



**St. Peter's Parish Pulse**  
**Friday February 8, 2019**

**HEADS UP! LEADERS FOR THIS COMING SUNDAY:**

Reader: English: Beatriz Hoffman-Kuhnt  
Counters: Bill Tetley & Jorge Delgado  
PowerPoint: Keith Blizard  
Refreshments: Voa Rajarison, Young Sim, Youth

**THIS WEEK'S READING:**

First Reading – 2 Corinthians 4:7-12  
Psalm 138  
Second Reading – Luke 5:1-4

**SAT. 9 FEB – JUNIOR YOUTH CAMP DAY**

The Crosstalk Ministries Junior Youth Camp Day (Fundraiser) is for children ages 8-12. It is a day of worship and fun activities such as; science experiments, art, Bible discovery and food activities. It will be held here at St. Peter's. The cost is \$20 per child, \$50 for 3 + children. Bring your skates! There is a rink nearby.

- Time: 10:30-3:30 (morning coffee + treat for parents during drop off and pick up)

If you have questions or to RSVP, please email [juniorcamp@crosstalkministries.ca](mailto:juniorcamp@crosstalkministries.ca)

**SUN. 10 FEB – SOUP SUNDAYS**

Soup Sundays are back! The monthly Parish lunch here at the church will now be held on the 2nd Sunday of the month. If you would like to be part of the team that helps provide the soup and bread, please contact June in the church office: [admin@stpetersvmr.org](mailto:admin@stpetersvmr.org) or 514-739-4776. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

**TUES. FEB. 12 & 26 – STRAUSSHAUS HOME GROUP**

Leanne and Mike Strauss hold their home group alternate Tuesdays -- all are welcome. Light dinner provided at 5pm; bible study of Galatians begins at 6pm. For the address, contact Leanne at [leanne.e.strauss@gmail.com](mailto:leanne.e.strauss@gmail.com).

**SUN, FEB. 17 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (VESTRY); REPORTS AVAILABLE**

Our annual general meeting will be Sunday, February 17th. This is an important part of our life together, so we ask as many members to be present as possible. A light lunch will be provided. Please find a copy for the AGM Vestry Report at the back of the church or attached to this Pulse. The 2018 Financial Statements and the Budget will be emailed out on Tuesday, and a few printed copies available at the AGM. To help keep administrative costs down, please print your own copy of the reports and financials, and bring these to the meeting.

Please do not think "I'll let others attend"! We need as many members participating as possible. By the canons (regulations) of the diocese, if you are age 16 and over, and have been attending St Peter's regularly (at least once a month) for the past six months, then you are eligible to attend and vote. Please join us!

### **SAT. 16 FEB – PARENT'S NIGHT OUT**

When: Saturday February 16th

Time: 4:30-7:30

Where: St Peter's Anglican Church

What: Games + Art

Menu: Pasta!

Bring: A friend + fruit or dessert to share

RSVP by Feb 11th [di.keener@me.com](mailto:di.keener@me.com)

### **SAT. 23 FEB - SKATING/ WALKING THE RIDEAU CANAL**

A parish outing to Ottawa for a skate or walk along the Rideau Canal will take place on Saturday, February 23. We will meet at the Dow's Lake Pavillion at 12:30pm (have lunch before you arrive, unless you want a lunch of Beaver Tails on the Canal). Please sign up at the back of the church and indicate if you need or can offer a ride.

### **SUN. 24 FEB – ST. PETER'S AT ST. MARK'S**

As we continue our series of Sunday exchanges with St. Mark's, St. Peter's will be joining their service February 24th at 10:00am. St. Mark's is at 1650 rue Decelles, Saint-Laurent, H4L 2E6. Please note there will be no service at St. Peter's that Sunday.

### **LENTEN BOOK GROUP**

Beginning the first Sunday of Lent (March 10), Jon Jameson will lead a Lenten book discussion after Sunday worship. The book is by well-known theologian and author Ben Myers, *The Apostles' Creed: A Guide to the Ancient Catechism*. Available from Amazon, hardcover for \$20, kindle \$7. If interested, please order your copy, and let Jon or Chris know you'll be joining the group.

### **SAT. 16 MARCH – MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The next men's breakfast will be Sat. March 16th, 9:00am, here at St. Peter's. Our guest speaker will be Dr Jean Raymond Théorêt, on the theme of "Exploring the Inner Man: What's in it and how does it work?" Jean Raymond is a Christian counselor and business coach (and member of the International Coach Federation), with a PhD in educational administration from Université de Montréal; he is also Chair of the Board of École de Théologie Évangélique de Québec. Following his talk there will be time for discussion on the theme, as well as discussion of possible follow-up events concerning male emotional and relational wellness. Please feel free to invite friends from outside St Peter's. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the breakfast. Breakfast prep team arrives for 8am; breakfast is served at 9:00am; Jean Raymond will begin his talk at 9:30am. For our planning, please let us know if you (and/or others) will be coming, by contacting Jon Jameson at jamesonmmx@gmail.

