

HIGHLIGHTED

6th Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024

ShareLife

ShareLife: Live the Gospel by supporting our vulnerable brothers and sisters

ShareLife Sunday is June 2 and we call upon your compassionate hearts to support ShareLife. Through your love, Catholic agencies bring the hands of Christ to the most vulnerable members of our community. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Mark your calendars for the highly anticipated St. Peter's Parish Summer Fair 2024!

SUMMER FAIR

With delicious BBQ and desserts, a wide selection of books, a flea market full of hidden treasures, and exciting games and crafts, this event promises to be a fun-filled experience for the whole family. Join us on **Saturday, June 22 from 1 pm- 7pm and Sunday, June 23 from 10 am - 1 pm** at our church auditorium located across from the Bathurst subway station. Don't miss out on this wonderful community gathering!

Looking to get involved in the St. Peter's Parish Summer Fair 2024, June 22-23?

We'd love your help! Whether you're interested in volunteering or showcasing your baking skills, we welcome your participation. To learn more, please call the parish office and let us know how you'd like to contribute. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of our vibrant community event!

Catholic Education Week – May 5 - 10, 2024 — “We Are Called To Love”

During Catholic Education Week (May 5 – 10, 2024), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to live lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: www.togetherinfaith.ca.

Pope's Pastoral Works Collection – May 5

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Please give generously.

Cupcake Sunday – May 19

Join us on Sunday May 19, following the 11:15 am Mass for a dessert themed Coffee Hour. Come for coffee, a featured dessert, friendly conversations and family activities.



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

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St. Vincent De Paul Bundle Up Weekend - May 11th and May 12th

Saint Vincent de Paul will be collecting new and gently used items for local charities, special works and its clothing stores, **Saturday May 11th and Sunday May 12th open between 8am – 6pm.** A van will be parked on Markham Street behind the church. We will accept – all clothing, footwear, bedding, drapery/towels both new and used; also children's toys – new only. We will not be accepting baby items (e.g., car seats, strollers, etc.), construction materials, dishes, furniture, nor books/video/audio/DVDs. A great opportunity for spring cleaning and to help the needy.

Singing as the Body of Christ: Congregational Song Workshop – May 21 in Church – 7 pm

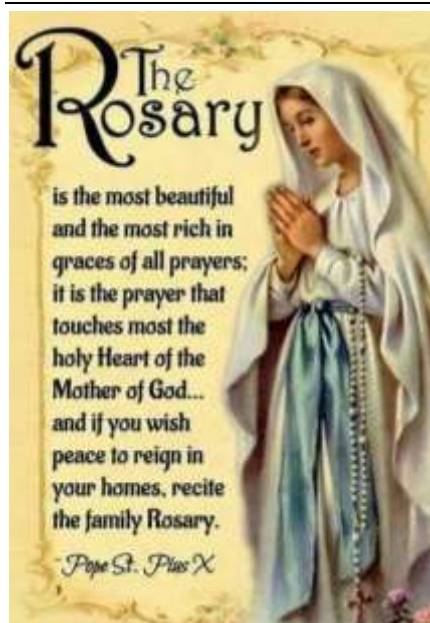
“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.” (Colossians 3:16) **On Tuesday, May 21 at 7 pm in Church,** join Christina Labriola and parish music director Roy Lee for a practical music workshop held in the church. We will reflect on the importance of congregational song in the life of the Church, and then put this into practice by learning to sing selected chants and hymns together.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

St. Peter's Seniors Group of Wisdom – May 23

At this meeting, there will be a presentation on the computer technology support services. “Connected Canadians” is a not-for-profit group dedicated to removing digital barriers by providing free technology training and support to older Canadians (50 and over) across the country. The St. Peter's Wisdom Group would like to invite all interested parishioners to come and learn about the range of tutorials, workshop skills and customized one-on-one mentorship offered by Connected Canadians, and how to access these services. The presentation will take place on **May 23 at 9:30 in our Parish Auditorium** and will be delivered by a Connected Canadians mentor virtually through a live Zoom link. The meeting will be broadcast on the auditorium projector screen so we will be able to see him on-screen and pose any questions we may have. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to learn about this valuable resource!



St. Peter's Seniors Group of Wisdom – May 9

Please join the St. Peter's Group of Wisdom for a lovely morning of classical strings music on **May 9, 2024 at 9:30-11:00am in the Parish Auditorium.** Wonderfully talented and creative musicians, Sebastian Ostertag and Eric Kim-Fujita will present a kaleidoscopic exploration of the season of “summer”, with music for violin and cello. Featuring works by Antonio Vivaldi, Astor Piazzola, and Hans Richter, the duo will showcase the many virtuosic and expressive influences that this season has had on composers throughout the ages. Sebastian and Eric are members of Toronto's Interro String Quartet and perform regularly throughout the GTA and beyond. Sebastian is also Director at Sistema Toronto, a remarkable not-for-profit organization providing ensemble-based music education to children in underserved communities.

Parish Finances

Offering April 20-21, 2024

Envelopes:	\$2241.65
Loose:	\$596.25
PAG:	\$1023.00
Total	\$3860.90

Offering April 27-28, 2024

Envelopes:	\$3378.00
Loose:	\$655.20
PAG:	\$1023.00
Total	\$5056.20

“Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.” – Psalm 55:22