

## HIGHLIGHTED

### First Confession, First Communion & Confirmation Prep for 2024 ~ 2025

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 – **Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 2-3 pm or Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 7-8 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 – **Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 2-3 pm or Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 7-8 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](http://www.religioused.stpeterstoronto.ca), for further details and information about this year's programme

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### Mass for Anointing of the Sick - Sunday, September 29 at 1:30 PM

The parish will celebrate a Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick on Sunday, September 29, at **1:30 PM.** The Sacrament of the sick can be celebrated for any person who is ill and in danger of death or elderly. The sacrament is intended to bring physical and spiritual healing to those who are seriously ill. It also asks God for the grace to accept the suffering that comes with serious illness or diminished health due to age. If this applies to you or anyone you know, please consider attending or telling others about this celebration.

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### Thanksgiving Food-Drive for the Good Shepherd Mission - Oct. 12 & 13

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 Oct.12 & 13.

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### 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 pm to 8:30 pm.** The next series will be on **Wed. Sept. 25.** The topic will be on **"God the Creator" in the Church auditorium.** 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!



### Memorial Mass on Friday, Oct. 4 at 7 PM

The parish will celebrate the First Friday Memorial Mass on Friday, October 4 at 7 pm. To enroll a family member for whom there is an anniversary of death, please call the parish office ahead of time during office hours.

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**"So that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God." – Colossians 1:10**

## ■ ■ 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**:

**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**

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

*Wednesday, September 25, 2024 – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.*

With so many important social justice issues facing the world and our local communities, please join us to discuss our next steps as a Parish Committee. All are welcome.

### Needs of the Church in Canada Special Collection, Sept. 28-29

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

### Parish Finances

*Offering Sept. 14-15, 2024*

Envelopes: \$2317.70

Loose: \$545.72

PAG: \$1023.00

**Total \$3886.42**

### Fall Fair CANCELLED for 2024

**EVENT CANCELLED**

This past July, the parish auditorium and kitchen were severely flooded. There are still extensive repairs required in the kitchen. Although the contractors have said that the repairs will be done soon, we cannot move forward with the Fall Fair given the uncertainty of the timeline. With much of the space in the basement requiring work, we are also unable to accept any donations at this time. The fair will not be rescheduled for this year and will hopefully return for 2025!

### Blessing of Pets – Feast of St. Francis of Assisi – Oct. 4

In honour of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, the parish will celebrate the blessing of pets on **Friday, October 4, 2024 at 6:30 pm** outside the main doors of the Church. All pets and owners are welcome. For the safety of all people and animals, all pets must be leashed, caged or held in owners' control.

### New Life Springs Forth: Taizé Prayer in the Season of Creation – Oct. 3, 7:30 – 8:30 pm

*Taizé*  
In this Season of Creation, join the FCJ sisters and friends for an evening of Taizé prayer as we celebrate the gift of life and new hope. See you on **Thursday, Oct. 3 from 7:30 – 8:30 pm** in the main Church. All are welcome!

### Bereavement Support Group

St. Peter's Bereavement Support Group will be meeting on the 2nd Friday of the month. The next meeting will take place on **Friday, October 11 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@stpeterstoronto.ca](mailto:contactus@stpeterstoronto.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**

**“My past, O Lord, to your mercy; my present, to your love; my future to your providence.”**

**— St. Padre Pio – Pray for us!**

**Feast Day, Sept. 23**

**Sept. 21-22, 2024**

**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PETER'S IN YOUR WILL**