

■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Invite a Friend to Become Catholic!!!!

As Christians, we are invited to share the Good News with others. Today this can be done by inviting someone to consider joining the R.C.I.A. in the parish where they would like to attend Sunday Mass. The "R.C.I.A." is the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults. Through the celebration of these rites in their local parish community, individuals become members of the Catholic Church through their local parish community. These rites are accompanied by a catechetical process which educates those who are becoming Catholic in the teachings of Christ and the traditions of the Church that He established to continue His mission and spread the Good News.

Here at St. Peter's those who wish to become Catholic are invited to begin attending Mass in our parish community each Sunday. As they do this, they are accompanied by the R.C.I.A. team and meet on Tuesday evenings to learn about our faith, deepen in a prayer relationship with Jesus, and discover how they can find their place in our Christian community through Sunday worship, service of neighbour and prayer. The R.C.I.A. at St. Peter's will begin in September. The group will meet throughout the length of the school year. The Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) will be celebrated at Easter (April 21, 2019) and the group will continue to meet until the end of the Pentecost season (June 2019).

For those already Baptized in another Christian denomination a shorter path towards joining the Catholic Church may be possible, depending on their previous faith formation.

Starting Tuesday evening, **September 11, 2018 from 7:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. in the Parish Centre.** The R.C.I.A. program here at St. Peter's invites all non-Catholics who are interested in learning about our Catholic faith. The program will meet weekly on Tuesday evening at 7:15 p.m. The participants in the R.C.I.A. program are called Catechumens, or Candidates. A Catechumen is one who has never been baptized and is considering becoming a Catholic. A Candidate is someone who has been previously baptized in a Christian denomination other than Catholic. Please pray for the success of this year's R.C.I.A. program. Please call to register with Fr. Michael at **416-534-4219 ext. 211**

■ ■ UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit of Cardinal Collins for Blessing of Parish Offices/Rectory and Offices for Sisters of Life ~ Sat., Sept. 15



His Eminence Cardinal Collins will be here on **Saturday, September 15** to celebrate the 5 PM Mass and bless the new Parish offices and outreach Centre for the Sisters of Life. On that same day, the parish

will host an open house so that parishioners may visit the new parish offices and Centre. The open house will be from 2:00 - 4:30 pm in the afternoon.

Back to Regular Schedule

Beginning this weekend of September 8/9 the parish will return to the regular Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 5 PM

Sundays at 9 AM, 11:15 AM and 6 PM

"Have the courage to be truly happy!"

Pope Francis

Blessed Bishop Oscar Romero & Pope Paul VI Advocates for the poor - September 12 & 19 ~ 7 PM

In preparation for the October canonization of Pope Paul VI and Archbishop Oscar Romero, two input sessions with related DVD's will be given on Wednesdays September 12 and 19 at 7:00 pm. in the Church Hall. Learn more about these apostles to the poor.



Franciscan Spirituality - September 26, 7 - 9 p.m.

Anticipating the Feast of St. Francis, we reflect upon the main tenets of the Saint's Universal message and appeal. An evening of sharing with DVD on "Francis of the Poor and Outcast" on Wednesday, September 26, 7:00 - 9:00 PM in the Church Hall.

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Please Get Involved

The parish invites parishioners to consider getting involved in different ministries. The parish needs Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality, Lectors, and Altar Servers. Please consider attending workshops in the **Church** for:
Lectors - Saturday, September 22, at 2 PM

Altar Servers - Saturday, September 29, at 2 PM

Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality - Saturday, October 13, at 2 PM

Please call the parish office at 416-534-4219 to register

Youth Helping Seniors

Ernescliff College's One-Up Programme for High School Students has approached St. Peter's Parish and offered to visit seniors living in our parish. These visits would involve two or three high school students (and possibly an adult supervisor) coming to the senior's home either for a social visit or to assist with some light tasks. This could involve conversation, reading or some light household or yard work. These visits would take place on Saturdays between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm when the students are free. If you would be interested in such a visit, please contact the parish office (416-534-4219) and we will pass on this information to the programme coordinator at Ernescliff College, Mr. Geoff Woollard.

IF YOU BELIEVE,
you will receive whatever
you ask for in prayer.
MATTHEW 21:22

Social Justice Committee Meeting

The Parish Community of St. Peter's is a very socially conscious and active community, and participates in hosting many outreach programmes. Despite that, we do not have a Social Justice Committee. Such a Committee would direct the parish's efforts to study and understand the Church's social teachings. In the hopes of starting a Social Justice Committee, anyone who might be interested in assisting with this project is invited to this important meeting on September 27th at 7:00 pm in the St. Paul's room in the **Centre at 830 Bathurst Street**. Please consider coming!

New Beginnings - Bereavement Ministry Support Group

A six (6) week bereavement ministry support group will be starting at St. Peter's (ministry centre) starting on Tuesday, September 18 to October 23 from 1:00 -3:00p.m. 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) Group facilitator: Sr. Gabriel M. Riddle cps / Matthew Hendzel, sj

Parish Finances

Offering September 1-2, 2018

Envelopes: \$2759
Loose: \$689
PAG: \$567
Total: \$4015
Maintenance collection:\$1376.30
Thank you for your support

Give your hands to serve
and your hearts to love.

St. Theresa

Volunteer Catechists Needed for Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy of the Word is an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word offered for youth at the 11:15 AM Mass. No pre-registration is necessary. All children are welcome and encouraged to attend.

◆ Just before the Liturgy of the Word begins for the assembly, these children are invited to go with the weekly leaders from the church to learn the liturgy of the word. During this special time, the volunteer teacher leads the children through prayers, readings and activities that are simplified for children.

◆ The children learn about the same Scripture readings as the rest of the assembly. They are taught a simplified main message of the readings accompanied with an activity.

◆ Volunteers are needed to teach the lessons each week, as well as to assist with the supervision of the children. This is a great opportunity for adults and middle school/high school youth to help these eager youngsters learn the Word of the Lord.

◆ Volunteers who work with children and other vulnerable people are asked to complete a police background check in accordance with the Archdiocese of Toronto's volunteer screening procedures.

For more information or to get involved, contact the parish office or youth minister.

Email: youngadult-youthmin@stpeterstoronto.ca
Parish office: 416-534-4219