

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, for further details and information about this year's programme

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.

Diving Deeper into Our Faith – Oct. 9

St. Peter's Church offers 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 in the Church auditorium.** The next series will be on **Wed. Oct. 9.** The topic will be on **"Jesus' Earthly Ministry – Cost of discipleship"**

Ministry Workshop

The parish invites parishioners to consider attending workshop in the Church to those interested:

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

Volunteer Facilitators Needed for Children's Liturgy

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help lead our Children's Liturgy during the 11:15 am Mass on Sundays. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage with our young parishioners and share the joy of faith with them.

Commitment: Once a month rotation

Role: Facilitator for Children's Liturgy

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our parish office at: 416-534-4219 or email: contactus@stpeterstoronto.ca

Thank you for considering this rewarding opportunity to serve our community!

Winter Welcome Table Organizing Meeting – Monday – Oct. 7 at 7:00 pm

There will be a meeting for all volunteers to organize the Winter Welcome Table meal on Monday, October 7, at 7:00 pm in the parish auditorium. All interested are welcome!



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Someone to Talk to in a Difficult Time

Need to Talk?

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

FREE Catholic Estate Planning Webinar Saturday, October 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

How to avoid problems: in your Will, with the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection

How to create your own legacy
About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. Scan this QR code: 
2. Follow this QR link: qrco.de/Web_Oct19
3. Send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar October 19" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

Parish Finances

Offering Sept. 28-29, 2024

Envelopes:	\$3796.00
Loose:	\$542.60
PAG:	\$1023.00
Total:	\$5361.60

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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

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

♦ Renew

Annual Young Adult (19-39)

Nov. 23 – Nov. 24, 2024

Canada Event Centre

300 Water St, Whitby

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

Instagram: @spiritusministry

"So teach us to count
our days that we may
gain a wise heart"

-Psalm 90:12