

■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S Remembrance Day - November 11

On November 11th, we remember in thanksgiving those who made and who continue to make the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace, and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world. May we keep all those who are overseas in our prayers, that they may return home safely.

Advent Cheer, Bazaar and Bake Sale! November 28-29, 2015

Join us for Advent Cheer, Bazaar and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 28 from 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM and on Sunday, November 29 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Church Auditorium. Come celebrate this wonderful time of the year in fellowship and cheer.

Are you thinking of purchasing a live Christmas tree?

Starting November 27th through December 24, the same company as in years past will be selling Christmas trees on the Markham Street lot of our church. Please consider getting your tree (or trees) from them. You would be helping St. Peter's operating budget by purchasing your live trees from our Markham Street lot. There will be many beautiful trees available and your purchase of a Christmas tree helps to financially support the Winter Welcome table's outreach efforts. The lot will be open every day from 10 AM to 8 PM.

St. Peter's Parish Altar Servers Recognized

This weekend on Saturday, November 7, 2015 three altar servers from our parish received the "Bishop's Altar Server's Award for Service" from the Most Reverend Wayne Kirkpatrick, Auxiliary Bishop – Northern Pastoral Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto during the 30th Annual Bishop's Altar Servers Awards Ceremony sponsored by Serra Clubs of the Archdiocese of Toronto. We offer our sincere thanks and congratulations to the following St. Peter's altar servers:

- Mary Joy Cadavida
- Jonathan Cadavida
- John Paul Piano

This special recognition is given annually for the altar servers in light of their dedication, sense of responsibility and display of leadership in the performance of their duties. Our parish extends our congratulations to these altar servers and their families.

Shepherd's Trust Collection - November 14 - 15

The Shepherd's Trust cares for those who always cared for us- our retired priests who have faithfully served parish communities throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto for many years. The Shepherd's Trust recognizes their faithfulness, their many years of service to us, and the strong ties we have to them by ensuring that funds collected in parishes served by priests be given as a contribution towards the retirement of our priests. The Shepherds' Trust Collection takes place next weekend- November 14-15. Thank you for your generous support!

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.

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 31- Nov 1 2015

Envelopes:	\$3, 293
Loose:	\$821
PAG:	\$295
Total:	\$4, 409

All Souls Day: \$2, 693

Thank you for your generous support!

New Sunday Missals Now Available

The 2015-2016 Sunday Missal for the new liturgical year which begins with the First Sunday of Advent on November 29, may be obtained at the Centre. Cost is \$5.00.

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.

Nov 7 - Nov 8 2015