



The Church of Saint-Simon-the-Apostle

Announcements

October 9, 2016

Welcome to St Simon's: If you are a newcomer, visiting for the first time or a parishioner we are glad you are with us and look forward to meeting you after the liturgy.

Coffee hour takes place after the 10:30 am service - please join us; and if you would like more information about our parish life please speak with our priest or one of the greeters. You can also fill out the information form in the pew and give it to a sides-person, or put it on the offering plate.

We appreciate your givings and remind you that in order to receive a tax receipt your envelope number or name & address should accompany all donations. Also, please do not leave your valuables unattended.

Pastoral Care is available for the home-bound parishioners, those in hospital and for other spiritual needs. Please contact the office if you or someone you know who would like a visit from one of our Lay Pastoral Visitors or Father Geoffrey.

In your prayers this week, please remember . . .

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: *The Church in the Province of the West Indies*

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Foodbanks and food sharing ministries; Colin, Archbishop. Patrick, Area Bishop.*

Outreach and Advocacy Cycle: *St. Simon-the-Apostle, Toronto, its after-school program, support of Codrington College in Barbados, and the local food bank, and its work with St Simon's Shelter for homeless men; and for St. Stephen, Downsview, St. Stephen's Community Ministries, the homework club, mentoring, and recreation programs of the Downsview Youth Covenant, and the St. Stephen/St. Felix Café, providing free lunches to those in need.*

Parish Prayer Cycle: *Brooke Sales-Lee, Laurie Sanderson, Glenna Sims-Bonk, Robert Sloan.*

A Word from Fr Geoffrey

On Thursday, September 29, Diocesan Council approved the proposal to amalgamate the parishes of St Peter's Carleton Street and St Simon-the-Apostle. After much hard work to get here we now move into a new time of making this transition and welcome; we also await the official word from the Archbishop about the parish name – we expect this soon.

Sunday, October 23 is the last Sunday that St Peter's will worship in their historic location. We have accepted their invitation to join them for that final service, thus as communicated by the Wardens in September there will be only one service here that day, at 8:30 am – for the 10:30 am service we will join St Peter's. The following week, October 30, will be the first service of the amalgamated parish here when we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints. Bishop Patrick Yu will celebrate and preach and San Lorenzo Ruiz will join us. After the service there will be a lunch in the parish hall. We look forward to that celebration and to seeing you there.

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 2, 7 pm when we will celebrate a Requiem Eucharist for the Commemoration of All Souls, with the choir singing the Requiem by Gabriel Faure. A book is available at the back of the church for you to give names of departed loved ones you would like remembered during the liturgy. Please print names clearly.

At this season of thanksgiving we are grateful for the bounty of the earth, for the many blessings of this good land, for the incredible confidence God shows in us to be the Church today, and above all for God's gift of his son, Jesus Christ -- to quote the Prayer Book, "for the means of grace and the hope of glory". I commend to you the prayer of General Thanksgiving found on the last page of the *Book of Common Prayer*, and wish you and your loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving.

Geoffrey+

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Today: Harvest Thanksgiving

Services at 8:30 & 10:30

Wednesday, October 12

11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Anointing for Healing –
in the Chapel

Sunday, October 16 – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Holy Eucharist in the Chapel celebrated from
the *Book of Common Prayer* (in the chapel)

10:30 am Holy Eucharist (Traditional)

Last Tuesday of the Month: Taizé Prayer Service at 6 pm.

COMING DATES TO REMEMBER

ROTM fundraising concert: Saturday, October 15th

Shelter Fundraiser: Thursday, October 20th

All Souls Day – Gabriel Faure Requiem: Sunday, October 30th

Bishop Yu will preside

Requiem Eucharist: Wednesday, November 2nd 7pm

All Saints Festival: Sunday, November 6th

Advisory Board: Wednesday, November 16th

Announcement Submission Deadline

Wednesdays Noon

Please email office@stsimons.ca to submit announcements.

Our Facebook Page

Saint Simon's now has a very active and interesting Facebook page, maintained by Brooke Sales-Lee. It's a great way to keep up with activities and ideas between one Sunday and the next.

Name Tags are available in the lobby of the Church. Please wear yours, especially as we move towards amalgamation.

2017 Calendars for Sale

Church calendars will be ordered in mid-October. The calendar features photos of churches across Canada and is perfect for gift giving. To avoid disappointment, pre-order your calendar(s) by contacting the church office (416-923-8714, ext. 201) by Monday, October 17. A limited number of calendars will also be available on Sundays during the Fall. The cost is \$5.00 each.

Altar Flowers

Each week parishioners are invited to place memorial/thanksgiving flowers on the altar. Please speak with Barbara Towe (905) 294-7588 or see her in the parish hall to confirm flower dedications through to June. There are many dates still available and your participation is very much appreciated. Many Thanks, Barbara.

Saturday October 15th – Reaching Out Through Music

a programme to support the music education of children in the St James Town and Regent Park Communities is hosting a fundraising concert in the Church on Saturday, October 15th at 6 pm followed by a reception in the parish hall. ROTM is looking for volunteers to assist this event, both the concert and reception. If you are able to help please speak with Spencer Higgins.

Thursday October 20th – Shelter Fundraiser

At 6:30 pm onwards in the Parish Hall. It will be a beer tasting evening with upscale food catered by Polansky's and Nickel Brook. It promises to be a fun evening with lots of Trivia forming part of the evening. Tickets are \$75 available by calling the office - reserve yours today.

Sunday November 6th – All Saints Festival

Our patronal festival that was scheduled for Oct 30th has now been re-scheduled to Nov 6th to celebrate The Feast of All Saints. It will follow the traditional format, Choral Evensong at 4pm with dinner at 7pm and dancing with music led by the WinterGarten Orchestra. Tickets will be on sale 1st of October.

Wednesday November 16th – Truth and Reconciliation

A two-year lecture series hosted by Saint James Cathedral the next lecture is led by Dr. Brenda Wastasecoot. "Telling the Story of the Nikis: Memory Mapping and the Autoethnographic Journey of a Cree Adult Educator" The memory map of Nikis is a tool for storytelling and connecting with her audience to bring light to the impacts of the residential school policies for families who waited for their children to come home. At the heart of this story is the loss of a mother's embrace and the long walk back to finding self-love and recovery.