

■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S



Invite a Friend to Become Catholic!!!!

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 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). 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

Thanksgiving Food-Drive for the Good Shepherd Mission

The Good Shepherd Mission in Toronto looks after many of the city's homeless and helps them find a warm meal all year round. Each year they rely on the generosity of Torontonians who are able to donate food to make their mission possible. This year the parish will be sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Drive to support the Good Shepherd Mission. Please consider donating canned tuna, canned meat, canned fruit or vegetables, canned soups and stews, peanut butter, jam, cereal teabags, instant coffee, cookies, rice, and crackers. **Please no fresh fruits or vegetables or frozen food.** Some parishes decorate their sanctuaries with flowers on the Thanksgiving weekend. Let us decorate ours with food to be offered to those in need. Please bring your non-perishable food donations to any of our Sunday Masses on the **Thanksgiving weekend - October 6 & 7.**

St. Peter's Young Adults- Pub Night!!

This month's pub night is scheduled on **Sunday, September 23, 2018**, following the 6 pm Mass. If interested in attending please meet at the back of St. Peter's Church (near the doors going out to 840 Bathurst St.), following 6pm mass or meet us at PAUPERS PUB, located at 539 Bloor St. W, Toronto, ON M5S 1Y5. Contact: youngadult-youthmin@stpeterstoronto.ca.

■ 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.

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.



"MARK YOUR CALENDARS"



October 27 & 28

(Please hold on to your donations until further announcement. Thank you!)

September 15-16, 2018

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

iTunes gift card scam

Please be aware that the Archdiocese of Toronto has received multiple reports from parishes that criminals have created Gmail accounts in various pastors' names, asking for iTunes gift cards for a sick friend in the hospital. If you receive this email, do not respond and forward the message to the Help Desk at helpdesk@archtoronto.org.

Humanitarian Relief – Flooding in Kerala, India

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website:

www.archtoronto.org

- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411

- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

Name of Parish – 2018 Kerala Floods – Disaster Relief

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to assist those in crisis.

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 8-9, 2018

Envelopes: \$2714

Loose: \$686

PAG: \$567

Total: \$3967

Thank you for your support



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.

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