



**ST. PETER'S PARISH
ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2010

Pastor: Father Joe Vayalil
Deacon: Bob Birch
Sacristan: Richard Sutton
Secretary: Josephene Kealey

Welcome to everyone, parishioners, newcomers and visitors to St. Peter's Parish. We encourage the *active* participation of all in the prayer and song of our community worship.

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

To promote the love and compassion that Jesus Christ showed to all people, of every creed, with a special emphasis on the needs of the poor and the underprivileged.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. --- fulfills Sunday Obligation
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Last Sunday of every month: Mass at 10:30 a.m. only

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES:

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

No Mass on Mondays.

No Mass on a Tuesday after a long weekend holiday.

LEGION OF MARY PRAYER MEETING:

MONDAYS at 7:00 p.m.

CENACLE PRAYER:

THURSDAYS from 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

ADORATION:

FIRST FRIDAYS from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS: 20 minutes before weekend Masses.

No appointment necessary.

BAPTISMS: 4:15 p.m. on Saturdays

10:30 a.m. on Sundays

No Baptisms on last weekend of the month as it is our parish monthly socials: **October to June.**

For more information kindly call our office at 613-733-1553.

MARRIAGES: Kindly give us at least 6 months notice.

A Marriage Preparation Course is required after the Pastor's approval.

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5:00 p.m. Mass – George Assing

9:30 a.m. Mass – Jay Hunt

11:30 a.m. Mass – Michael Murray

Ministry of Communion Coordinators

Mike and Lisa Birch

MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 24

5:00 p.m. Mass

- Matthew McInerney + (by Mary McGee)

- Julia Tran +, Rosa +, Lucie Phan +
(by Marie, Marguerite Phan & family)

Sunday, April 25

10:30 a.m. Mass

Monday, April 26

No Mass

Tuesday, April 27

9:30 a.m. Mass

- Selwyn Austin + (1 year anniversary)
(by Wendy Anne Johnson & family)

Wednesday, April 28

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, April 29

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, April 30

8:30 a.m. Mass

We acknowledge with gratitude the generous contribution of Parishioners with the amount of \$3000 to erase the outstanding debt, revealed in the financial statement. Moving from red to green signals a spring of hope and a worry-free march forward.

Collections

April 18

\$1242.50

THANK YOU

As we continue to celebrate Easter, Fr. Vayalil would like to thank everyone for making our Liturgies so rich and beautiful! at the Easter Triduum celebrations. Thanks also to: the altar servers, decorators, ushers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, the choir, the counters, and to everyone who helped out in anyway.

Special mention and Thank You to: All the parishioners who generously presented the church with new banners, tabernacle veils and an altar bell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: Today is a special celebration of a World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated this day, where the world-wide Church honours all Christian vocations. Jesus gives his life for us that we might know fullness of life. We pray for openness to God's call and to accept the gift of our Christian vocation. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is with us to guide and protect us on our life journey.

2. PRAYER FOR OPENNESS TO GOD'S CALL (Vocations Prayer): Lord Jesus, once you called the first disciples in order to make them fishers of men. Continue to let resound today your sweet invitation: "Come and Follow Me." Grant to young men and women the grace of responding promptly to your voice. Sustain our bishops, priests, and consecrated souls in their apostolic work. Give perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are fulfilling the ideal of a life of total consecration to your service. Enkindle in our communities a missionary zeal. Send, Lord, workers into your fields and do not let mankind be lost because of a lack of pastors, missionaries, and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel. Mary, Mother of the Church, Model of Vocations, help us say "Yes" to the Lord, Who calls us to collaborate in the divine design of salvation. Amen. - Pope John Paul II

3. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The sacrament of First Holy Communion for students attending Prince of Peace School and the parish will be held on Sunday, May 16th 2010, at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Please pray for these children and their families.

4. HOW TO REQUEST ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS: For those who are not familiar with how to request a mass intention, the process is quite simple. You may call our parish office (613-733-1553) or email your request (stpeters@inbox.com) or drop a note indicating the date you would like for the mass intention, which mass time -- if it is a Sunday -- and whom the intention is for (name). If you wish, we have Mass cards that can be given to family members. The offering for a Mass is \$15.00. You may pay this at the time of request or by taking a white Mass intention envelope at the main entrance of the church. Fill out all the information that is needed with payment and kindly drop in the Mass Intention Slot in the sacristy.

5. MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY, when Catholics traditionally focus on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The practice dates back at least 700 years and is still observed around the world today. May is seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer, which makes this a logical time for the celebrations of Mary, who brought life into the world. This month of devotions in the church calendar is characterized by special hymns and the use of flowers, which bring nature into the church. There are several Marian feast days in May, including Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Parishioners here at St. Peter's are invited to bring flowers for the Altar during the month of May, and please consider joining St. Peter's Legion of Mary. The legion meets every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the church board room.

6. CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK, MAY 2 – 7: During Catholic Education Week, we celebrate the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education in Ontario. Our Catholic faith emphasizes the belief that all persons are created in the image of God and that Christ shows us the fullest expression of God's image alive in each of us. Catholic schools foster the full potential of all students through the dedicated efforts of our teaching and support staff. Join the Ottawa Catholic School Board in celebrating our spiritual theme, 'We Care for God's Creation'.

Please pray for the following:

Bishop Ernest Leger, Rachelle Carroll, Lise Martin, Tim Dooling,
Anna Karolewicz, Louise Jarvis, Fr. Bob Bedard.

Please send an e-mail to our office if you know of someone who is sick and needs to be prayed for:

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Companions of the Cross 25th Anniversary Foundation Day Celebrations: St Mary's Parish May 7th 2010, Mass at 7:00pm, followed by a reception in the Hall. Come out and help us celebrate 25 years of the Founding of the Companions of the Cross. As part of the Celebrations planned for this year, we wish to gather with Archbishop Prendergast in prayer, to thank God for all His blessings poured out on the whole community over the last 25 years. In particular we wish to remember our Founder Fr. Bob Bedard, at this mass and continue to ask God's blessings upon him. Hope to see everyone there!

Youth Summit: Opened to all young adults ages 17-35. A bilingual gathering of young adults from across Canada who wish to deepen their faith and to live it actively. May 21-24 at various locations in Ottawa.. **SEEKING HOST HOMES** to provide accommodations for these participants.

Info: www.youthsummit.ca; 613-738-5025 ext.229; youthsummit@archottawa.ca. Join us for this wonderful event!

Family's Many Faces: An international, interdisciplinary bilingual colloquium on the family. May 6, 7 & 8 at St. Paul University. Aims to offer a place for exchanging ideas and encourage dialogue between different perspectives on (Christian) families. Further information and registration: (www.ustpaul.ca/FamilyFaces).

World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Spain: Are you interested in going? Will you be between 16 and 30 in August 2011? The Archdiocese of Ottawa is organizing a pilgrimage, departing August 10 and returning August 24. Pilgrimage includes optional retreat at the end in Avila. Info: Ted (613-738-5025 ext. 231).

EASTER REFLECTION

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading, Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas preach the good news among the Gentiles and are expelled by the Jews.

Psalms 100

A song in praise of God who shepherds us.

Second Reading, Revelations

John describes his vision of the praises that the holy ones sing to the Lamb.

Gospel, John

Jesus describes his care for his sheep

The few verses which end Jesus' discourse on the Good Shepherd sum up the Christian experience of communion with the Lord. Jesus presents himself as the gate of the sheep and their shepherd, but his adversaries have no use for allegory. They challenge him: "If you are the Messiah, tell us so in plain words!" (John 10:24). In answer, Jesus describes the attitude the sheep must adopt toward him, the attitude of believers toward the one sent by God. The source of the communion between Christ and Christians is the union of the Father and the Son: "The Father and I are one." Christ himself is our way to this union: "My sheep hear my voice ... and they follow me." The Father has entrusted his sheep to Jesus, and Jesus leads them to eternal life. The gate is his cross. He is both the shepherd and the lamb who is sacrificed. He has redeemed us with his life. Therefore his life is ours: we live in him.

How do I respond to the call to follow Christ as my shepherd? What consolation does this gospel passage provide?

We pray for a deeper sense of belonging to the world-wide 'flock of Christ'. We pray for reverence and love for the mystery of God, who is Three in One.

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Our parish serves the needs of the community in many
different ways. We offer preparation for sacraments,
children's liturgy, social activities, assistance to those in
difficulty, and comfort to the sick and those who mourn a
loss. If we can be of service to you, do not hesitate to call
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In your kindness,
please remember St. Peter's Parish
in your bequests and wills. If anyone
wishes to make such a bequest in their
Will, the following clause may be included
or added to a will or added by codicil:

*"I give devise and bequeath the sum
of \$..... to St. Peter's Parish,
Ottawa, to be used for the benefit of
the Parish and its pastoral works."*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.