#### ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

#### **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**

Wishing blessings of peace and joy to you and your family this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year – Fr. Michael and St. Peter's Parish Staff



#### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2016**

Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24, 2016

5:00 p.m. Family Mass

8:00 p.m. Mass

(Preceded by Christmas Carols at 7:30 p.m.)

12:00 a.m. Midnight mass

(Preceded by Christmas Carols at 11:00 p.m.)

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 2016

9:00 a.m. Mass 11:15 a.m. Mass (<u>NO</u> 6:00 PM Mass)

New Year's Eve

Saturday, December 31, 2016

5:00 p.m. Mass **New Year's Day** 

Sunday, January 1, 2017

9:00 a.m. Mass 11:15 a.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. Mass



### ■ UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel**



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. Please consider making time for the Lord

## **Lay Pastoral Visitors**

There will be a meeting for the Lay Pastoral Visitors' team on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 1:00 PM in the Parish Centre

#### **Sick or Shut-in**

Anyone who is sick or shut-in is welcome to notify the parish office if you or family member wish a visit from a member of the pastoral minister team at 416-534-4219



## **Christmas and New Year Office Schedule**

Our parish office will be closed on the following dates Monday – December 26, 2016 – Mass will be celebrated at 10 AM in the Chapel

Monday – January 2, 2017 – Mass will be celebrated at 10 AM in the Chapel

Please note that there will be no adoration in the Chapel on those days.

# Series on the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Beginning Thursday, January 19, 2017, there will be an 8 week program on the Catholic Catechism from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at the Parish Centre. Facilitators: Fr. Michael McGourty and Sr. Gabriel Riddle, CPS Everyone welcome!!!



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# 2017 Offertory Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2017 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 2017 ENVELOPES UNTIL THE NEW YEAR BEGINS.

#### No Monthly Memorial Mass in December

Due to the various celebrations during the Christmas Season, we will not have a Memorial Mass in December. The Memorial Mass on January 27, 2017at 7:00 PM. in the church will include the names of all deceased loved ones whose anniversaries fall both in December and January.

## Online Credit Card Donations

If you wish to make an online credit card donation to St. Peter's you may do so through the Archdiocese of Toronto website by visiting www.archtoronto.org and selecting the "DONATE NOW" button.

- Please ensure that you select "St. Peter's Parish, Toronto" from the Parish drop down menu - You may make a single donation or set up a recurring gift. You can also specify to where your donation will be directed: Offertory, Building Fund, or Capital Campaign.

If you collect points on your credit card, donating to St. Peter's online is a great option.

A receipt for online credit card donations will be sent to you from the Archdiocese. Receipts for a single donation will be e-mailed immediately. If you decide to set up a recurring gift, a tax receipt will be sent to you at the end of the year.

#### **New Parishioners**

Welcome to St. Peter's Church. Please take a moment to fill out a registration form in order that we can serve you better. Forms are available at the back of the Church or in the Parish Office. We have the option of Pre-Authorized Giving (direct debit from your bank) or if you wish a box of offertory envelopes, it is located at the back of the Church. All parishioners are requested to inform the Parish office whenever there is a change in address or phone number. Thank you!

#### Winter Welcome Table

The dinners we serve to low income people on Monday evenings will continue through the winter. Help in preparation, serving and cleaning up is always needed. Additional volunteers should arrive at 6:30 PM and stay as long as you can. Come to the Church auditorium through the side door under the archway. For information call Marie Parise at 416-531-3846, or just show up any Monday evening this winter.

### 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

#### 2017 Mass Intentions

St. Peter's Parish is accepting 2017 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.

Due to the large number of requests for Masses, the parish has been given permission to celebrate Mass with multiple intentions every *Thursday at the 12:10 pm Mass.* As this is something which requires special permission from the bishop, the parish cannot accept multiple intentions on other days.

# St Peter's Christian Meditation Group

"Spirituality is the backbone of all service in the Church and in Christian life. It is what nourishes all our activity, sustaining and protecting it from human frailty and daily temptation." Pope Francis to the Roman Curia, 21 Dec 2015 Come join us for silent prayer every Saturday afternoon - 3:30 to 4:30 in the Parish Centre. Discover how this ancient Christian spiritual practice can open our hearts & deepen our faith each day. Everyone welcome – especially beginners!

