

■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Thank You Very Much David Pinos!

This weekend is David Pinos' last weekend working at St. Peter's as our sacristan. David is the kind young man many of you have met at the doors of the church over the past few years. During the height of the pandemic, David kept our community safe by overseeing all of the pandemic health procedures. He finished high school this year and will be moving to Ottawa to attend the University of Ottawa and study psychology. The parish community is very grateful to David for his excellent work. Please keep David in your prayers as he begins this exciting new stage of life. THANK YOU VERY MUCH DAVID!!!!



Invite a Friend to Become Catholic!

As Christians, we are invited to share the Good News with others. Today this can be done by inviting someone to consider joining the R.C.I.A. in the parish where they would like to attend Sunday Mass. The "R.C.I.A." is the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults. Through the celebration of these rites in their local parish community, individuals become members of the Catholic Church through their local parish community. These rites are accompanied by a catechetical process which educates those who are becoming Catholic in the teachings of Christ and the traditions of the Church that He established to continue His mission and spread the Good News.

Here at St. Peter's those who wish to become Catholic are invited to begin attending Mass in our parish community each Sunday. As they do this, they are accompanied by the R.C.I.A. team and meet on Tuesday evenings to learn about our faith, deepen in a prayer relationship with Jesus, and discover how they can find their place in our Christian community through Sunday worship, service of neighbour and prayer. 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 8, 2023) and the group will continue to meet until the end of the Pentecost season (June 2023).

For those already Baptized in another Christian denomination a shorter path towards joining the Catholic Church may be possible, depending on their previous faith formation.

If you know anyone who might be interested in becoming Catholic, please invite them to consider joining the R.C.I.A. at the parish where they wish to attend Sunday Mass. If they wish to do so here at St. Peter's, please have them give Fr. Michael a call for more information (416-534-4291, ext. 211).

■ ■ UPCOMING EVENTS

Please Get Involved

The parish invites parishioners to consider getting involved in different ministries. The parish needs Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers.

Please consider attending workshops in the **Church:**
Lectors Ministry – Saturday, **September 17**, from 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministry – Saturday, **September 24**, from 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Altar Servers Ministry – Saturday, **September 24**, from 10 am – 12 noon

Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality – Saturday, **October 15**, from 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Please call the parish office at 416-534-4219 to register

Lecture Event on Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB is hosting an evening reflection at St. Peter's Parish on the Feast of the Exaltation (Triumph) of the Holy Cross, the topic will be on **"Why is the Crucifix our defining symbol as Christians?"**

Date: **Wednesday evening, September 14, 2022**
Time: **7:00 pm**

Location: **St. Peter's Church, Auditorium** (Located at 659 Markham St. entrance to the auditorium is under the archway). All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there.

Encountering Jesus, the Living Word of God

This group meets on **Saturdays, from 3:30 – 4:30 pm** at St. Peter's Parish, in the St. Catherine's room. All are welcome!

Courtyard Movie, Aug. 20 @ 9 pm

The Eternals (Movie) – Free Screening, Snacks \$1

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Someone to Talk to in a Difficult Time

Need to Talk?

These uncertain Covid times have shone a light on the pressing need for mental health support services.

St. Peter's Parish and Dr. Egit have teamed up in addressing that need.

When is it time for mental health support? The question is puzzling. Are we; depressed enough, anxious enough, stressed enough, worthy enough?

Those are imponderable quandaries on which to base a decision. The simpler questions are, "Have I been unhappy?" and "Is my daily life a struggle?"

If the answer is yes, then mental health supports are appropriate.

The service is free. There are a limited number of hours dedicated to this program. Dr. Egit will be available for appointments Wednesdays between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Each appointment will be 45 minutes in length.

The sessions will be conducted on line or by telephone. To arrange to speak with him, you are asked to call and book an appointment with the parish office (416-534-4219).

Dr. Egit is a psychotherapist and a psychoanalyst experienced in working with individuals and couples.

He holds an MA and a Ph.D. from The University of Toronto and had completed his psychoanalytic training and certification from the Toronto Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis. He is registered with the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario

Parish Memorial Mass to Resume in September on First Friday at 7:00 p.m.

The parish will resume the monthly memorial Mass to commemorate the anniversaries of the deceased friends and family members of parishioners. Names may be enrolled for each monthly Mass by calling the parish office ahead of time. Those who enroll a name (or names) will be asked to leave their name and phone number. Those who request a memorial Mass must attend to light a candle for their deceased loved one. A donation of \$20.00 per person is the suggested donation for this special Mass.

This Mass is intended only for the anniversaries of death, birthdays and special occasions taking place in that particular month for the parishioners of St. Peter's Parish and their family members. Those who are not parishioners of St. Peter's are encouraged to have a Mass celebrated for their deceased loved ones in their own parish. The Mass will be celebrated on the First Friday of every month at 7:00 pm in the parish church. To enroll a family member for whom there is an anniversary of death, please call the parish office during office hours- 416-534-4219. As arrangements must be made ahead of time for a candle to be lit for each person being remembered, it will not be possible to add names during the Mass.

Pie Sunday, Sept. 11

Join us every second Sunday of the month, following the 11:15 am Mass for a dessert themed Coffee Hour. Come for coffee, a featured dessert, friendly conversations and family activities.

"Laudato Si" Adult Garden Retreat Day

This retreat is being offered by Sr. Gabriel Riddle, cps in the gardens of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood:

Date: Saturday, September 17

Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Venue: St. Bernard's Convent, 685 Finch Ave. West, North York (close to buses and subway)

Retreat includes Eucharistic celebration and a special presentation by Fr. Thomas Rosica, csb, time for prayer and reflection.

Lunch provided.

Register at: St. Peter's Parish

(416-534-4219) Suggested donation: \$25

Bereavement Support Group – Sept. 29

A five (5) week bereavement support group will be starting at St. Peter's Parish starting on **Thursday, September 29 to October 27, 2022 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm** in the rectory/auditorium. 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) or email:

contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca

Facilitator: Sr. Gabriel Mary Riddle, cps

Parish Finances

Offering Aug. 6-7, 2022

Envelopes: \$1848.00
Loose: \$414.20
PAG: \$1023.00
Total: \$3285.20

Offering Aug. 13-14, 2022

Envelopes: \$1560.00
Loose: \$430.95
PAG: \$1023.00
Total: \$3013.95