



March 11, 2026

UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello,

Outbreak Status

We are currently outbreak free!

Resident Tax Returns

Welch LLP is once again offering complimentary tax filing for the 2025 tax year for residents that are **under the income threshold** and provide all the required tax documents.

If you would like St Pat's to assist in completing the resident's tax return, please ensure that all T4 slips and required tax documents are submitted to the Finance Office on or before **Friday, March 27th**.

Please note that the Home is only able to assist the residents whose annual income was under \$45,000 in 2025. If the resident meets this requirement and you wish for us to handle the filing, kindly provide the necessary documents by Friday, March 27th.

We appreciate your cooperation and are here to support you through this process. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Finance Office at FinanceOffice@stpats.ca

Parking Reminders

We have a new contract with parking enforcement that started February 9, 2026. Anyone who does not pay for parking or does not have a registered license plate with the home will be ticketed. These will be City of Ottawa parking fines.

There is to be no parking at the front entrance, this is a drop off and pick up only and emergency vehicles are being blocked by vehicles parking at the front entrance.

There will be a grace period for staff during shift change between 2-3:30. Otherwise, all vehicles must be in a parking spot. Cars parked in the fire lanes or any undesignated parking space may be ticketed, regardless if having paid for parking or being registered. As well, vehicles without a visible accessible parking pass may be ticketed if parked in those designated spaces closest to the front entrance.

There are measures already in place to maximize the parking spaces, but if there is no parking, you unfortunately, will have to wait until a spot becomes available.

Sale of Shamrock Pins

The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Patrick's Home was established in 1866, when The Grey Sisters of the Cross were approached to provide care for ten children and four elderly persons in a rented house on Church Street. The Auxiliary's membership were dedicated, community-minded women who undertook countless initiatives to support the growing needs and expansion of St. Patrick's Home.

One such initiative was the **sale of shamrock pins** to the parishioners at St. Patrick's Basilica in the weeks before St. Patrick's Day. However, in 2011 the dissolution of the Auxiliary due to an aging and shrinking membership base, spelled the end of this annual campaign. Then in 2017, the Knights of Columbus Chapter 12158 resolved to resume the shamrock campaign under the leadership of Mike Ferrigan and Mike O'Neil. In short order they built and painted dozens of donation boxes, filled them with handcrafted pins, and set out to distribute them to parishes, pubs, and other establishments across the City of Ottawa.

Over the years, their effort, combined with the generous involvement of each parish and business has resulted in **\$43,000 being raised for priority needs at St. Pat's.**

You can get a Shamrock Pin from March 2nd to 20th at reception. Donations are cash only and pay what you can. Should you have any questions please reach out to ginanelson@stpats.ca

Family and Friends Council Meeting Notification

A hybrid in-person/ZOOM meeting of Family and Friends Council is scheduled for Saturday March 21st at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in-person at St. Patrick's Home (Shamrock Room) AND via ZOOM.

Families and friends who are not currently on Council's email list are invited to attend as well. Please contact us at stpatsffc@gmail.com to obtain the Zoom link and agenda. Join us in the Shamrock Room or connect online. All families and friends of residents are invited to attend to receive updates, exchange ideas, bring forward concerns and receive information on topics affecting their loved one's care and wellbeing.

Kind Regards,
Monique Patterson,
President and CEO