

## HIGHLIGHTED

### 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 (April 19, 2025) and the group will continue to meet until the end of the Pentecost season (June 2025).

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).

### Diving Deeper into Our Faith

Are you interested in learning more about our Catholic faith? Do you have questions or want to grow in your understanding of God, the history of the Church, prayer, social justice? Join us this year for four series that will address these topics.

St. Peter's Church will offer an adult faith formation program, animated by Sonal Castelino, M. Div, (Director of Mission and Ministry at the University of St. Michael's College), on **Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm beginning on September 18.**

There will be four different series of talks on : 1) God and the Trinity; 2) The Church and Christian Community; 3) Catholic Social and Moral Teaching; and 4) Christian Spirituality and Prayer. Each series will run 5-6 weeks. Exact topics and dates will be listed on information to come in the near future.

Please plan on attending on Wednesday evenings during the coming year!



### 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



## ■ ■ AROUND SAINT PETER'S

### Please Get Involved

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

#### Lectors Ministry –

Saturday, September 7 from 2 pm – 3:30 pm

**Eucharistic Ministers** - Saturday, September 28 from 2 pm – 3:30 pm

#### Altar Servers Ministry –

Saturday, October 5 from 1:30 pm – 3 pm

#### Ushers and Ministers of

**Hospitality** - Saturday, October 19, from 2:00 pm– 3:30 pm

**Please call the parish office at 416-534-4219 to register**

### ShareLife: Answer the call to compassion

100,000 people in Toronto are expected to turn to food charities for the first time in 2024. Through our parish's support, ShareLife, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto and a generous anonymous donor are committing \$750,000 to fund food banks and meal programs throughout the Archdiocese.

Reaching our parish campaign goal will help to make these grants possible. We have currently raised **\$43,422.90** towards our suggested goal of **\$57,500.00**. Please help combat hunger at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate) or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for your compassion.

### Eucharistic Adoration

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

### Call for Volunteers for the Fall Fair

We are excited to announce the annual Fall Fair, scheduled for **October 19 and October 20** and we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to make this event a huge success!

#### Date/ Time:

Saturday, Oct. 19, 12 pm to 7 pm

Sunday, Oct. 20, 10 am to 3 pm

#### Location:

St. Peter's Parish, Toronto

840 Bathurst St. Across from the Bathurst Subway

Auditorium Entrance is under the Archway

#### Volunteer Opportunities:

🏠 Booth Attendants

🎨 Arts and Crafts Assistants

🍰 Food/ Dessert: Bakers and Chefs.

🎵 Stage Performer Assistants

🧹 Setup and Cleanup Crew

#### Why Volunteer?

☐ Connect with your community

🕒 Receive volunteer hours for school/ other

🍰 Enjoy delicious fair food!

#### How to Sign Up:

To join our dedicated team of volunteers and for more information please leave your name and email with the parish office, telephone number 416-534-4219.

Let's make this year's Fall Fair the best one yet! We can't wait to see you there!

### Feast of the Nativity Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Bereavement Support Group

St. Peter's Bereavement Support Group will be meeting on the 2nd Friday of the month beginning **Friday, September 13 from 10 am to 11:30 am** in the rectory. Refreshments provided.

This spiritual reflection and support ministry is open to all whose lives have been touched by the loss of a loved one. Please register at the parish office (416-534-4219) or email:

[contactus@stpeterstontoronto.ca](mailto:contactus@stpeterstontoronto.ca)

Facilitator: Mary Benincasa

### From the Office of Catholic Youth



#### ♦ Jubilee of Youth

Join Fr. Paul Magyar and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a life time!

**Young Adults (19-39)**

**July 23 – Aug. 5, 2025**

**Rome, Italy**

Email: [youth@archtoronto.org](mailto:youth@archtoronto.org)

#### ♦ Renew

**Annual Young Adult (19-39)**

**Nov. 23 – Nov. 24, 2024**

**Canada Event Centre**

**300 Water St, Whitby**

[www.renewtoronto.org](http://www.renewtoronto.org)

#### ♦ Spiritus Ministry

East-West-York-Durham-Central-North

**Young adult ministry serving in 6 regions of our Archdiocese**

**Email:**

[spiritusministry@gmail.com](mailto:spiritusministry@gmail.com)

**Instagram: @spiritusministry**

### Parish Finances

**Offering Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 2024**

Envelopes: \$2242.00

Loose: \$440.95

PAG: \$1023.00

**Total \$3705.95**