

■ 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.**

Second Collection - September 29-30, 2018

There will be a second collection next weekend of September 29-30, for the Needs of the Church in Canada. Your gifts are used by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity. Thank you for your support of this important work.

■ UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Fair Centrepieces - Donations Needed!

The parish is looking for 50 volunteers to donate \$10.00 to our Fall Fair (scheduled for Sat Oct 27 and Sun Oct 28) table centrepieces. We would like to purchase 50 Mums as the centrepieces for the tables and to decorate the stage.

If you wish to contribute please leave your name, contact information and \$10 contribution with Diana at the parish office.

We will be ordering the flowers on October 10th, so please have the money and your information in to the parish office by then. Also, we will be marking the flowers noting who our generous sponsors are, i.e.

"Donated by: Donors Name", further, the flowers will be available for the donors to take home with them once the fair is over.

Please Get Involved

The parish invites parishioners to consider getting involved in different ministries. The parish needs Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality, and Altar Servers. Please consider attending workshops in the **Church** for:

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

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.

Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance.

~St. Francis of Assisi~

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St. Peter's Young Adults- Pub Nights This Sunday, Sept. 23

Are you in the Toronto area? Are you curious about the St. Peter's Young Adults Group or just plain thirsty? If so, you're invited to join the St. Peter's Young Adult Group for our monthly pub nights. This month's pub night is scheduled for this **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.

Municipal Elections 2018 – Cast Your Vote!

A municipal election will be held on Monday, October 22, 2018. All Catholics are strongly encouraged to exercise their democratic right to vote. To help learn more about the candidates for Catholic School Board Trustee, Cardinal Collins has given permission for these candidates to distribute literature to parishioners departing Mass on weekends from September 29/30 through October 20/21. We hope you'll take the time to get to know those seeking elected office. To ensure your vote for Catholic School Board Trustee, at the polling booth, verify that you are registered as a separate school supporter. If your support status is incorrect ask for an Application to Amend Voters' List. This form may be completed and submitted at the polling station. Thank you for your interest and involvement in this fall's municipal election!

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!

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
We offer our prayers for all those impacted by this natural disaster. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to assist those in crisis.

Parish Finances

Offering September 15-16, 2018

Envelopes: \$2630
Loose: \$1538
PAG: \$567
Total: \$4735
Building Collection: \$1432
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.

Email: youngadult-youthmin@stpeterstoronto.ca
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