



A WARM WELCOME TO

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

**Solemnity of Pentecost
May 23**
**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
May 30**

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

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**MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH SCHEDULE
MAY 22 – JUNE 4**

Saturday, May 22

5:00 p.m. Mass

Cyril, Bernard & Tony McGee +++
(by Mary McGee)

- Maria Le +
(Gia dinh Hung & Dao)

Sunday, May 23

9:30 a.m. Mass

11:30 a.m. Mass

Monday, May 24

No Mass

Monday, May 31

No Mass

Tuesday, May 25

No Mass

Tuesday, June 1

9:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, May 26

8:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, June 2

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, May 27

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, June 3

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, May 28

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, June 4

8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, May 29

5:00 p.m. Mass

- Maria Le +
(by Gia dinh Hung & Dao)

Sunday, May 30

10:30 a.m. Mass

Dear parishioners,

Fr. Joe and the Stewardship Committee wish to inform you of their intention to create a devotional space in the church for quiet prayer and contemplation. To this end, we are on the lookout for an object of reverence, such as a statue, a painting, or a tapestry. The object should measure approximately one metre in height. If you know of such an object for sale somewhere, or have such an object that you would consider donating, please bring it to the attention of Fr. Joe.

Your thought, consideration, donations and prayers are lovingly appreciated.

God Bless.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. TUESDAY, MAY 25 is the Tuesday after the long holiday weekend. There will be no 9:30 a.m. Mass.

2. NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 30: Mass is at 10:30 a.m.

3. SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE: Please note the parish's summer schedule for Sunday Obligation for the months of July and August: Saturdays at 5 p.m. & Sundays at 10 a.m.

4. PENNIES FOR LIFE: Please return the Pennies for Life containers to the Church no later than the weekend of May 29 and 30.

5. NOTE ON FOOD & DRINK BEFORE COMMUNION: In case you weren't aware: "Whoever is to receive the blessed Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before Holy Communion from all food and drink, with the sole exception of water and medicine." (Canon Law 919-1)

6. PARENTS REQUESTING BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend one of the Sunday Masses and then meet with the priest to register as a member of our parish. They are then to attend one of the sessions to prepare for the sacrament.

7. ST. PETER'S SPRING BAKE SALE AND CRAFT is planned for the weekend of June 12 and 13 at all Masses. Donations of Baked Goods and Crafts will be greatly appreciated.

8. DIOCESAN FEAST: All faithful are invited to the Diocesan Feast, which will be held on Thursday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral. This year's celebration will mark the closing of the Year of the Priests whose theme was: Priesthood: the love of the heart of Jesus (St. John Vianney).

9. NET MINISTRIES YEAR-END MASS: You are invited to attend NET Ministries Year-End Thanksgiving Mass with Archbishop Prendergast on Friday, May 28, 7:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral. Please join us in thanksgiving for a fruitful year and bring your family and friends along.

10. SERENITY RENEWAL FOR FAMILIES: All are invited to a Community BBQ Wednesday, May 25, 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Serenity Renewal for families, 2810 Baycrest Drive, in an effort to support this local charity in need of help. Enjoy delicious food, children's activities and music with Max Keeping and Dave Smith and other familiar faces from Ottawa. No cost to attend. \$5.00 gets you a burger, hot dog, salad, pop and ice-cream. 100% of all contributions go towards programs at Serenity Renewal for families. For more info: www.SaveOurSerenity.com.

**Collections
May 16
\$1160.00**

Please pray for the following: Bishop Ernest Leger, Rachele 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

- **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND-IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS:** With Fr. James Raphael (12 days/10 nights): Come and follow the footsteps of Jesus in an amazing journey to the Holy Land. October 30-November 10, 2010. Brochures may be found on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church. Information: Sandra at 613-863-9939.
- **HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS:** The National Vocations Directors Conference is meeting in Ottawa June 1st-4th and hosting a Holy Hour led by Fr. Tom Rosica, Director of Salt and Light TV. He will be speaking on discernment and the promotion of vocations, at St Patrick's Basilica on Tuesday, June 1st, at 7:00 pm, followed by a reception. All are encouraged to come and pray for vocations!
- **SAINT PAUL UNIVERSITY-FACULTY OF THEOLOGY-SPRING/SUMMER 2010:** Military Conflicts and Ethics with Yvon Pichette, June 7-July 14, 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Introduction to Engaged Spiritualities: Do Spiritualities Matter?, Lauren Levesque, May 4-June 17, 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Summer Institute in Pastoral Liturgy – SIPL, July 5-16; Summer Institute in Religious Education – SIRE, July 5-16. Info: 613-236-1393 ext.2247.

SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

First Reading, Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 The Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Psalm 104 God's Spirit renews the earth.

Second Reading, Romans 8:8-17 We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel, John 20: 9-23 Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Solemnity of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. This gospel reading for the feast of Pentecost has already been read, in a more extended form, on the Second Sunday of Easter. It was read then to include Jesus' encounter with Thomas 'eight days later'. On the feast of Pentecost we have the opportunity to focus on the earlier verses, in which Jesus brings the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. The account of the day of Pentecost is found in our first reading, from the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Fifty days after the resurrection there was a spectacular manifestation of the power of the Spirit. Jews and proselytes, gathered from the nations for the Jewish feast of Pentecost, witness the power of the Spirit and hear the preaching of the apostles each in his own tongue. This event launches the mission to the whole world. Our gospel teaches that the Holy Spirit was also given by the risen Christ before the events of Pentecost. This is a quieter and more intimate demonstration of the power of the Spirit. It is related to the preaching of forgiveness and the possibility of new life for those who ask for it. The disciples are empowered to bring the forgiveness of Christ, but it is possible for people to reject this forgiveness. This seems to be the sense of the final verse, that some have their sins retained. This is the final day of the Easter period. The Lord who died on the cross has shown himself in his risen body. He has taken our humanity into the presence of the Father. He is no longer visibly present, but his Spirit is with us to remind us of Jesus and to lead us into all truth. That Spirit, as St Paul writes to the Corinthians, bestows gifts in abundance for the benefit of the whole Church. Do I allow the Holy Spirit to transform my life? Do I seek the peace and forgiveness offered to me through prayer and the sacraments? Pray for the whole church, that Christians everywhere will be enlivened by the Holy Spirit. Pray that the Easter gifts of Christ will always be with us.

SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY TRINITY

First Reading, Proverbs 8:22-31 Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

Psalm 8:4-9 O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Second Reading, Romans 5:1-5 We boast of our afflictions.

Gospel, John 16:12-15 Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit of truth will guide us.

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Even though we came to the end of the Easter season with the feast of Pentecost, the atmosphere of celebration continues this Sunday with Trinity Sunday. After the long seasons of Lent and Easter it is as if we pause to contemplate the mystery of God, the mystery of the Three in One, the mystery of the Holy Trinity. The gospel reading allows us to reflect on this mystery, for Father, Son and Spirit are clearly present in it. The passage is taken from the farewell speeches in the Gospel of John, from which we have read during the Easter season. Jesus is about to leave his disciples to return to the Father. The Spirit of truth, referred to earlier in John's gospel as the 'Advocate', the one 'called to be alongside', will lead the disciples further into the fullness of truth. The presence of the Spirit in the Church allows us to discover new things; new depths which are implicit in the good news of Jesus, but which only with time become clear to us. The Spirit is the guarantor that the Church remains in the truth. The unity of Father, Son and Spirit is underlined when Jesus says that all that the Spirit speaks will be from him, and all that is from him is from the Father. We are confronted with the beauty of the God who reaches out to us, and the deep mystery of God, which is beyond our capacity to explain. As St Paul makes clear in the passage from Romans, it is through the reaching out of Jesus Christ that we are at peace with God, and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that we know our hope in God is sound. Consider how each of the persons of the Holy Trinity reaches out to us. What do I need to do to allow the Spirit to lead me 'to the complete truth'? Pray for reverence and humility when faced with the mystery of the one, true God. Pray for those who seek the truth but cannot open their hearts to it.

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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.