AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Many Thanks for the Holy Week & Easter Celebrations to:

- Our parish community extends a special word of thanks and gratitude to all liturgical ministers and to all those who helped make our celebrations so prayerful
- All involved in assisting in the preparation of our adult candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil
- Our musicians for providing the beautiful music which greatly enhanced the Triduum Liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil
- All Lectors and Eucharistic ministers, Altar Servers and Ushers for their endless dedication
- Our Sacristans for the fine work in helping prepare and make the Triduum liturgies run so smoothly
- Many thanks to all who made donations for flowers

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER April 28, 2019

ShareLife

Living the Gospel by welcoming newcomers to Canada

Rashida endured years of domestic abuse while living in Egypt. Fearing her husband would abuse their children, she successfully applied for refugee status in Canada. Rashida arrived in Toronto, not knowing the language, what to do, or who could help. Fortunately, she met an Arabic speaker who told her about Catholic Cross cultural Services (CCS). CCS helped her navigate the immigration process and access the resources she needed. "CCS saved my life," Rashida says. "Today I have money of my own, an apartment, and my children are finally safe and happy."

Thus far our parish has raised $10,733 of our $44,300 – Please pray for the success of our campaign and give as generously as you are able to help us reach our goal

May 5 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feast of the Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28 at 2:30- 4:00 PM in the Church

The Divine Mercy Novena prayer will begin at 2:30 pm followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet. This will conclude with the Eucharistic Celebration at 4:00 pm by Fr. Michael McGourty-Pastor of St. Peter' Church.

First Holy Communion Celebration

Saturday, May 4 at 5:00 PM & Sunday, May 5 at 11:15 AM

The children and their families that have been preparing for many months will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time. Please pray for them all.

Let World Religions Come Alive For You – April 30 to June 11, 2019

With an ecumenical spirit, we will be presenting a 7 week program on the main World Religions from April 30 to June 11, 2019. It will consist of input, media, and various guest speakers and will be held at the parish centre in St. Paul's room .

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. **cost** $20.00 for materials

"The Catholic Church rejects nothing that is true and holy in these religions" (Vatican II)

Ordination to the Priesthood and First Mass of Deacon Adam Hincks, sj – May 12 at 11:15 am

Deacon Adam Hincks, sj, will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 9:00 am at St. Paul's Basilica. Father Adam will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Peter's on Sunday, May 12th at 11:15 am. This will be followed by a reception in our parish hall. Please come and celebrate with us.

Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations – Friday, May 3

Cardinal Collins has designated Friday, May 3, 2019 as the Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. We have three prayer intentions on this day: for the right discernment of vocations still unfolding (from 9:00 to 11:00 am); for endurance in committed vocations (from 11:00 – 12 noon); and for an increase of priestly and religious vocations from (12 noon to 2:00 pm). Our parish prayer initiative will be adoration in the Centre Chapel from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you are unable to attend this event, please take a moment to pray for vocations on Friday, May 3. Vocation resources can be found on the Office of Vocations' website: www.vocationstoronto.ca.

Praying for VOCATIONS

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul "Bundle Up" Collection ~ May 11th – 12th

Please let those gently used items you can do without benefit our neighbours in need.The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a non-profit charity whose volunteer members collect clothing, shoes, linen and small household goods to donate, exchange for vouchers or sell in order to support our works of charity.
We collect clothing, shoes, linen and small household goods. Please tie your donation bags to prevent spoiling.
There will be a truck parked behind the church on the North side of Markham Street all weekend between 9 am and 7 pm on Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12

Ministry with Maturing Adults Workshop—Saturday, June 1, 2019

The Office of Faith Formation will be offering a workshop on Ministry with Maturing Seniors. Over the past few years, many have asked the parish to start a ministry to maturing adults. Sadly, no one has been willing to step forward to assist in leading this ministry. If anyone would like to attend this workshop, the parish would be happy to sponsor such persons as a way of preparing them to assist in leading this ministry in the parish. The workshop will take place on Saturday, June 1 at St. Bonaventure's Parish from 9:30 to 3:30 pm. Please contact Fr. Michael if you are interested.

An Introduction to the Theology of the Body: Discovering the Master Plan for Your Life – Presented by Andre Tyson

A series of in depth studies of 'The Gift', written by world renowned speaker and author Christopher West, based on Saint John Paul II's revolutionary teachings.
'The Gift' is designed as a firm foundation for those who desire to incorporate the Theology of the Body into their daily lives. It provides a solid understanding of God's plan for humanity - a plan stamped right into our bodies.
These sessions will take place on **Thursdays from 7 – 9 PM** in the Church Auditorium on the following dates:
May 2, Session 1: An Education in Being Human
May 9, Session 2: The Great Analogy of Spousal Love
May 16, Session 3: Man and Woman He Created Them (Our Origin)
May 23, Session 4: Man and Woman He Redeemed Them (Our History)

Mass of Comfort – May 8 at 7 PM

For those who in the past have attended the New Beginnings Bereavement sessions here at St. Peter's are invited to attend Mass of Comfort on May 8 at 7:00 PM in the Church. Social follows!

Parish Finances

Offering April 20-21, 2019

Envelopes: $3020
Loose: $1293
PAG: $631
Total: $4944
Easter collection:$4889.90
Good Friday collection:$1982.50

Revised Sunday Mass Schedule

Several years ago, just before the Paulists Fathers returned to the United States, at a time when there were three priests assigned to the parish, the 6: 00 pm Sunday Mass was begun at St. Peter's. When this was done, it was hoped that this would blossom into a thriving Young Adults Mass. Despite many efforts to seek fuller participation from those who attend this Mass, few people have been willing to commit to an active participation in this liturgy. The 6:00 pm Sunday Mass is the parish Mass that is least attended. For this reason, and the fact that there is only one priest now assigned to our parish, it no longer seems reasonable to be celebrating a fourth parish Mass that is so poorly attended on a Sunday. The 6:00 pm Sunday Mass will be celebrated for the last time on Sunday, May 12th. **Beginning on the weekend of May 18 and 19, the new Mass schedule at St. Peter's will be <u>Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 am.</u>** For those who wish a Sunday evening Mass, there are two that are celebrated in our area. These are St. Alphonsus Parish, which has a Mass on Sunday at 7:30 pm and the Newman Centre, which has a Sunday Mass at 7:00 pm.

Winter Welcome Table Thank You!

The annual Winter Welcome Table Appreciation dinner for the volunteers will take place on Monday, May 6 beginning with Mass at 5:30 pm at St. Joan of Arc followed by dinner in the Church hall. We look forward to seeing you again.....