



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

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 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, May 1

5:00 p.m. Mass

- In thanksgiving for all favours received
(by Marie, Marguerite Phan & family)

Sunday, May 2

9:30 a.m. Mass

11:30 a.m. Mass

- Fred Bamutalira + & Mary +
(by Goretti Muthahi)

Monday, May 3

No Mass

Tuesday, May 4

9:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, May 5

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, May 6

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, May 7

8:30 a.m. Mass

We acknowledge with gratitude the generous contribution of a Parishioner 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 25
\$4355.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. DIOCESAN WEEK FOR LIFE: Pro-Life Sunday is May 9, the day set aside to promote the Church teachings on critical life issues. The sanctity of all human life is proclaimed in our parishes and the special Pro-Life Sunday pamphlet including a statement by Archbishop Prendergast is made available in the churches. The annual **NATIONAL MARCH for LIFE** is on May 13. Please see Mr. James Wilson, our parish pro-life representative for further details.

2. 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 16 2010, at the 11:30a.m. Mass. Please pray for these children and their families.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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:

stpeters@inbox.com

SHEPHERDS OF GOOD HOPE FOUNDATION 6TH ANNUAL HUNGER BANQUET: Guest Speakers: Archbishop Terrence Prendergast & Rabbi Reuven Bulka. Hellenic Centre, 1315 Prince of Wales Drive; Tues., May 18, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Tickets: \$60/person or table of 10 for \$500. Info & tickets: (613-789-8210); Judy Stilwell, ext. 223 (judy@shepherdsofgoodhope.com); Rob Eady, ext. 229 (rob@shepherdsofgoodhope.com). Free parking.

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/MONTEE JEUNESSE: May 21-24, 2010 (www.youthsummit.ca): Only 2 weeks left to register for this bilingual youth event. Open to all young adults aged 17-35 who wish to deepen their faith and live it actively. Highlights include prayer, workshops, music and a Eucharistic Procession to Parliament Hill! If you are unable to participate in the event, please consider joining the Eucharistic Procession, Christian Concert, or Closing Mass. For tickets or info: (613-728-5025, ext. 229); (youthsummit@archottawa.ca).

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading, Acts of the Apostles 14: 21-27

Paul and Barnabas proclaim the good news in many places

Psalm 145

A song of praise to God.

Second Reading, Revelation 21: 1-5a

John describes his vision of a new heaven and a new earth

Gospel, John 13: 31-33a, 34-35

Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: love one another

Urgency marks the beginning of Jesus' farewell discourse: "now soon, not much longer." Soon Jesus will no longer be with his disciples. They must pass from the experience of his bodily presence to faith in his invisible presence. To experience in faith a presence in absence is the whole of Christian life until the Parousia (Greek: the second coming). Through the mutual love between the disciples the permanent presence of the Risen One is assured and manifested in the world. This mutual love characterizes our history during the time between Jesus' departure and his final return. Since we have been reborn in the death and resurrection of Christ, since we too have somehow 'seen his glory', then our lives are changed. We live according to the 'new commandment' Jesus speaks about in the second part of the gospel. The love we practise imitates the love of Christ, the love seen in the glory of his death and resurrection, a self-giving love which is lived out in daily commitment. Verses 34 to 35 contain four uses of the word 'love'. Through this love, 'everyone will know that you are my disciples'.

What does the death and resurrection of Christ mean to me? How can I imitate the love of Christ more fully? We pray for a true understanding of the glory of Christ. We pray that our example will draw others to Christ.

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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.

AN INVITATION: If you are visiting our church today,
know that we are honored by your presence.
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
on us.