caring &
Sharing**

REMEMBERING D-DAY

June 6th is the 76th anniversary of D-day when we remembered how in 1944, the armed forces of many nations, including Canada, crossed the English Channel to reach the beaches of Normandy to rid the world of a terrible evil. D-day had been many months in the planning and involved tens of thousands of people. To this day, it is still one of the most significant military operations in history. This year's commemorations were much smaller due to the Corvid-19 pandemic, but that will not diminish our honouring the bravery and sacrifice of those who served and who continue to serve in our armed forces, some who are members of the Ascension! My prayer is that as we honour the memory of those valiant men and women, we might also have the same courage to recognize injustice and overcome evil in our day and community. Our Church might be closed, but our hearts are open and our embrace wide, we are the people of the Ascension!



YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED

Shutting churches has resulted in financial hardship across the diocese for many churches. For the Ascension, it means that we can no longer rely upon the rental fees from our licensees and offerings down significantly. Finding the funds to maintain our building is difficult. Our clergy and staff have had their salaries reduced or are on CERB. You can help by donating from our website, through the mail or by signing up with PAR. Thank you.

[Donate now](#)



Sunday, May 21st
Happy Father's Day
Thank you to the father's
and men who care for us.
God Bless Them All!

*Church of the Ascension Presents
a new online fundraising series*
Allegro!
*With "Tropical Rhythms" by
Andy Phillips on Steel Drum*
Sunday, June 28, 2 pm - 3 pm
*click, enjoy & donate from
the comfort of any of your computer
devices. Help spread the word by
telling family & friends!*
- More information TBA -

Inspiring Quotes

submitted by Peter Lee

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

Martin Luther King Jr.,

"You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching,
Love like you'll never be hurt,
Sing like there's nobody listening,
And live like it's heaven on earth."

William W. Purkey

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

— Thomas A. Edison

"When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us."

Helen Keller

Psalm 84 vs. 3

Submitted by Sheila Deakin

Even as the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nesting place,
where the young are raised within
your majestic creation,
You invite us oh Lord to dwell within
Your Heart.

FIVE TIPS FOR STAYING YOUNG

Submitted by Sylvia Wood

- 1) Your Mind Is Not Old, Keep Developing It.
- 2) Your Humor Is Not Over, Keep Enjoying It.
- 3) Your Strength Is Not Gone, Keep Using It.
- 4) Your Opportunities Have Not Vanished, Keep Pursuing Them.
- 5) God Is Not Dead, Keep Seeking Him.

Holy Days in June

- June 11 St. Barnabas the Apostle
- June 24 Birth of John the Baptist
- June 29 Sts. Peter & Paul Apostles

WORSHIP SERVICES ON LINE

The Ascension Service is posted each Sunday morning and available on the website <https://ascensiontoronto.ca>
St. James Cathedral, live streamed, Sundays at 11 a.m
[Diocese of Toronto Facebook page](#)

NEWS ...

- **Happy Golden Wedding Anniversary to Bill & Evelyn Hullah**, celebrating 50 years of marriage on June 27th.
- **Community Share Food Bank** – Which had been distributing food from the local public library, is returning to the Ascension June 9. For the present time, food will be distributed outside on Wednesdays.
- **Re-Paving Better Living Parking** – from the Donway West entrance up to the property line with the Church. Excavating will start June 5 and remain unpaved for 3 to 4 weeks, but cars can still drive and park on it.
- **ACW No-Bake Sale Fundraiser** – the ACW's annual fundraiser letter has been emailed & mailed. Their goal is \$3000 dollars. Let's all help them reach their goal!
- **Anglican churches across the ecclesiastical province of Ontario will remain closed** for in-person worship services until at least September, observing a sacred summer rest over the summer months while the pandemic continues.
- **New Diocesan Policy on Marriage** can be read on line at toronto.anglican.ca

A Light in the City:

The Garden of the Ascension

The gardening season is in high gear now. While temporarily we cannot attend church, nature has its own agenda and we, Janet Tyrell, Jean Bell and Carole Bell, are answering its call. There is a lot to do but the trio unanimously agree that we enjoy our work. Over 30 bags of yard waste gathered so far testify to the ongoing groundskeeping being done. The perennial garden (tease: do you know where it is?) is flourishing, particularly with the addition of a gift of daylilies and annuals. The traditional geraniums under the pines are a welcoming sight. Our ongoing reward is to know that we are doing our best to make sure the church and its property remain a light in the city during a very difficult time. If you are interested in helping us, do contact Carole Bell 416 221-1201.

