



St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle

Announcements

February 26, 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: Diocese of Malek - (Upper Nile, Sudan)

Diocesan Cycle: Bishop Peter Fenty

Outreach and Advocacy Cycle: Holy Trinity, Thornhill, its support of food banks in Richmond Hill, All Saints Kitchen & Clothing Depot, and Eva's Place, and its parish nurse ministry; and for Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, in Toronto, its advocacy for the homeless and for affordable housing, its Homeless Memorial, refugee advocacy, Treaty People educational programming, and Trinity Square Café.

Parish Prayer Cycle: Sarah Gale, Ely & Ferdinand Galingan, Stella Gaskin, G. Ghebreslase

Altar Flowers & Chart: A chart has been put on the outside wall between the doors leading to the Parish Hall. It shows names of those who have committed to donate altar flowers and the date. If you wish to donate flowers please see Barbara Towe at Church or phone her at (905) 294-7588. Please DO NOT write directly on chart. Thanks.

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. St Peter and St Simon's has a 20s/30s group! The Opportunities Committee is a great and easy way to get more involved and see what's coming up. Have an idea for a great opportunity? See room for improvement? Did you know you don't need to have a Facebook account to view the church's Facebook page and events? The page, its photos, and events are all publicly available and can be found at: [facebook.com/stpeterstsimons](https://www.facebook.com/stpeterstsimons) Comments? Questions? We now have a suggestion box at the back of the church! Leave us your thoughts for consideration, and help make SPSS a reflection of its people.

From Fr Geoffrey...

Last Sunday's service to celebrate Black History Month was wonderful. Winston Isaac delivered an insightful and inspiring sermon, the choir with Robin Davis, Johan vant' Hof and John Sheard offered beautiful music, Moveta Nanton organised the interesting display in the parish hall and Marie Samuels Isaac and the hospitality team provided a lovely reception with punch and other Caribbean treats. Thank you all for making this such a great celebration - we look forward to next year! Today at 4 pm the Diocesan Service to Celebrate Black History Month is being held at St Paul's Bloor Street. All are welcome.

This week the solemn season of Lent begins - it is a time for us to focus more deeply on our relationship with God. As we move from ashes to Easter may this be a holy time of renewal for you in preparation for the celebration of Christ's resurrection. GNS+

Lenten Study Series: Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life

Monday, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3

7:00 pm - Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

7:30 to 8:30 pm – Study Session

This series is based on the 2016 book on discipleship by Rowan Williams who served as the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury from 2002 – 2012 and is now Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge. The books are \$10 each, and complementary copies are available if need be. Please speak with Ted Robinson or Fr. Geoff.

Coffee and Conversation:

An Informal Discussion about the Readings of the Day.

Sundays in Lent from 9:45 – 10:15 am in the Lounge.

This is a chance for parishioners to share ideas, thoughts and questions about the lectionary readings. (Facilitated by Fr Geoff) We need a volunteer to make coffee!

A Lenten Meditation: Music, Readings and Prayers for the Season of Lent

Denise Williams, Soprano/David Smith, Organ & Piano

Sunday, March 12, 4:00 pm

“Strengthening our Prayers”

A workshop for Parish Intercessors

and others interested in learning more about the Prayers of the People.

Led by the Reverend Dr John Hill and Diane Marshall

Saturday, March 4, 2017, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

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

525 Bloor Street East, Toronto, ON

“Lord, teach us to pray”



THIS WEEK AT ST PETER & ST SIMON

Today: The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Services at 8:30 & 10:30 am

12 noon Annual Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, February 28: Candlelight Evening Prayer Service 6 pm

Wednesday, March 1: Ash Wednesday

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

7 pm – Services with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Sunday, March 5: First Sunday in Lent

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

10:30 am Choral Eucharist (Traditional) with Litany in procession pancake lunch to follow.

Wednesday, February 26: Diocesan Black History Month Service

Please join the Black Anglicans Coordinating Committee in celebrating the 22nd annual Black History Month Service of celebration. The theme for this year is “From the Heart of Africa to the Soul of the Caribbean: Celebrating a Mosaic of Peoples.” The service will be spirit filled with worship, music, dance, spoken word and a special acknowledgement of Canada’s sesquicentennial celebrations. The service will be held at St. Paul, Bloor Street on Sunday, February 26 with special music beginning at 4:00 p.m. All are invited. For more information please call 416-809-4639.

Wednesday, March 1: Ash Wednesday

Services with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at 11am & 7pm

Saturday, March 4: World Day of Prayer

10:30 a.m. Rosedale United Church, 159 Roxborough Drive. The Church has an elevator for people using wheelchairs and/or walkers. Please contact *Sheila Thomas 416-921-2593*

Intercessors Workshop

At 9:30am – 12:30pm led by Diane Marshall and The Reverend Dr. John Hill.

Sunday, March 5: Pancake Lunch – Yes!! We are having a **Pancake Brunch at 11:30 am**. What a great way to celebrate the beginning of Lent with Fellowship and Food. (Sunday was chosen as a better day for all than Shrove Tuesday). We are grateful for all the volunteers. The sign-up sheet is at the back of the church if this is an event you can help with. This is pay as you can, so expect to be there!! **See you then!!** *The Hospitality Group*
Celebration of New Ministry service for The Reverend Jeanette Lewis will be at St Barnabas 4pm.

Saturday, April 1: York-Scarborough Parish Leadership Workshop 2017

Please visit Diocese of Toronto website <http://www.toronto.anglican.ca> for more details.

Saturday, May 13: Spring Sale

More details to follow. Two people required to convene and volunteers to help run.

The Annual Vestry Meeting: Sun Feb 26, 2017. The Vestry list is posted in the parish hall on the bulletin board. Please check that your name is entered. In order to vote, you must be 16 years old and must have been a full communicant member of St. Peter and St. Simon the Apostle for a minimum of three months. The Anglican Church of Canada requires that a communicant member be a parishioner at one church only, and voting at only one Vestry. If your name is missing from the list, please write your name on the list in the parish hall or email office@stsimons.ca. You can also speak to the members of the parish tribunal: the Wardens, the Rector and the elected members Ted Robinson and Colin Bird. The financials and budget are available today. The full Vestry Report will be available on Thursday this week either through the Church office or on our website.

Church School As we seek to be more welcoming to families with young children and to nurture their spiritual lives the time has come for us to re-launch our parish Church School. Are you interested in being part of a renewed Church School in our parish as a teacher or mentor? Please speak with Nadine Milne, Fr Geoff or one of the Wardens.

Help! The new parish of St Peter & St Simon-the-Apostle needs a person or persons with marketing and/or brand and website development skills, who are willing to be part of a team to help renew and modernize the existing St Simon's website. The quality of our website is very important in attracting new members to visit our church. If you can help, please speak to Fr. Geoff, or one of the churchwardens.

Refugee Resettlement Project: The Federal Government has not yet given AURA its quota of refugees for 2017. However, we were assured that the case for Mohammed's father appears to be quite strong. AURA will be working with Mohammed to develop the case in the next few weeks, and then submit it to the Federal Government, assuming that they are given some spaces this year. We were informed that Mohammed's sister cannot be included in the application since she is over 18. It is possible that his mother can be included as a dependent of his father, even though she has remained in Iraq so far. The process of application, approval and eventual arrival in Canada may take months or even years. Let us continue to pray for the safe arrival of Mohammed's father and mother here in Canada.

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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

8:30 am Service

1st - 5th Sunday (Traditional)

Parish Priest The Rev'd Geoffrey Sangwine, *ext 202*;
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