



St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle

Announcements

December 18, 2016

Welcome to St Peter & St Simon: 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: Kilmore; Elphin & Ardagh - (Armagh, Ireland)

Diocesan Cycle: Tecumseth Deanery

Colin, Archbishop. Patrick, Area Bishop.

Outreach and Advocacy Cycle: Anglican-United Refugee Alliance, and for all the parishes and community partners currently involved in refugee sponsorships; and for the Church of the Ascension, Don Mills, its Community Share Foodbank and ESL Programming

Parish Prayer Cycle: Roger Beyongyera, Francette Biakpa, Diane Birch, Colin & Susan Bird

Refugee Sponsorship

Refugee Resettlement Project: Mohammed Al-Bayati, the 28 year old Iraqi whom we sponsored this year, has now been with us for nearly four months. He is continuing to improve his English language skills by attending classes several times a week. He has recently been hired by Loblaws and will be starting regular work soon. He hopes eventually to be able to use his engineering background in Canada and become licensed as an engineer here. In late November we met with Mohammed and Ian McBride, Director of AURA, to look into the possibility of sponsoring his father, mother and sister and bring them to Canada. As is often the case, we anticipate that the process will take time – at least several months. In January 2017 we will meet with AURA officials to begin the process. Please pray for Mohammed and his family, that they may be reunited here in Canada. The Committee will keep the Parish up to date on what's happening as developments occur. Thank you to the many donors of both time and treasure in supporting Mohammed and his family. And we offer special thanks to the Krehm family for providing him with accommodation.

The Refugee Committee

New Parish Newsletter

We are planning to publish a new parish newsletter with the first issue planned for Lent/Easter 2017. Peggy Needham has agreed to be the Editor to gather articles, etc., but we also need someone to assist her to oversee the production. If you would like to assist with this project please speak with Peggy or Fr Geoffrey. We are also looking for a new name for the newsletter and welcome suggestions.

St Peter's Maple Lake

On behalf of the congregation of St Peter's Maple Lake I would like to thank the congregation of St Peter's Carlton for the lovely brass candle sticks. We are so pleased to have them to replace the ones that were stolen. From St Peter's Maple Lake

Keepers of the Water – This popular and 5th annual Vigil of Lament and Thanksgiving will be held on Wednesday January 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm at The Church of the Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, Toronto. It will be led by our newly consecrated Bishop of Trent-Durham, Riscylla Walsh Shaw, who is of Metis descent. This event is co-sponsored by The Urban Native Ministry and The Diocese of Toronto.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Today: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Services at 8:30 & 10:30 am

Lessons & Carols 4 pm

Wednesday, December 21: Feria

11 am – Holy Eucharist with Anointing for Healing (in the Chapel)



Advent and Christmas at

The Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle

Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24, 10 pm

Procession and Choral Eucharist celebrated with San Lorenzo Ruiz

Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25, 10:30 am

Sung Eucharist with Carols

Feast of the Epiphany – Sunday, January 1, 8:30 and 10:30 am

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

The Church office will be closed from December 24, 2016 - January 1, 2017

A Note from the Treasurer

Now that we are settling into our joint home, we are working on merging the administration, the banking and the tax filings. One thing we cannot merge just yet is tax receipts and charitable organizations. We have reached to the Canada Revenue Agency to advise them, and they have advised that they will approve a merged tax number as soon as they can for the Parish of St. Peter and St. Simon the Apostle. That is unlikely before the new year.

For this reason, we ask that all parishioners now make their regular donations only to the 'Parish of St. Simon'. Envelopes for this purpose will be available from the envelope secretary in the narthex. That means parishioners from St. Peter will get two charitable receipts in January, one from St. Peter (for ten months) and one from St. Simon's (for two months). Then on January 1, 2017, for tax reasons, we will change for tax purposes to the Parish of St. Peter and St. Simon the Apostle, with a single CRA charitable organization number at that time. You can therefore expect to receive tax receipts in the name of the legacy parishes for 2016 and from the combined parish for 2017. Please do reach out to the wardens, or to me, with any questions. Johan van 't Hof

Readers

Readers for December 2016 have been assigned and notified. A full schedule to the end of February 2017 will be available shortly. Please feel free to contact Winston Isaac at 905-799-2759 or email w.isaac@sympatico.ca Thanks, Winston

Christmas Flower Donation

If you would like to make a donation towards flowers for Christmas please use the envelopes found on the table at the back of the church include the particular memorial and/or thanksgiving you would like acknowledged.

Altar Flowers

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. Each week parishioners are invited to place memorial/thanksgiving flowers on the altar. Many Thanks, Barbara.

Our Facebook & YouTube Page

St. Peter & St. Simon's now has a very active and interesting YouTube and 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.

2017 Calendars for Sale

A limited number of church calendars will be available on Sundays. The cost is \$5.00 each.

Announcement Submission Deadline

Wednesdays Noon

Please email office@stsimons.ca to submit announcements.

Name Tags are available in the lobby of the Church. Please wear yours.

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Services

1st Sunday – Choral Eucharist (Traditional)

2nd Sunday – Choral Matins

3rd Sunday – Choral Eucharist (Traditional)

4th Sunday – Choral Eucharist (Contemporary)

Sunday Evensong – As Announced

Last Tuesday of the Month – Candlelight Evening Prayer

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