

■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Lent Begins on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 (Ash Wednesday)

The 40 days of Lent are a special time of spiritual renewal in the Church. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. The parish will have three Masses on Ash Wednesday with the distribution of Ashes. These will be at 8:00 AM and 12:10 PM in the Centre Chapel and 7:00 PM in the Church. During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed Friday evenings in the Church. On the First and Last Fridays the stations will follow the 7:00 PM Mass. On other Fridays they will be prayed at 7:00 PM.

On Ash Wednesday, confessions will be heard in the Church from 5:45 PM to 6:30 PM

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

Eucharistic Adoration to begin on Ash Wednesday!!!



On Ash Wednesday, February 10, 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.

Mondays to Thursdays and on Fridays 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 Blessed 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. If forty people sign-up to take an hour a week, we will be able to continue this very important time for prayer before the Lord. Please consider making time for the Lord.

Workshops for New Ministries:

Any who have signed up at the Ministry Fair to be a Lector, Eucharistic Minister or Usher are invited to attend the appropriate workshop:

- Lectors - Saturday, February 20, at 2:30 PM in the Church
- Eucharistic Ministers - Saturday, February 27, at 2:30 PM in the Church

A Celebration of Marriage - Mass with Cardinal Collins - February 13, 2016

The Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate Marriage Sunday in our parishes the weekend of February 6/7, 2016. On Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 4:30 p.m., couples from across the archdiocese will gather for A Celebration of Marriage with Cardinal Thomas Collins at St. Andrew Kim Parish (849 Don Mills Road, North York). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome! Couples celebrating special milestone anniversaries - 25th, 40th or 50+ anytime throughout 2016 are asked to RSVP online at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage by February 1, 2016 to ensure reserved seating. Call (416) 964-8694 or visit the website above for more information.

Special Valentine Coffee Hour - Saturday, Feb.13 and Sunday, Feb.14,

We invite you to join us for a special Valentine's Day Coffee hour on Saturday, February, 13 after the 5 PM Mass and on Sunday, February 14, after the 9 am and 11:15 am Masses in the Church auditorium. Valentine goodies will be on sale. All are welcome!



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Valentine Social for 50+ Parishioners

Date: Thursday, February 11, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre

Valentine's Day is a celebration of love and friendship. This gathering is an invitation to reach out to one another in support and community within a context of conversation, music, fun and food.

Plan to attend and bring a friend- wear something red!!!

Parish Finances: Offering Jan.30-31, 2016

Envelopes: \$2403

Loose: \$680

PAG: \$310

Total: \$3393

Thank you for your support!

Confirmation Preparation-Saturday, February 13 at 3:00 pm.

A reminder to all those enrolled in the Confirmation Preparation Programme that the next session will take place in the auditorium on Saturday, February 13 at 3:00 pm. Please remember to bring your Confirmation Workbooks/Journals. Those attending these sessions are encouraged to come as a group to the parish's Saturday 5:00 pm Mass.

2016 Offertory Envelopes

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2016 are placed at the back of the church. Please make sure to pick up only the box with your name on it. Thank you!!

WEEK LONG BUSY PERSONS RETREAT

FOR WHOM: ADULTS

Opening Session -Sunday,

Feb.14 (after the 6:00 p.m.

evening Mass) Closing Session

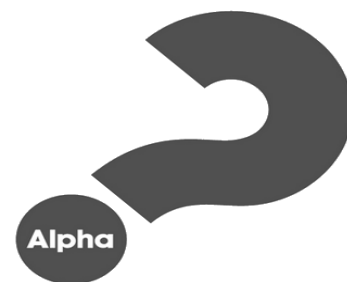
Saturday, Feb.20 (after the 5:00 p.m. evening Mass)

DESCRIPTION OF RETREAT:

The retreatants will meet after Mass in the Church. After an explanatory introduction, they will be given daily gospel reflections for the week of prayer and asked to commit themselves to an hour of prayer daily (can be divided up i.e. 1/2 hour in morning and 1/2 hour in evening or in 15 min. sections). Desired half hour meetings by appointment with a spiritual guide will be available at the Centre from Monday - Thursday from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. or in the evenings on Tuesday - Thursday from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Closure will include debriefing / sharing, suggestions on how to continue one's spiritual journey and a social.

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



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, Fridays from Jan.22-April 29, 2016 at 7pm.

Topic for Friday, Feb.12 is: How can I have Faith?

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