

■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

In thanksgiving for the generous welcome given to them by the parishioners of St. Peter's Parish, Fr. Michael and Fr. Yaw wish to all of the parishioners a very Happy Thanksgiving. May God continue to bless us all. The Parish staff also joins in extending these greetings to all of you.

Thanksgiving Day Schedule - October 12

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM in the Centre chapel. Please note that the Parish Office/Centre will be closed on Monday, October 12th for Thanksgiving Day.

FALL FAIR THANK YOU

We offer many thanks to all who worked so hard for a successful Fall Fair this year. There were many people who donated, worked and contributed to this success. Just as important to the success of the Fair is the involvement of so many parish people and groups. Much gratitude is extended to all involved.

THANK YOU DINNER FOR VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers who have helped with the Fall Fair are invited to a thank you dinner in the Parish auditorium at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 29. Thank you again for everything!

Please Welcome the Parish's Youth Minister - Ms. Alessya D'Anna

As a part of the Family of Faith Campaign now taking part in the Archdiocese of Toronto, money has been set aside to help poorer parishes hire a youth minister. Our own parish has received a subsidy from the Archdiocese to hire a youth minister who can animate activities for young people in our parish. This subsidy has made possible the hiring of a long-time parishioner Ms. Alessya D'Anna as a part-time youth and young adults minister. Alessya has worked for many years as the receptionist in the Paulist Centre. She knows the parish well and has many ideas for different ways of inviting young people in the parish to feel welcome and to be a part of our community. In the coming year she will bring us many exciting projects. If you think there are ideas you would like to share with her please do so by calling the office and leaving her a message. She will soon have a parish e-mail address at which you may contact her directly. Stay tuned!!!!

Winter Welcome Table

Winter welcome table is returning....the program to feed the homeless and marginalized of the inner city..primarily in the annex area....will start again November 2. All interested volunteers are asked to attend an Orientation meeting will be held on October 27 at 7:30 pm in the auditorium of St. Peter's Church (door under archway entry). All inquiries should be sent to Marie Parise 416 531 3846.

Religious Education Registration

It's that time of year to begin registrations for this year's Religious Education Program. We are accepting registrations for ALL children, in both Public and Catholic schools, wishing to prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation next Spring. Please note that the Archdiocese of Toronto has lowered the elementary school grade for Confirmation candidates from Grade 8 to Grade 7. Therefore, we will be accepting both grades this year. All Sacramental Preparation Classes must be attended by both Catholic and Public school children. Please inquire at the Parish Office or visit us online at www.religioused.stpeterstoronto.ca, for further details and information about this year's program. **First Confession/Reconciliation and First Communion:** Letters were sent home with all of the grade 2 children at St. Raymond's Catholic School with information about the parish's First Communion and First Confession/Reconciliation Programme. If your child attends a Catholic school outside of the parish or a public school, please call the parish office for information at 416-534-4219. Children are no longer prepared in the school for these sacraments, but in their parish by the parents. Children are to prepare for these sacraments in the parish that they attend with the parents. The information meeting for the parents of those wishing to make their First Confession and First Communion will take place on either Wednesday, November 11 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM at the Parish Centre OR Saturday, November 14 from 12:15 to 1:15 PM at the Parish Centre. The Parish Centre is located at 830 Bathurst Street. Any student in a grade older than grade 2 who has not made First Confession and First Communion is also welcome to join this programme.

Confirmation: Letters were also sent home with all the grade 7 and 8 students at St. Raymond's Catholic School with information about the parish's Confirmation programme: If your child attends a Catholic School outside of the parish or a public school, please call the parish office for information at 416-534-4219. The Archdiocese has changed the age of Confirmation to grade 7, so this year students in both grades 7 and 8 will be prepared together. Again, students are no longer prepared in the school for this sacrament, but in the parish that they attend regularly. The information meeting for the parents of those wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on either Saturday, October 24 at from 3:00 to 4:00 PM at the Parish Centre OR Tuesday, October 27 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the Parish Church. The Parish Centre is located at 830 Bathurst Street and the Church at 840 Bathurst Street.

