HIGHLIGHTED



Thank YOU!

We offer many thanks to all who worked so hard for a successful Fall Fair this year. There were many people who donated, worked and contributed to this success. Just as important to the success of the Fall Fair is the involvement of so many parish people and groups. Much gratitude is extended to all involved. THANK YOU!!!

Lectors Workshop – Sat. Oct. 31

We are pleased to announce that Beth, a former parishioner and friend from St. Gertrude's in Oshawa, will be joining us on **Saturday**, **October 31, from 1:00–3:00 p.m.** in the Church auditorium, to lead a workshop for all current and prospective lectors.

There will also be an optional hands-on training session at the ambo/pulpit inside the church, which will be especially helpful in putting the learning into practice.

Beth brings professional experience in management coaching and development, along with a deep understanding of the importance of the lectors' ministry. This workshop will help us proclaim the Word of God clearly and confidently while appreciating the honour, responsibility, and seriousness of this ministry.

A full turnout is expected, and I am asking each person to respond personally to confirm their attendance.

Congratulations and Prayerful Best Wishes to Sr. Audrey, FCJ

We joyfully congratulate **Sr. Audrey** on the occasion of her **Final Profession of Vows** with the **Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus** on Wednesday, Oct. 14. We give thanks to God for her generous and faithful response to His call and pray that He will continue to bless and strengthen her in her vocation and ministry.

A special thank-you to Sr. Audrey for sharing her gifts and leading our parish community in **Taizé Prayer**. We are grateful for the beautiful opportunity to pray together in a spirit of peace, reflection, and communion.

Congratulations, Sr. Audrey! You remain in our prayers as you continue this beautiful journey of faith and service.

Boiler Announcement

This past week we accepted the low bid quote to replace our 2 Church boilers for a cost of **$75,000** before taxes and an additional **$2000** for gas TSSA certificates.

Bringing matters to a close was not as straight forward as I had hoped and I thank the Lord through the intercession of Padre Pio surrender novena prayer for bringing the matter to conclusion.

Please continue to keep this project in your prayers for a safe, successful and happy installation as these boilers are big and heavy and we have a movie set deep dungeon of a boiler room.

Thanksgiving Food-Drive for the Good Shepherd Mission - Oct. 10 & 11 THIS WEEKEEND

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 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 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 this Thanksgiving weekend Oct.10 & 11

Life Saint Board

This October, ***The Saint Life*** board highlights **St. Francis of Assisi**, whose witness of simplicity, peace, care for creation, and love for Christ speaks especially powerfully during this ***Year of St. Francis***. Be sure to visit the board this month to learn more about his life and reflect on how his example can shape our own discipleship

AROUND SAINT PETER'S

Winter Welcome Table Organizing Meeting- Monday, October 19 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium of St. Peter's Church.

There will be a meeting for all volunteers interested in assisting with the Winter Welcome Table Meal at St. Peter's Church on Monday, October 19th in the parish auditorium of St. Peter's Church. This has been a joint venture between the parishes of St. Joan of Arc and St. Peter's for many years and volunteers are much needed. All interested are welcome

Taizé Prayer Service of Thanksgiving – Oct. 29

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, the FCJ sisters and friends invite you to a gentle evening of Taizé prayer — quiet song, scripture, and silence — as we give thanks for God's blessings and reflect on the changing seasons of our lives. Join us in this time of gratitude and peace, to rest in God's presence and be renewed in hope, on **Thursday, October 29, from 7.30 - 8.30pm**.

Widow's Peer Support Group

The next meeting for Widow's Peer Support Group will be held on **Thursday, October 16** in the office rectory from **10:00 am – 11:30 am.** Those interested are welcome to join this group.

"For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit

- **Romans 14:17**

Municipal Elections 2026 – Cast Your Vote!

A municipal election will be held on Monday, October 26, 2026. All Catholics are strongly encouraged to exercise their democratic right to vote. To help learn more about the candidates for Catholic School Board Trustee, Cardinal Leo has given permission for these candidates (or their volunteers) to distribute literature to parishioners departing Mass on weekends from October 3/4 through October 24/25. We hope you'll take the time to get to know those seeking elected office for this important role.

To ensure your vote for Catholic School Board Trustee, at the polling booth, verify that you are registered as a separate school supporter. If your support status is incorrect ask for an Application to Amend Voters' List. This form may be completed and submitted at the polling station. Thank you for your interest and involvement in this fall's municipal election

Thanksgiving Monday – Oct. 12

The parish office will be closed due to Thanksgiving holiday on Monday, October 12. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM in the Church and there will be no adoration on that day.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Fr. Michael and the Parish Staff!



World Mission Sunday – Oct 17-18

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.

Recommended Spiritual Books

* ***The Story of a Soul, Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux,***
John Clarke, O.C.D., ICS Publications

* ***True Devotion to Mary***
St. Louis-Marie Grignion De Montfort
Tan Books and Publishers, Inc.

* ***The Confession of St. Augustine***
John K. Ryan, Images Books Doubleday

* ***Introduction to the Devout Life, St. Francis de Sales***
John K. Ryan, Image Books

* ***The Imitation of Christ, William*** C. Creasy, Ava Maria Press

Parish Finances

Offering October 3-4, 2026

Envelopes:	$2574.00
Loose:	$720.35
PAG:	$993.00
TOTAL	***$4287.35***

"All the wealth in the world cannot be compared with the happiness of living together happily united."

-St. Marquerite d'Youville