

■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Lectio Divina with Cardinal Collins - THIS Sunday, November 1 at 7PM

Since he arrived in Toronto as Archbishop, Cardinal Collins has celebrated Lectio Divina once a month at the Cathedral. This year as the Cathedral is undergoing renovations he is visiting different churches in the Archdiocese for this monthly event. St. Peter's will be hosting Lectio Divina for the whole Archdiocese THIS Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Cardinal Collins will preside at the Liturgy of the Hours for the Solemnity of All Saints and preach and reflect on the Gospel of Mark. The theme of his reflection will be The Greatest Commandment (Mark 12:18-40). Lectio Divina ("divine, or sacred, reading") is the name given to a spiritual tradition among Christians over the last two thousand years. This form of prayer involves three distinct stages: a) reading a short scripture passage b) reflecting on the passage and c) a short period of silence. We begin with Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 7 p.m., followed by Lectio Divina from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. All are welcome to join Cardinal Collins for this special evening of prayer. This event will be recorded to be broadcast on Canada's Catholic Salt and Light network and there will be a special choir formed for the event. It would be great to have a full church to host this event that will be watched around the country. Please consider attending the 6:00 pm Mass and staying Lectio Divina at 7:00 pm with Cardinal Collins.

All Souls Day - November 2 & Praying For Our Beloved dead In November

In the month of November it is our tradition to pray for our beloved. The parish will have a "Book of Remembrance" for the faithful departed and the names of all those family members written in it will be remembered at all masses throughout November. Parishioners may add names of deceased family members or friends for whom they wish the parish to offer prayers during this season of remembrance. On November 2, All Souls Day the parish will have 3 Masses:

8:00 AM Mass in the Centre Chapel

12:10 PM Mass in the Centre Chapel

7:00 PM Mass in the Church

At the 7:00 PM Mass the names of all those who have died in the parish since last November 2 will be called out.

All Souls Day Masses, Saturday, November 7 at 2pm

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass. All masses will be held indoors at the following locations: - Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga (English)

- Christ the King Cemetery, Markham (English)

- Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill (English)

- Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge (Italian and English)

- Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby (English). All are welcome! If you have any further questions, please call Amy Profenna at 416-733-8544.

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. If you missed the parents' information meeting, please call the Parish office for information at 416-534-4219.

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.

Parish Finances

Offering Oct 17- Oct 18 2015

Envelopes:	\$2, 213
Loose:	\$888
PAG:	\$300
Total:	\$3, 401

World Mission Sunday
Collection: \$1, 067

Offering Oct 24- Oct 25 2015

Envelopes:	\$2, 137
Loose:	\$939
PAG:	\$300
Total:	\$3, 376

Building Fund Collection: \$1, 455
Thank you for your generous support!

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.

2016 Mass Intentions

St. Peter's Parish is now accepting 2016 Mass Intentions for parish weekday Masses (Monday-Friday) and weekend Masses. Offering: For announced date \$20 per Mass and for Unannounced date \$10 per Mass. An unannounced Mass intention may be sent to priests outside the parish to be celebrated in the near future.

St. Peter's Senior Club

One of the keys to successful aging is to stay fit and keep moving. Falls are the major reason for hospitalization of Seniors. Come and join us and bring a friend for a Falls Prevention Presentation by a City of Toronto Public Health Nurse. Followed by refreshments on Thursday Nov 12, 2015 from 1 to 3pm in St. Paul's room at the Parish Centre.

Winter Welcome Table

The dinners we serve to low income people on Monday evenings will begin from November 2 and will continue through the winter. Help in preparation, serving and cleaning up is always needed. Volunteers should arrive after 4:00 PM and stay as long as you can. Come to the Church auditorium through the side door under the arch. For information call Marie Parise at 416-531-3846 or Frank Ficker at 416-720-8663, or just show up any Monday evening this winter. HELP NEEDED: We have been asked for help for fall and winter clothing for new people to the country...especially children. You may drop off the clothing on any Mondays beginning November 2 between 12 noon and 5:00 PM at the Church auditorium. If you can help in any way please contact Frank Ficker at 416-720-8663 or Marie Parise at 416-531-3846. Thank you!

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.

Portuguese Prayer group

Portuguese prayer group meets every Wednesday at the Centre at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to join. For more details contact Augustinho Marmelo at: 416-537-8239.

Please remember St. Peter's in your will. October 31 - Nov 1 2015