

■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

New Year Blessings

Wishing blessings of peace and joy to you and your family throughout the New Year - St. Peter's Staff.

New Year office schedule

Please note that the Parish office will remain closed on Monday, December 28. The office will re-open on Tuesday, December 29 through Thursday, December 31 at 2 PM. The office will then remain closed on Friday, January 1, New Year's Day through January 3 and will re-open on Monday, January 4, 2016.

Thank you to Tom Benson

Tom Benson has served as the Parish Bookkeeper for many years. He will be retiring on December 31, 2015. On behalf of all the parishioners, we wish Tom a happy, healthy and enjoyable retirement. Thank you Tom for your service to the community.

■ ■ UPCOMING EVENTS

New Year Mass Schedule - 2016

New Year's Eve

Thursday, December 31, 2015

5:00 p.m. Mass

New Year's Day

Friday, January 1, 2016

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:15 a.m. Mass



Confirmation Prep Class

Please note that the Confirmation Prep Class begins on **Saturday, January 16 from 3 PM to 4:30PM** in the Parish Centre.

Monthly Memorial Mass

Due to the various celebrations during the Christmas Season, we will not have a Memorial Mass in December. The Memorial Mass on **January 29th, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in the church will include the names of all deceased loved ones whose anniversaries fall both in December and January

A four week program on the PSALMS

Prayers touching the key elements of our lives - joy, praise, belief, power, comfort, healing will be offered on Thursdays, starting **January 14 at 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** at the parish centre. Sr. Gabriel Mary Riddle, cps, will facilitate. Everyone is welcome. Please **bring your bibles** no matter what addition Pope Francis has stated recently that "we should meditate on the psalms".

December 26-27, 2015

St. Peter's Young Adult Group invites you to a film night with Advocates Voice of Power

Advocates Voice of Power is a group of people with different disabilities, abilities, interests and challenges. We want our communities to understand, respect and include us as equals. Let's work together to end discrimination and make a positive change. Join us for an interesting evening to watch and discuss the film "Offense Taken: A Community Responds to the "R" Word" (*Advocating Change Together, Minnesota: 2007*).

Free. All Ages Welcome. Wheelchair accessible. Light snacks.

Time: **6:30- 9:00 pm**

Place: **736 Spadina Ave, Toronto ON M5S 2J6**

Date: **Friday January 15, 2016**

Note: This will be held in a condo event room. It is near the church, and close to Spadina subway, just south of Bloor R.S.V.P with St Peter's Church: 416 534 4219 or youngadult-youthmin@stpeterstontoronto.ca

Ministry Fair - Come and Get Involved

Would you like to get more involved in the Parish? You all are welcome to join our "Ministry Fair" that will be held on **Saturday, January 16 and on Sunday, January 17**, in the Church auditorium. We will also be having the Coffee hour at the same time in the Church auditorium after all the Masses.

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Parish Finances: Offering Dec.12-13, 2015

Envelopes: \$2,989
Loose: \$650
PAG: \$310
Total: \$3,949
Capital Campaign: \$2,955

Thank you for your support!

Accommodation needed for Parish's Refugee Family

The Parish's Refugee family will be arriving soon, hopefully in the month of January or February. In order to accommodate this family the parish is looking for an apartment which is either two or three bedrooms that would be located in the parish and will be affordable. If you are aware of such accommodation please call the Parish Office at 416-534-4219

2016 Offertory Envelopes

Offertory Envelopes for 2016 are available at the back of the church. The boxed sets are organized alphabetically. Please make sure to pick up only the box with your name on it. **PLEASE DO NOT USE THE 2016 ENVELOPES UNTIL THE NEW YEAR BEGINS.**

2016 Mass Intentions

St. Peter's Parish is 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.

Society of Sharing: Inner-City Volunteers

A ShareLife member agency, is currently seeking volunteers for various positions, including friendly visitors, social group facilitators and medical/shopping escorts. You can make a difference in the life of a senior, or an adult with a physical disability, who is isolated and living in downtown Toronto. For more information, please contact the Recruitment & Training Specialist at 416-413-0380 or donnett@societyofsharing.org. For more information about the organization and programs, please visit the webpage at www.societyofsharing.org.

Winners of Raffle tickets held on December 13- Coffee Hour

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle tickets held on Coffee Sunday, December 13, who won the following prizes:

Sr. Anne, CSJ - Candle
Palma Petrasso - Mikasa Plate
Palma Petrasso - Glasses
Ann Krochter - Glasses
Ann Krochter - Yves Rocher Basket

Family of Faith Campaign

The parish has concluded its Family of Faith Campaign. Thank you to all who supported it so generously. Thank you especially to the many who served as volunteers on our Campaign Organization Committee.



Try Alpha

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith

Who's it for?

Alpha is for anyone who's curious. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open environment. No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you want.

How does it work?

Alpha is typically 7-12 sessions with a weekend or day away in the middle. Each session includes food, a short talk and discussion where you can share your thoughts and ask questions. There's no pressure, no follow up and no charge.

How much is it?

There's usually no charge to attend Alpha, though some places may ask for a contribution towards food.

Course Information

Join us - St. Peter's Young Adults Group, **Jan.22-April 29, 2016 at 7pm.**

Location - 830 Bathurst St
Contact - Alessya D'Anna
Email: youngadult-youthmin@stpeterstoronto.ca