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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 (March 30, 2024) and the group will continue to meet until the end of the Pentecost season (June 2024).

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).

Social Justice Committee Meeting- Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

The mission statement of the parish’s Social Justice committee states: “The Social Justice Committee of St. Peter’s Parish seeks to create a window that provides opportunities for formation, greater Parish engagement and collaboration on social justice issues and activities.” If you are interested in joining this effort, please attend our next meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Being the Person God Wants You to Be (come): Virtues, Vices, and the Image of God - Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, and 18 at 7PM by Meghan Bowen

Over four talks, Meghan will discuss Catholic teachings on how to live the moral life so that we can become more and more in the image of God. The talks will cover the topics of the moral life as part of our loving relationship with God (Sept. 27), how we learn to be virtuous and form our conscience (Oct. 4), what the virtues are and how we live them out (Oct. 11), and how our sins help us learn to be better (Oct. 18). All presentations will begin at 7PM in the auditorium. Meghan is a PhD Candidate at Regis College, studying Moral Theology. She also holds an MA Theology from Saint Paul University (Ottawa). Her current research on is St. Augustine’s theology of marriage. Meghan Bowen is a PhD candidate at Regis College (Toronto). Her research examines Augustine’s theology of marriage within his historical context in hopes of bringing new insights and consideration to current theological discussions of marriage. Along with an MA Theology (Saint Paul University, Ottawa), Meghan also holds an MA Ethnomusicology (Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John’s).

Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Michael & Conferral of the Pallium upon the Most Rev. Francis Leo

Friday, September 29, 2023 – 5:30 p.m. – St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our archdiocesan patron, St. Michael, on Friday, September 29, 2023. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.). Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael’s Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful. Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments.

■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Fall Fair – Sept. 30 & Oct. 1.

Sat. Sept. 30 – 12 noon – 7:00 PM

Sun. Oct. 1– 10 AM – 3:00 PM

Please deliver your donations to the parish office during office hours. This year, the Winter Welcome Table is in need of funding, so a good portion of the proceeds will be donated to funding that project. Thank you!

Please Get Involved

The parish invites parishioners to consider getting involved in different ministries. Please consider attending workshops in the **Church**:

Eucharistic Ministry for the Sick and Shut-in – Saturday, **September 23** from 2 pm – 3 pm
Lectors Ministry – Saturday, **September 30**, from 2 pm – 3 pm
Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality - Saturday, **October 7**, from 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Eucharistic Ministry- Saturday, **October 21**, from 2 pm – 3 pm
Please call the parish office at 416-534-4219 to register

Lunch Supervisor

St. Bruno St. Raymond Catholic School is looking for two (2) parents or community members who would be interested in a Lunchtime Supervisor position at the school. Lunch Time Supervisors work daily, Monday – Friday, 11:15 am- 12:15 pm and assist staff with the safe supervision of students. If you or someone you know are interested in this paid position, please contact the school principal, Anne Marie Cassin, at annemarie.cassin@tcdsb.org or at the school 416 393 5276.

An Introduction to the Liturgy of the Roman Rite

Join Fr. Michael McGourty, lecturer in liturgy at St. Augustine's Seminary and pastor of St. Peter's Church, in a brief exploration of the liturgy of the Roman Rite. Those subjects explored will include: An Introduction to the Theology of the Liturgy (**September 21**); The History of the Roman Rite (**October 5**); The Rites for Christian Initiation of Adults (**October 12**); The Role of Music in the Liturgy with Mr. Lee, director of Music at St. Peter's Church (**October 26**); Infant Baptism (**November 9**); The Eucharist (**November 16**); The Sacrament of Penance (**November 30**); The Rite of Marriage (**December 7**); Pastoral care of the Sick (**December 14**); The Funeral Liturgy (**December 21**). All talks will take place on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of St. Peter's Church, at 840 Bathurst. Access to the auditorium through the doors under the archway connecting the church to the rectory. Regrettably, St. Peter's auditorium is not accessible.

Parish Finances

Offering Sept. 2-3 2023

Envelopes:	\$2243.15
Loose:	\$453.15
PAG:	\$1089.00
TOTAL	\$3785.30

Cinnamon Roll Sunday, Sept. 10, This Sunday

Join us this Sunday, Sept. 10, following the 11:15 am Mass for a dessert themed Coffee Hour. All are welcome!

Bereavement Support Group – Sept. 28 – Oct. 26

A five (5) week bereavement support group will be starting at St. Peter's Parish starting on **Thursday, September 28 to October 26, 2023** from 1:30 - 3:00 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: Mary Benincasa

Fall Fair Flower Donation

If you are interested in making a meaningful contribution, we kindly request that you provide your name, contact information, and a **\$20** contribution to Diana at the parish office. To ensure timely arrangements, we plan to place the flower order on **September 18th**. Therefore, we kindly ask you to submit your donation and information to the parish office before this date.

Additionally, we wish to express our gratitude to our generous sponsors by featuring their names alongside the flowers – for instance, "Donated by: Donor's Name." Following the fair, the beautiful floral arrangements will be available for the donors to take home, allowing the beauty and memories of the Fall Fair to linger on.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to contribute to our Fall Fair's ambiance and success.

"God's love for us is not greater in heaven than it is now."

– St. Thomas Aquinas