

■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Thank You!

Thank you parishioners for your many Christmas cards, gifts and food to Fr. Michael, Fr. Yaw and the St. Peter's Parish Staff during the Holiday Season!

The Parish's "We Remember Poster."

It is not uncommon for many people to sit next to someone at church for many years and not know their name. When parishioners pass away, many do not recognize their name when they are prayed for or their funeral Mass is announced.

The parish community would like to put a photo of those who die on our "*We Remember Poster*" so that all parishioners might recognize them and pray for them.

For that reason, we invite the families of parishioners to bring to the office photos of any parishioners who have died since July 2015 so that we may place their photos on our "We Remember Poster" in the front entrance and others may pray for them.

■ ■ UPCOMING EVENTS

First Communion Prep Class

Please note that the Confirmation Prep Class begins on **Saturday, January 9 from 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM** in the Parish Centre.

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".

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@stpeterstoronto.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. Would you like to volunteer to help that weekend, please contact the parish office by January 6. 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.19-20, 2015

Envelopes \$2,697
Loose: \$1,094
PAG: \$310
Total: \$4,101
Building Fund: \$1,454

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

OFFERING 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 USE 2016** envelopes **AND DISCARD 2015** envelopes.

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

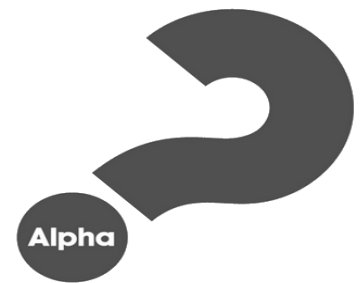
A ShareLife member agency, is currently seeking volunteers for various positions, including friendly visitors, social group facilitators and medical/shopping escorts. You can make a difference in the life of a senior, or an adult with a physical disability, who is isolated and living in downtown Toronto. 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.

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.

Taking care of your Spiritual Family

The parish of St. Peter's has been a part of your faith development and is like a member of your family. When preparing your estate plans, we ask you to consider a bequest to the parish as a way of guaranteeing the health of your spiritual family long into the future. Through your estate, your membership in our extended community of faith will continue in perpetuity. May God who loved you in this life reward your generosity in eternal life. Thank you!



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

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