



St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle

Announcements

January 15, 2017

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: Kyoto & Kyushu - (Japan)

Diocesan Cycle: Victoria and Haliburton Deanery

Colin, Archbishop. Kevin, Area Bishop.

Outreach and Advocacy Cycle: Christ Church, St. James, and its support of the Daily Bread Food Bank in South Etobicoke and Stonegate Community Ecumenical Ministry; and for Christ Church Scarborough Village, its weekly Deacon's Cupboard emergency food bank, monthly community lunches, participation in Operation Backpack, and support of the Caring Alliance.

Parish Prayer Cycle: Richard Carrier-Bragg, Lavinia Carrigan, Christopher & Diana Carrington, David H.A. Carrington, Jr.

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 – Truth and Reconciliation

A two-year lecture series hosted by Saint James Cathedral the next lecture is led by Lee Maracle is one of the most prolific Indigenous authors in Canada and a recognized authority on issues pertaining to Indigenous people and Indigenous literature. She is an award-winning poet, novelist, performance storyteller, and keeper/mythmaker among the Stó:lō people. All are welcome. A light dinner will be served after the exercise. Admission is free, donations are accepted.

6:00pm Evening Prayer and Service of Light: A Candle-lit, Choral Contemplative Service

6:30pm Refreshments | 7:00pm Public Lecture, followed by Q&A

2017 Offertory Envelopes

Available for pick up today. Please see Keith Johnson or Paul Mitchell after the 10:30 a.m. service.

From Fr Geoffrey...

With the amalgamation and Advent/Christmas it has been an extremely busy time for us all, especially so for me as I had the honour to serve as the Co-ordinator of the Episcopal Consecration service that took place last week at St Paul's Bloor Street. I am grateful to have the opportunity for a weekend away. Today we are delighted to welcome The Reverend Beverley Williams as Celebrant and Preacher. Beverley is remembered fondly here when she served as Interim Priest last year. Beverley was recently appointed Director of Flemington Park and we wish her well in this new ministry. Beverley will return on Sunday, January 22nd at 10.30 am as Celebrant because that day I am participating in a pulpit exchange with the Churches of the St James' Town Coalition to celebrate the week of prayer for Christian Unity. (This was planned before we knew that Jeanette would be at St Barnabas!) The Reverend Wes Denyer from Rosedale Presbyterian will preach here, I will preach at St Andrew's United, and their pastor, Neil Young will be at Rosedale.

Please note, the Spiritual Development & Education series is being held here on Saturday, January 21, 28 and February 4; see information below. We are serving a light lunch and it would be helpful to know numbers for planning. I hope to see you there. Geoffrey+

Spiritual Development & Education

A Light to Lighten the Gentiles: The Apostle Paul and His Work

Join us for three morning sessions in Epiphany as we learn more about the New Testament, Paul the Apostle and the Epistle to the Philippians.

- Saturday January 21st – *New Testament Manuscripts: How They Came to Be & How Solid is the Evidence?*
- Saturday, January 28th – *An Introduction to Paul*
- Saturday, February 4th – *The Structure of Paul's Letters* with a focus on the Epistle to Philippians in particular.

Led by the Reverend Dr John Hurd, Retired New Testament Professor and Pauline Scholar (Trinity College, Toronto). All are welcome.

9:30 am: Morning Prayer/10:00 am: Seminar/12:00 noon: A Light Lunch will be served.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the binder at the back of the Church to give us an idea of numbers. We look forward to seeing you at these sessions.

THIS WEEK AT ST PETER & ST SIMON

Today: Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Services at 8:30 & 10:30 am

Wednesday, January 18: The Confession of St Peter the Apostle

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

7 pm – Advisory Meeting

Saturday, January 21: New Testament Manuscripts: How They Came to Be & How Solid is the Evidence?

Sunday, January 22: Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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

10:30 am Holy Eucharist with Anointing for Healing (Contemporary) Preacher The Rev'd Wes Denyer

Sunday, January 28: Saturday Night at the Movies 5 pm, dinner, film at 6

Last Tuesday of the Month: Candlelight Evening Prayer Service 6 pm

Sunday, February 26, 2017 – The Church of St. Stephen Black History Month Service

We are delighted to inform you of our upcoming service. We will be hosting this auspicious service and invite you to save the date and come celebrate with us. This service is dedicated to the commemoration and celebration of the black history of our culture within our Diocesan churches. You will be privy to preacher, special music and performances.

Altar Flowers

Please speak with Barbara Towe (905) 294-7588 or see her in the parish hall to confirm flower dedications through to June 2017. 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.

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

Announcement Submission Deadline

Wednesdays Noon

Please email office@stsimons.ca to submit announcements.

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.

Refugee Sponsorship

Refugee Resettlement Project: Mohammed Al-Bayati, the 28 year old Iraqi whom we sponsored last year, has now been with us for nearly five 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 started regular work shifts during the holidays. Thanks to Laurie Sanderson and Barb Alexander for helping him find this job. Mohammed hopes eventually to be able to use his engineering background in Canada and become licensed as an engineer here. In late November 2016 we met with Mohammed and Ian McBride, Director of AURA, to look into the possibility of sponsoring his father, mother and sister and bringing them to Canada. As is often the case, we anticipate that the process will take quite some time. In late January we plan to 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 developments as they occur.

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

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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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