

## HIGHLIGHTED

### Heavens Declare the Glory of God: How Faith Illuminates Philosophy and Science –Fr. Peter Turrone

Science and philosophy are necessary disciplines to help us understand the universe we inhabit. However, they alone do not provide an adequate understanding of ultimate meaning and purpose that religion alone can provide. Using the analogy of mountain, Fr Turrone will provide a framework grounded in our Catholic faith for discerning both the usefulness and limitations of both science and philosophy. Thereafter, he will reflect upon how all of this knowledge is meant to shape our lives for the better.

Fr. Peter Turrone Graduated with a PhD in Medical Science and Neuroscience from the University of Toronto in the area of psychiatry. Entered Consolata Missionary Institute seminary immediately upon graduating. After completing a Philosophy degree was sent to Rome for theological studies at Urbaniana University. Thereafter, ministered in the Gobi Desert of Mongolia for three years. Upon returning to Canada, remained in Toronto and worked in various parishes, including The Newman Centre Catholic Mission at U of T. Current Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish. He is a Benedictine Oblate novice with Saint Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

**Date:** February 1, 2024

**Where:** Church Auditorium

**Time:** 7:00 PM

*The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

### Call for Volunteers: Mardi Gras and Valentine's Celebration

#### Pancake Breakfast

**MARDI  
GRAS**

Save the date! On February 11th, 2024, join us for a delectable pancake breakfast following the 11:15 AM family mass, as we celebrate Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day in style. To make this event a memorable success, we are seeking volunteers to contribute their time and skills in various capacities:

**Volunteers To Make Pancake:** Assist with making pancakes.

**Decor:** Decorate the auditorium.

**Table Setup/Clean-Up Crew:** Help create a welcoming atmosphere by assisting with the setup and ensuring cleanliness throughout the event.

**Other Dynamic Roles:** Ready to assist with any other duties that may arise during the festivities.

To express your interest and become a part of this celebration, kindly provide your name and email to the parish office. Reach out to them at 416-534-4219. Volunteers are requested to gather at the church auditorium at 9: AM on February 11, 2024, for a morning filled with cooking, set-up, and preparation. Let's come together to make this event a fun occasion for everyone!



### 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?**

## ■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

### Lent Begins on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 (Ash Wednesday)



The 40 days of Lent are a special time of spiritual renewal in the Church. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. The parish will have two Masses on Ash Wednesday with the distribution of Ashes. These will be at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM in the Church. During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed Friday evenings in the Church after 7:00 PM Mass.

**On Ash Wednesday,  
confessions will take place in  
the Church after 7 PM Mass  
until 9 PM**

### Memorial Mass on First Friday Feb. 2 at 7 PM

The monthly memorial Mass will take place on Friday, Feb. 2, 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. Please call the parish office ahead of time during office hours to enroll your deceased family members

### Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church takes place Monday to Friday after the 8:00 AM Mass until 9:30 AM. (No adoration on Statutory holiday)

### Pancake Breakfast on Feb. 11, 2024

Join us on Sunday Feb. 11, for pancake breakfast following the 11:15 AM mass, as we celebrate Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day.

### 2024 Offertory Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2024 are available at the back of the church. Please make sure to pick up only the box with your name on it.

### Winter clothing for Winter Welcome Table

The parish is collecting clean winter coats, sweaters, **men's pants and boots, blankets, sleeping bags** 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.

### From the St. Peter's Social Justice Committee

***Wednesday February 7, 2024  
7:00– 8:30 p.m. Rector's***

Please join us for conversation and information about four actions that we can take towards the climate emergency. Following a presentation on Pope Francis' Laudate Deum, at our last meeting, the following actions emerged as doable ways to make a difference:

1. Reduce our consumption of meat.
2. Host Parish events on COPs (Conference of Parties) and provide the "faith" connections for climate action.
3. Reduce the use and need for plastics.
4. Attend climate rallies.

As we approach the Lenten Season, consider giving up practices that hurt the environment.

### Celebration of Marriage Sunday Mass Feb. 11, 2024 at 3:00 pm

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via [livestream Mass](#). The broadcast will begin at 2:45 p.m.

Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).

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**"But he Lord is faithful,  
he will strengthen you  
and guard you from the  
evil one." – 2**

**Thessalonians 3:3**