

■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

First Confession, First Communion & Confirmation Prep for 2019 ~ 2020

It's that time of year to begin registrations for this year's Sacramental Preparation Programme. We are accepting registrations for ALL children, in both Public and Catholic schools, wishing to prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation next spring.

◆◆**First Communion:** Children in grade two or older are invited to celebrate the Sacraments of First Confession and First Communion. Parents interested in enrolling their children in this programme are invited to attend one of the two scheduled meetings – Saturday, November 9th at 2 pm or Tuesday, November 12th at 7pm. The meeting will take place in the main Church.

◆◆**Confirmation:** Children in grade seven or older are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parents AND their children interested in enrolling in this programme are invited to attend one of the two scheduled meetings – Saturday, November 2 at 2 pm or Tuesday, November 7 at 7 pm. The meeting will take place in the main Church.

◆◆All Sacramental Preparation Classes must be attended by both Catholic and Public school children. Please inquire at the Parish Office, contact Fr. Michael at 416-534-4219, ext. 211 or visit us online at www.religioused.stpeterstoronto.ca, for further details and information about this year's programme

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. **Thanksgiving weekend - October 12 & 13**

■ ■ UPCOMING EVENTS

Workshop for Altar servers - Saturday, October 5 at 2:00 pm

Any young person who has made her/his First Communion is invited to consider becoming an Altar Server. If you would like to be an Altar Servers, please attend a training session on Saturday, October 5 at 2:00 pm in the Church.

Wisdom from the Church's Holy Men and Women

Anticipating the up-coming canonization of new saints this October, we are presenting a program on six (6) holy men and women who hopefully will be one day canonized. A variety of guest speakers will discuss the lives and spirituality of these great examples of holiness. on Wednesday evenings in the Church hall at 7:00 p.m. **The Second talk – Catherine Doherty presented by Sr. Theresa Railander on Wednesday, October 9.** All are welcome!



Catherine Doherty

September 28-29, 2019

Life Chain - Sunday, Oct. 6, 2-3 pm

Throughout Toronto, men and women will be praying and silently witnessing for life on Sunday, October 6 from 2 - 3 pm at busy intersections. This year, we will host a Life Chain gathering in front of our Church from 2 - 3 pm. People are invited to gather for silent prayer and a witness for life. The church will also be open for adoration and prayer from 2 - 3 pm. Please come and witness to the sanctity of all life.

LIFE CHAIN

Blessing of Pets - Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - Oct. 4

In honour of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, the parish will celebrate the blessing of pets on **Friday, October 4, 2019 at 6:30 pm** outside the main doors of the Church. All pets and owners are welcome. Due to large number of animals, all pets must be leashed, caged or held in owners' control.

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An Evening on St. Ignatius and Discernment— Wednesday, Oct. 2

Stephen Noon, sj, a Jesuit Scholastic who assists here at St. Peter's, will present an evening on the teachings of St. Ignatius Loyola on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 in the parish auditorium. This will take place from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Please RSVP to the parish office at 416-534-4219.

“Retreat on the Street” an Afternoon of Prayer at St. Peter's on Sat., Oct. 12, from 1 - 5 pm

Stephen Noon, sj, a Jesuit Scholastic who assists here at St. Peter's, will animate an afternoon of prayer at St. Peter's on Saturday, October 12th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. This will take place in the parish auditorium from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Please RSVP to the parish office at 416-534-4219.

Hospitality in Luke's Gospel - Entertaining Angles

“In Luke's writings the ancient practice of hospitality—the custom of welcoming travelers or strangers into one's home and establishing relationships with them—becomes the prism through which Jesus' disciples can view one another and others as valuable children of God.”

Andrew Arterbury

A three part input/reflection series will be presented by Sr. Gabriel Riddle, on Luke's universal theme of hospitality on **Tuesdays, Oct. 1 & 15 in the St. Peter's room church hall**

Federal Election Debate From a Catholic Perspective Thursday, October 3, 2019 – 7:30 p.m. John Bassett Theatre (Metro Toronto Convention Centre)

Catholics are called to be engaged in the public square. As we prepare for the October 21 federal election, you are invited to be part of one of the largest live debates in Canada. On October 3, join 1,000 Catholics from across the archdiocese as they listen to candidates from the four major political parties debate issues of importance to Catholics. Moderated by veteran political journalist, the evening will also include reflections and prayer offered by Cardinal Thomas Collins. For more information, election resources and to order free tickets, visit:

www.archtoronto.org/election

The parish will have an all candidates meeting for our local representatives on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

The Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus

Inviting you to give thanks to God with us for 200 years of life and history since our foundation in Amiens, France in 1820.

Celebrations for this bicentennial began Sept. 21, 2019 and end on the Feast of Christ the King, Nov. 22, 2020. <http://www.fcjsisters.org>

New Book Club at St. Peter's

BaBL Book Club Reminder: Next book club date: Thursday, **October 24th 7:00 p.m.** at the Parish Rectory. Book: **Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers.**

Annual Fall Fair

St. Peters Parish will be hosting this year's **FALL FAIR EVENT** on **Saturday November 2, 12 noon - 7 PM** and **Sunday November 3, 2019 10 AM- 5 PM.**

What is the Fall Fair? An annual community event with amazing food, great books, tasty desserts, a chance to win fun prizes, flea market- hidden treasures and exciting entertainment.

Donating for the Fall Fair: If you have items you would like to donate to the Fall Fair, we accept donations of – books, CDs, videos, VHS, small appliances. Please note, **NO** damaged goods, clothes, furniture and large appliances. Details on when/where to donate are advertised on our website, Facebook and parish bulletin.

Donations: We will be accepting this year's Fall Fair donations starting Tuesday October 1, 2019, please deliver your donations to the parish office.

Funds raised will be used for: Winter Welcome Table and fixes needed at St. Peter's Parish.

Volunteers: The fall fair committee is always looking for volunteers to help in various roles before, during and after the fair. If you're interested in volunteering for this year's Fall Fair, please contact the parish office at 416-534-4219 or email: reception@stpeterstoronto.ca **Next Fall Fair Committee Meeting: Tuesday October 1st, at 7 pm, in the church auditorium.**

Parish Finances

Offering Sept. 21-22, 2019

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| Envelopes: | \$2646 |
| Loose: | \$452 |
| PAG: | \$630 |
| Total: | \$3728 |