



# St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle

## Announcements

### December 25, 2016 Christmas Day



**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: Kitale - (Kenya)*

*Diocesan Cycle: St. John, East Orangeville*

*Colin, Archbishop. Patrick, Area Bishop.*

*Outreach and Advocacy Cycle: Pray for the Parish of Belmont, its involvement with Habitat for Humanity and the Pikangikum Water Project, and its advocacy for affordable housing, food security, and poverty reduction; and for the Parish of Bobcaygeon, its assistance to the Community Foodbank, community breakfast, and support of Sleeping Children Around the World and the El Hogar Orphanage in Honduras.*

*Parish Prayer Cycle: Sonja Bird, Gail Birnie, John Brewin, J. Brighty*

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### 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.

## **Shelter Backpack**

Shelter backpacks are being sold for \$25. Since the shelter now has charitable status you can make the cheque payable to St. Simon's Shelter Inc. and they will issue a tax receipt. Backpacks can be ordered over the next 2-3 weeks through the shelter. If you place your order on the collection plate we will forward it to the shelter.

**Keepers of the Water** – This popular and 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:w.isaac@sympatico.ca) Thanks, Winston

## **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.

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

## **Announcement Submission Deadline**

Wednesdays Noon

Please email [office@stsimons.ca](mailto:office@stsimons.ca) to submit announcements.

◆The Church office will be closed from December 26 - 30, 2016◆

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

### Today: Christmas Day

Services at 8:30 & 10:30 am

### Sunday, January 1 – The Naming of Jesus

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

10:30 am Holy Eucharist (Traditional)

## COMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**Feast of the Epiphany:** Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 8:30 & 10:30 am

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany:** Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 8:30 & 10:30 am

**Advisory Meeting:** Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm Sitting Room



## Christmas at The Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle

**The First Sunday after Christmas – Sunday, January 1, 8:30 and 10:30 am**

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

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

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### *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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