

■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

First Sunday of Lent - February 14, 2016

Together we are continuing to work wonders...

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." Matthew 5:7 (NRSVCE)

Our Lord encourages us with a timely reminder about what our actions truly should be – to show mercy to others. Does showing mercy mean to take the time delivering food for the local food bank in our neighbourhood? Do we have time to help by serving on a weekend in the soup kitchen in our city or praying for a family who is dealing with a personal crisis? Or maybe the refugee family who needs some volunteer help resettling their family to a new life here in Canada. In essence, ShareLife becomes that connective bridge between the pulpit and the street. When we are called to action in the Catholic community, we know of so many ways we can make a difference by working together in the lives of those in need. Annually, we share in helping over 114,000 individuals, thanks to the support received through our collective efforts.

Please help us celebrate our ShareLife's 40th anniversary by supporting our annual Archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season! —Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. **Sunday March 13, 2016 is ShareLife Sunday**

ShareLife

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Family Day Schedule - Monday, February 15th

Please note that the Parish Centre will be closed on Monday, February 15th for the Family Day Holiday. Daily Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM in the Centre chapel. **There will be no adoration taking place on that day.**

■ ■ UPCOMING EVENTS

Eucharistic Adoration



Eucharistic Adoration in the Centre Chapel takes 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

Stations of the Cross

A great Lenten spiritual devotion held on Friday evenings during Lent after the 7:00 p.m. Mass on the First and Last Friday of the month and at 7:00 p.m. every other Friday.



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

We invite you to join us for a special Valentine's Day Coffee hour this Saturday, February, 13 after the 5 PM Mass and this 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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Parish Finances: Offering Feb.6-7, 2016

Envelopes: \$3385

Loose: \$793

PAG: \$348

Total: \$4526

Maintenance Collection: \$1709

Thank you for your support!

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!! ***Please note that the Tax Receipts for 2015 will be mailed out this week.***

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

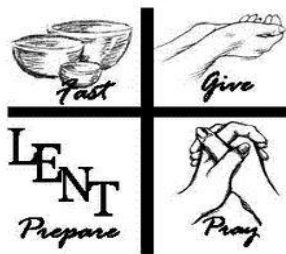
p.m. evening Mass)

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 ***Tuesday - Thursday from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 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

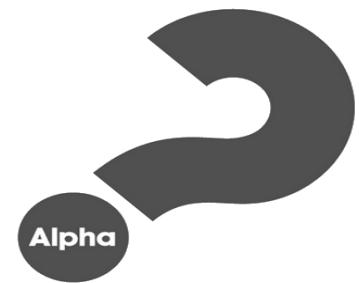
The Parish's Refugee family will be arriving soon, hopefully in the month of January or February. In order to accommodate this family the parish is looking for an apartment which is either one or two bedrooms that would be located in the parish and will be affordable. If you are aware of such accommodation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



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.



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.19: Why and how do I pray?

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