

## ■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 18 to 25, 2016

Come and join in an ecumenical prayer service with emphasis on refugees, led by Roman Catholic Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins, Evangelical Lutheran Bishop Michael Pryse, and other city-wide religious leaders on: Sunday, January 24, 2016 4:00 p.m. Good Shepherd Chaldean Catholic Church, 2 High Meadow Place (north-west of Finch Ave. & Hwy 400). Homilist: His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto. For further information, please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto: (416) 934-3400 ext. 344 or ext. 527 or e-mail: [vkwok@archtoronto.org](mailto:vkwok@archtoronto.org)

### Thank You to the Paulist Fathers!

The Paulist Fathers have made a very generous gift of \$20,000.00 to the parish of St. Peter's. This money has been used to paint the children's liturgy room in the parish and to pay for the new windows that have been repaired in the parish. On behalf of the parish, I would like to thank the Paulist Fathers for their extremely generous gift to the parish and their on-going support of our community. Thank you Paulist Fathers!

## ■ ■ UPCOMING EVENTS

### Eucharistic Adoration

On Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 2016, the parish will begin Eucharistic Adoration in the Centre Chapel. This will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In order for adoration to take place people are needed to adore the Lord while the Sacrament is exposed. Please consider signing up to spend an hour or more with Jesus during the week. The sign-up book is available in the Centre chapel for those who are able to sign up. Please consider making time to be with the Lord.

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### Monthly Memorial Mass

The Memorial Mass will take place on Friday, **January 29th, 2016 at 7:00 PM.** in the church. This will include the names of all deceased loved ones whose anniversaries were both in December and January.

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### A four week program on the PSALMS

Prayers touching the key elements of our lives - joy, praise, belief, power, comfort, healing is being offered on Thursdays, **at 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** at the parish centre. Sr. Gabriel Mary Riddle, cps, is the facilitator. Everyone is welcome. Please **bring your bibles** with you. Pope Francis has stated recently that "we should meditate on the psalms".

### Marriage Sunday 2016

In 2016, the Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate Marriage Sunday at the parish level on the weekend of February 6/7. Cardinal Collins has also announced a special archdiocesan-wide gathering to honour married couples that will take place on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Andre Kim Parish in North York. His Eminence extends an invitation to all married couples, in particular those who will celebrate their 25th, 40th or 50+ wedding anniversary anytime throughout 2016 to join him for Mass and a reception to honour their fidelity and faithfulness. Worldwide Marriage Encounter, a local lay movement, is helping to co-ordinate the gathering. Loved ones and family members of those honored are most welcome to attend. To ensure special reserved seating for honored couples, pre-registration is required. Visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) to register and to find more information about Marriage Sunday and our archdiocesan celebration. Questions can also be directed to Dane & Anne MacCarthy at: 416-964-8694.

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### Ministry Fair **THIS WEEKEND** - 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 **this Saturday, January 16 and on this 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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### Update your Records

Please call the parish office, 416-534-4219, if you have any changes to your mailing address, email or phone number.

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### 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 one or two 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

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### 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.**

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### 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.

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### 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.

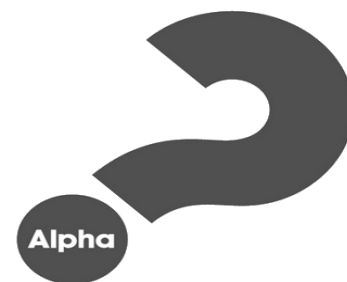
The parish community would like to put a photo of those who die on our "We Remember Poster" so that all parishioners might recognize them and pray for them. For that reason, we invite the families of parishioners to bring to the office photos of any parishioners who have died since July 2015 so that we may place their photos on our "We Remember Poster" in the front entrance and others may pray for them.

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### Family of Faith Campaign

Thank you very much to all who donated so generously to the Family of Faith Campaign. Our confirmed total so far is \$357,970 which is 123% of our \$290,000 goal. All donations after \$290,000 allow 75% of the amount to remain in the parish. If you still wish to donate, all cheques should be made out to **Family of Faith Campaign**, not to the parish. Thank you to all who have made the Campaign a success, especially the members of the Organizing Committee.

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### 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

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