### **MARCH 22-24 – YOUTH RETREAT**

The Youth Group will be going on a Winter Retreat Friday, March 22 – Sunday, March 24. The cost will be \$50. It is open to all High School and CEGEP youth. Please see June Lashley for more details.

### **MISSION HIGHLIGHT**

We will be putting a renewed emphasis this year on highlighting the work of organizations we support in various ways. This month's highlight is our support for persecuted Christians around the world.

Each year in our budget we designate funds for an organization called International Christian Concern, which provides material support to persecuted Christians (see [www.persecution.org](http://www.persecution.org)). This month ICC has asked churches around the world to sign a letter of appreciation for actions taken by Muslims to protect Christians in Nasr City, Egypt: "On January 5, an Egyptian Muslim cleric named Sheikh Sayed Askar witnessed a terrorist planting bombs on the roof of the Virgin Mary and Father Seifin Church in Nasr City, Egypt. The terrorist planned to detonate the bombs during the church's orthodox Christmas Eve service on January 6. Hundreds of Christians flock to this Christmas Eve service every year to celebrate their Savior. After Sheikh Askar alerted the police, the government responded to the Imam's observation and immediately dispatched a specialized bomb squad to defuse the bombs. The squad located three bombs on the roof of the church. Tragically, while the officers were attempting to defuse the bombs, one detonated. An officer, Major Mustafa Abid, lost his life. Three other nearby individuals, including General Nasar Mansour, were seriously injured." A letter composed by ICC, to the family of Major Abid, General Mansour, Imam Askar, and the city bomb squad, expressing appreciation for their actions in saving potentially hundreds of Christians, is at the back of the church. Please sign the letter after the service; signing the letter simultaneously supports both those men who intervened and their families, as well as the Church in Egypt.

### **PARLEZ-VOUS FRANÇAIS?**

Nos nouveaux amis syriens ont besoin d'un peu de votre temps! Si vous pouvez rencontrer Fadia ou Edwar pour un café et un temps de conversation autour d'un café, svp les contacter au 438-837-8440 pour se fixer un rendez-vous. Pratiquer le français avec eux aidera énormément avec leur intégration au Québec. Merci!

### **MERGER UPDATE #19**

Many of you had asked if we can reduce our carbon-footprint at St Mark's. With the zero-energy research group at Concordia University, we have investigated both solar panels (for electricity) and geothermal heating (from the ground). Neither has worked out. Solar panels do not reduce our carbon footprint in Quebec because HydroQuebec produces an excess of energy; if we do not use electricity here, it simply gets sold to utilities in the USA and gets used there. Also, solar panels would not save on our electricity costs because Quebec has the cheapest electricity in North America, so solar panels are not yet financially competitive here. Geothermal simply costs too much, at about \$650,000 for installation at St Mark's. Because St Peter's has not yet sold we will be relying on a loan from the diocese to pay for the first phase of renovations; however, the diocese is unable to loan us this amount in addition to the amount for the rest of the renovations. So our heating at St Mark's will continue to be with natural gas.

### **DONATION RECEIPTS AND OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Both the 2018 donation receipts and the 2019 offering envelopes are available to be picked up from the back of the church.

### **RECENT SERMONS**

Our most recent sermons are available on the links below:

[A Conversation with June Lashley](#) - February 3rd - Rev. Tim Keener  
[From Scarcity to Abundance](#) - January 27th - Rev Tim Keener\_  
[Called to Serve](#) - January 13th, Neil Vimalkumar - RZIM India  
[Epiphany](#) - January 6th, Rev. CJ Barrigar

For more sermons visit our website: <http://stpeterstmr.org/index.php/home-en/resources/podcasts/>

## **LEARNING THE BIBLE BY VIDEO**

New video for this week: Revelation - <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/revelation/>

## **PRAYERS**

*Prayers for the merger*

- Paul prayed for the Colossians continuously (Col.1:4). Let us follow his example and pray continuously for the merger and for the people of St Mark's.
- God has a role for each of us in this merger (from a smile, or listening ear, to the work of our renovations committee, among others). Please pray that each of us will be willing to be involved in His work (Col. 4:17).
- Pray that God would soon resolve the current delay in the sale, and that we would see opportunities in this delay for the merger-planning process.