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Interested in the Catholic faith ?

Would like to join the Catholic Church ? Then register for this year's R.C.I.A. program !

Tuesday evenings from 7:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. in the Parish Centre, The R.C.I.A. program here at St. Peter's invites all Non-Catholics who are interested in learning about our Catholic faith. The program will meet weekly on Tuesday evening at 7:15 p.m. The participants in the R.C.I.A. program are called Catechumens or Candidates. A Catechumen is one who has never been baptized and is considering becoming a Catholic. A Candidate is someone who has been previously baptized in a Christian denomination other than Catholic. Father Jim Casper and Mr. Peter Williamson will be the co-ordinators this year. We also need active Catholics who would like to be part of the hospitality team to volunteer. Please pray for the success of this year's R.C.I.A. program. For more information or volunteer call the parish office at 416-534-4219.

COME AND GO FORTH

"Those who follow Christ cannot fail to be missionaries, for they know that Jesus walks with them, speaks to them, breathes with them, and is alive with them in the midst of the missionary enterprise" (Evangelii Gaudium, 266)

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD invite interested young adult women to their MISSION SUNDAY RETREAT DAY on Oct. 18th at 11:00am to 5:00pm. (Eucharistic celebration, Lunch, Input, Reflection and prayer)
Location: St. Bernard's Convent, 685 Finch Ave. West, North York. Contact : Sr. M. Luise or Sr. Gabriel Mary at 416-630-3298 (vocationscps@gmail.com).

Humanitarian Relief - Syrian Refugees- Project Hope

In response to the global refugee crisis, Cardinal Thomas Collins has launched "Project Hope," a special emergency appeal. This 100-day campaign aims to raise \$3 million in order to settle 100 refugee families in the Archdiocese of Toronto as soon as possible. The effort will also require 100 volunteer committees to assist with settlement services. To make a donation to support the appeal, visit: www.archtoronto.org or call (416) 934-3411. You can also donate through our parish with a cheque made payable to NAME OF PARISH - PROJECT HOPE - REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP. We continue to pray for all those suffering, mindful of our call to welcome the stranger in our midst. Those interested in assisting with volunteer committees should contact the Parish Office at 416-534-4219.

Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Good Shepherd Mission

The Good Shepherd Mission in Toronto looks after many of the city's homeless and helps them find a warm meal all year round. Each year they rely on the generosity of Torontonians who are able to donate food to make their mission possible. This year the parish will be sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Drive to support the Good Shepherd Mission. Please consider donating canned tuna, canned meat, canned fruit or vegetables, canned soups and stews, peanut butter, jam, cereal teabags, instant coffee, cookies, rice, and crackers. PLEASE NO FRESH FRUIT OR VEGETABLES OR FROZEN FOOD. Some parishes decorate their sanctuaries with flowers on the Thanksgiving weekend. Let us decorate ours with food to be offered to those in need!

Second Collection - October 17 - 18, 2015

There will be second collection next weekend, October 17-18, for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as "World Mission Sunday." This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church. World Mission Sunday is our opportunity to assist Catholic communities in need throughout the world. Thank you for your support of this important work.

Parish Finances

Offering Oct 3 - Oct 4, 2015

Envelopes:	\$2,123
Loose:	\$985
PAG:	\$300
Total:	\$3,408

Maintenance Collection : \$1,474

Thank you for your generous contribution!

Workshop for the Sick and Shut-in - November 14

There will be a workshop for those interested in visiting the sick and shut-in on Saturday, November 14 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM in the Church. All those who are already serving this ministry must attend this workshop as well. Those who are new to this ministry and those who have already done so must undergo a criminal record check in compliance with the Archdiocese's policy of ministering to the vulnerable persons. In order to be a minister of communion to the sick and shut-in one must be free to receive the Eucharist and practicing his or her faith freely. Please call the parish office to sign up for this workshop.

Please remember St. Peter's in your will.

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