HIGHLIGHTED

First Confession, First Communion & Confirmation Prep for 2023 ~ 2024

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 ***– Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 7-8 pm or Saturday, November 18, 2022 at 2 -3 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 – ***Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at 7-8 pm or Saturday, November 25, 2023 at 2-3 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.

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.

Invite a Friend to Become Catholic!

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).

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. 9-10, 2023

Envelopes:	$2903.00
Loose:	$397.75
PAG:	$1089.00
TOTAL	$4389.75

"Above all, maintain constant love for one another for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining."

- **1 Peter 4:8:9**

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.



AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Call for Volunteers: Fall Fair Bake Table

Get Ready to spice up the Fall Fair with your delectable creations! We re looking for generous bakers to contribute their homemade goodies to our Bake Table. Your treats will make this year's fair unforgettable!

Date/Time: Saturday, **September 30th, 12 pm to 7 pm** and Sunday, **October 1, 10 am to 3 pm**
Location: St. Peter's Parish, 840 Bathurst St; across from the Bathurst Subway, Auditorium entrance is under the Archway
What we need: Cookies, Pies, Cakes, Muffins, Brownies, any Fall-themed treats
Your support sweetens our Fall Fair! To sign up or learn more, please contact the parish office at 416-534-4219. Let's Make this Fall Fair a tasty success together! Fall Fair Baking.

Thanksgiving Food-Drive for the Good Shepherd Mission - Oct. 7 & 8

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 on the ***Thanksgiving weekend – October 7 & 8.***

Needs of the Church in Canada Special Collection, September 23-24

There will be a second collection next weekend for the ***Needs of the Church in Canada.*** Your gifts are used by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity. Thank you for your support of this important work.

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.

Memorial Mass on First Friday October 6 at 7 PM

The monthly memorial Mass will take place on Friday, October 6, at 7:00 pm to commemorate the anniversaries of the deceased friends and family members. To enroll a family member for whom there is an anniversary of death, please call the parish office ahead of time during office hours.

Coming up: Cookie Sunday, October 8 following the 11:15 AM Mass. All are welcome!