

■ HIGHLIGHTED

Merry Christmas

Wishing blessings of peace and joy to you and your loved ones
This Christmas Season and throughout the New Year 2023
~Fr. Michael and St. Peter's Staff~

New Year Mass Schedule 2022-2023

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31, 2022

5:00 p.m. - Mass

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, 2023

9:00 a.m. - Mass

11:15 a.m. - Mass



Christmas & New Year Office Hours

The parish office will be closed on the following dates:

Monday - December 26, 2022 (Mass will be celebrated at 10 AM)

Tuesday - December 27, 2022 (Mass will be celebrated at 8 AM)

Tuesday - January 2, 2023 (Mass will be celebrated at 10 AM)



Someone to Talk to in a Difficult Time

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

Need to
Talk?

Memorial Mass on First Friday January 6, 2023

The parish will celebrate the monthly memorial Mass on First Friday, January 6, to commemorate the anniversaries of the deceased friends and family members of parishioners. To enroll a family member for whom there is an anniversary of death, please call the parish office ahead of time during office hours at 416-534-4219



■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Thank you to all who support the Winter Welcome Table



Thank you very much to all of the parishioners who have supported the Winter Welcome Table with their generous donations and gifts for those who attend. This important program is a great sign of the parish's love for our brothers and sisters. Thank you to all who volunteer in this program and to all who have made it possible through their support. Merry Christmas!

Listening to Indigenous Voices

January 12 at 7 to 9 p.m.

Through a selection of four sessions from *'Listening to Indigenous Voices'* interested participants will meet once a month to reflect upon past wrongs that have been inflicted upon Indigenous communities, and how we can move towards right relationships with Indigenous peoples as a society and as a church community based upon a renewed respect and celebration.

Donut Sunday – January 8

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.



2023 Offertory Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2023 are available at the back of the church along with the Pre-Authorized Giving Plan Form (PAG). Instructions are on the form. The boxed sets are organized alphabetically. Please make sure to pick up only the box with your name on it.

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE 2023 ENVELOPES UNTIL THE NEW YEAR BEGINS

Winter clothing for Winter Welcome Table

The parish is collecting clean winter coats, sweaters and winter clothing for distribution among those who attend the Winter Welcome Table for a warm meal. Toiletries and unused socks are also in great demand. Please donate in the boxes at the doors of the Church.

New Sunday Missals

The 2022-2023 Sunday Missals for the new liturgical year are available at the Parish office or at the back of the Church. Cost is **\$7.00**. Kindly place the amount in the box placed at the Centre of the isle when you pick up the missal from the Church.



Please consider Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG)

The Pre-Authorized Giving Plan, authorized and supported by the Archdiocese of Toronto, is a direct debit program allowing you to support our Parish through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Now you can lend us your support in the same manner that you currently pay many of your current financial obligations without writing cheques or searching your wallet for cash every Sunday. PAG brochures and sign-up forms are available at the back of the Church and in the parish office. The form is also available on our website for download. To enroll in this convenient program, simply fill out the form, attach a void cheque and drop it into the weekly collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. For additional information on PAG please contact the parish office.

A Christmas Prayer

O Sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love and give us your heavenly peace. Amen

-St. John XXIII