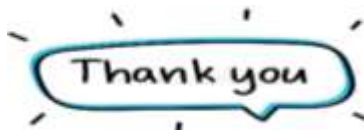


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Thank YOU!

Thank you to all who helped to make our Christmas celebrations so beautiful through music, service, donations and decorations. Thank you also to the many parishioners for your Christmas cards, gifts and food to Fr. Michael and the St. Peter's staff during the Christmas season.

New Year Blessings!

May God be with you and your family through this New Year 2023 and fill your lives with comfort, love and cheer. May this day and the days ahead, hold many blessings for you and yours. Happy New Year!

~ Fr. Michael and the parish staff~

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 31

5:00 p.m.: New Year's Eve Mass

New Year's Day, Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025

10:00 a.m.: Mass



Wednesday, January 1, 2025 New Year's Day

The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2025 for New Year's Day.

Cookie Sunday, Jan. 12

Join us on Sunday, Jan. 12, 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 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 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?

First Communion and Confirmation Prep Class – Saturday, January 11, 2025

The First Communion class will take place on Saturday, January 11, 2025 from **11:00 am – 12 noon** in the Church Auditorium and the Confirmation class will also take place on Saturday, January 11, 2025 from **3:00 – 4:30 pm** in the Church Auditorium. Looking forward to seeing you there!



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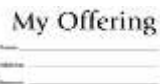
Winter clothing for Winter Welcome Table

The parish is collecting **CLEAN** winter coats, sweaters 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. Please wash any used clothing before donating. Thank you for your understanding in this regard!

Memorial Mass on First Friday Jan. 3, 2025 at 7 PM

This will take place on Jan. 3 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.

2025 Offertory Envelopes



Offertory Envelopes for 2025 are available at the back of the church along with the Pre-Authorized Giving Plan Form (PAG). Please make sure to pick up only the box with your name on it. Thank you!

PLEASE DO NOT USE 2025 ENVELOPES UNTIL THE NEW YEAR BEGINS

Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2025 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422

Diving Deeper into Our Faith – Jan. 8

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. Jan. 8. The topic will be on "The Greatest Commandment is Love: What do we do with this?"**

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."
-Numbers 6:24-26



From the office of the Catholic Youth

Spiritus Ministry is a regional Young Adult Ministry serving those ages 19-39 in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Spiritus Ministry hosts monthly ministry nights centred on prayer, theology, social issues, fellowship, and catechesis. Our young adult ministry also has a focus on community building including social activities and outreach initiatives. We are currently in 6 regions of the Archdiocese:

Central (Downtown Toronto, Midtown, North York), **Durham** (Ajax, Oshawa, Pickering, Whitby), **East** (Scarborough, East York), **North** (Alliston, Barrie, Bradford, Newmarket), **West** (Brampton, Etobicoke, Mississauga), and **York** (Markham, Richmond Hill, Stouffville, Vaughan). Please email youth@archtoronto.org to find out more about Spiritus Ministry and other young adult initiatives.

Follow us on Instagram to stay up to date - @spiritusministry (<https://www.instagram.com/spiritusministry/>)

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, January 10, 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