

Mass to Thank Pandemic Volunteers

Cardinal Collins will celebrate a televised Mass on Wednesday, November 4th at 7:30 am to thank all of the Archdiocesan Pandemic Volunteers. Those who wish to watch it may do so on the Cathedral website. Fr. Michael celebrated Mass for our Parish Volunteers on Thanksgiving Monday. Thank you to all who keep our parish safe during the pandemic.

COVID – 19 Update

St. Peter's Church is open for Mass every day. From Monday to Friday the church is open for Mass at 8:00 a.m. and for prayer in the morning and early afternoon. Mass on Sundays is celebrated at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. on Sunday.

We are able to accommodate up to 30% of our capacity (200 maximum), so it is recommended that you come early. Those who attend our busiest Mass at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday might consider attending the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

In keeping with the bylaws of the City of Toronto, all who visit St. Peter's Church must wear a mask. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this important safety measure.

If you have been in contact with anyone with the COVID 19 virus within the last 14 days, you are asked to stay home. Those with a fever or any symptoms should also stay home.

During this time, the parish washrooms are not available.

For the time being, the parish office will be open only two days a week—Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You are asked to make an appointment before visiting the office for the safety of the staff.

The office is not open evenings and weekends.

Fr. Michael is available by phone at 416-534-4219, ext. 211 and all messages are returned.

Due to spacing issues, those groups which used to meet in our small meeting rooms are not meeting at this time.

Thank you to all who have supported the parish during this difficult time. Donations can be mailed to the parish at 659 Markham Street, Toronto ON M6G 2M1, left in the mail slot at the Sisters of Life entrance, or made through Donate Now at the Archdiocese of Toronto. If using Donate Now at www.archtoronto.org, please be sure to select St. Peter's Toronto as your parish.

We look forward to seeing you soon and praying together again.

Sharelife Needs You More than Ever!



This year, in the midst of COVID 19, many of the 40 organizations that depend on Sharelife for funding have been busier than ever caring for those in our community who are the most vulnerable. The need this year is greater than ever.

Normally, the Sharelife campaign takes place every year during the season of Lent. As our churches were closed this past Spring, the campaign did not take place and many did not have an opportunity to give.

As the need this year is greater, now that our churches are open again, the campaign will be extended to the fall. There will be additional collection this year in support of Sharelife on **November 7-8, 2020**.

This year, St. Peter's parish goal for Sharelife is **\$41,000**. We have already collected about **\$27,808**.

To those who have already donated this year—thank you very much!

If the challenges of this year make it impossible for you and your family to donate, please keep these organizations in your prayers.

If you are able to give this year, please consider giving generously.

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First Confession, First Communion & Confirmation Prep for 2020 ~ 2021

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 21, 2020 at 2–3 pm or Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 7–8 pm. 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 14, 2020 at 2–3 pm or Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7–8 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.

Jesus must increase, but I must decrease – John 3:30

All Souls Day - November 2 & praying for Our Beloved dead in November

In the month of November it is our tradition to pray for our beloved. The parish will have a "Book of Remembrance" for the faithful departed and the names of all those family members written in it will be remembered at all masses throughout November. Parishioners may add names of deceased family members or friends for whom they wish the parish to offer prayers during this season of remembrance. On November 2, All Souls day the parish will have Masses for **All Souls at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.** The parish has invited the families of those who have had a death this year to the 7:00 PM Mass. Due to Covid 19 restrictions the space is limited to 100 people. You must call the parish office to confirm your attendance for the 7:00 PM Mass

Remembering the Parish in Your Will

A bequest is a beautiful way to express your faith and your gratitude for a lifetime of blessings! A gift to the parish or any of our diocesan charities in your Will creates a lasting legacy that will help the Church continue its heritage of service and pastoral care to the faith community. When making your Will, please consider a bequest to St. Peter's Parish. To learn more about making a bequest, please call the parish office or the Development Office of the Archdiocese at 416-934-3411 ext. 519 or visit www.archtoronto.org/development.



PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PETER'S IN YOUR WILL

2021 Mass Intentions

St. Peter's Parish is now accepting 2021 Mass Intentions for all **weekday Masses at 8 AM** (Monday-Friday) and weekend Masses Saturday **5 PM**, Sunday **9:00 AM** and **11:15 AM**

Offering: For announced date \$20 per Mass and for Unannounced date \$10 per Mass. The parish has been given permission to celebrate Mass with multiple intentions every **Thursday at the 8:00 am Mass.** As this is something which requires special permission from the Bishop, the parish cannot accept multiple intentions on other days.

The parish office is open to book Mass intentions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

However, to avoid crowds in the office during the pandemic you are asked to call and make an appointment for your visit (416-534-4219)

Winter Welcome Table Outreach 2020-2021

With a strong emphasis on safety for all, we are seeking volunteers for the Winter Welcome Table program as we strive to provide a nourishing take out meal for those in need commencing Monday, Nov. 2nd. This is a joint Stewardship service co-sponsored by St. Joan of Arc and St. Peter's Parishes. Service will include welcoming, food preparation, meal distribution and clean up. For additional information please contact Sr. Gabriel at St. Peter's at 416-534-4219 or Richard Tone at St. Joan of Arc via rjtone2011@gmail.com

NOVEMBER THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

Oct 31 – Nov. 1, 2020