

■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

PALM SUNDAY March 25, 2018

Living the Gospel by supporting the Deaf community

Imagine you were a Deaf child and your parents and siblings didn't know sign language. Your parents could gesture in a rudimentary way, but how do you share your joys, fears and needs? Silent Voice teaches American Sign Language and Deaf culture to families so they can share a common language. Says one grateful parent, "I'm so passionate about Silent Voice because their Family Communication Program rescues children from social isolation." Last year more than 750 Deaf children and adults received help through ShareLife-supported programs at Silent Voice. **April 22 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**



New Beginnings - Bereavement Ministry Support Group

A six (6) week bereavement ministry support group at St. Peter's (Ministry Centre) takes place every Thursday, from 2:30 - 4:30 pm until April 19. If you or someone you know is dealing with the loss of a loved one and would like to join this group, please register at the parish office (416-534-4219)

■ ■ UPCOMING EVENTS

Feast of the Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8 at 2:30- 4:00 PM in the Church

Programme

2:30pm - Angelus and Novena prayer
3:00pm - Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
(with the 3 o'clock prayer)
3:45pm - Benediction
4:00pm - Mass

Fr. Michael McGourty – Pastor of
St. Peter's Church

*A light refreshment will follow at the Church
Basement Auditorium*



Paschal Triduum Schedule



Holy Thursday - March 29

7:00 PM: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper,
followed by Eucharistic Adoration in the Centre
Chapel until 12 midnight.

Good Friday - March 30

12:00 Noon: Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM: Celebration of the Lord's Passion followed
by Confessions till 5:30 PM

Holy Saturday - March 31

8:00 PM: Easter Vigil
(No 5 PM Mass)

Easter Sunday - April 1

9:00 AM: Easter Sunday Mass
11:15 AM: Easter Sunday Mass
(No evening 6:00 PM Mass on Easter Sunday)

***There will be no Eucharistic Adoration
throughout the entire Triduum***

Resurrection Stories

A two evening program on the early church's
understanding of the resurrection utilizing the gospels
and Fr. T. Rosica's book "Stay with us" on Tuesday
April 3 and 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Paul's room
Ministry Centre. Facilitator: Sr. Gabriel Riddle, cps

Catholic Mom's Group

We need volunteer(s) busy working or stay at home
moms to initiate and lead a new parish ministry,
approved by the archdiocese called **Catholic Mom's
Group** (love, laughter, and moments of grace) in
order to revive the vocation of motherhood. The goal
is to reach out to the moms in the local Catholic
schools, encouraging them in learning more about
what it means to be a Catholic mom. Training for this
group is available Please contact Sr. Gabriel and /or
parish office if you are interested in this important
endeavour.

March 24-25, 2018

Tuesday, March 27 - Chrism Mass

Kindly note that on Tuesday, March 27, Mass will be
celebrated at 8:00 AM in the Centre Chapel rather
than the normal time as Fr. Michael will be attending
the Chrism Mass at 11:00 AM held at St. Michael's
Cathedral on that day.

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Donation for Easter Flowers

Every year the parish relies on the generosity of parishioners to decorate the church with flowers. If you would like to make a donation to purchase flowers, please make your donation by using the envelope "Flowers for Easter" marked with your name, address and envelope numbers. Thank you for your generosity.

Tax Receipts for 2017

The tax receipts for 2017 have been mailed out the week of February 4. For those who wish to begin to use pre-authorized giving, an authorization form has been sent out with the receipts. Please consider this way of supporting your Parish. Thank you very much for your contributions. We appreciate your generosity in supporting your spiritual home.

St. Peter's Church Holy Land Pilgrimage

You are invited to join Sr. Gabriel Riddle and St. Peter's parishioners for an inspiring 9 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land this year November 21-29, 2018. **The itinerary and the registration form is available at the parish office.**

Legion of Mary - Pilgrimage

The Legion of Mary is coordinating a Pilgrimage to Divine Mercy Shrine, Stockbridge, Massachusetts, on April 7, 8, 9, 2018. If interested please call Luz at 416-925-9825 for the price.

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG)

The Pre-Authorized Giving Plan, authorized and supported by the Archdiocese of Toronto, is a direct debit program allowing you to support our Parish through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Now you can lend us your support in the same manner that you currently pay many of your current financial obligations without writing cheques or searching your wallet for cash every Sunday. PAG brochures and sign-up forms are available at the back of the Church and in the parish office. The form is also available on our website for download.

To enroll in this convenient program, simply fill out the form, attach a void cheque and drop it into the weekly collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. For additional information on PAG please contact the parish office. A tax receipt will be issued to you for the donations you contribute for that year.

**Blessed is the
one who comes
in the name
of the LORD.**

Psalm 118.26



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, **Feb. 21 - May 9, 2018 at 7pm.**

Topic for March 28: Why and How do I read the bible?

Location - 830 Bathurst St
For further question email:

youngadult-youthmin@stpeterstoronto.ca

Parish Finances

Offering March 17-18, 2018

Envelopes: \$4421
Loose: \$1061
PAG: \$501
Total: \$5983
ShareLife collection: \$9589.75
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