

Informing Faith

Building connections for the sake of the children

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Dear brothers and sisters, good morning. These are the words that our Holy Father, Pope Francis uses every time he meets with a group of people. They instantly put people at ease and create a climate where dialogue is possible. These are the words with which I wish to greet you too.

During the past week, I have had a chance to visit briefly with all of you, and I look forward to our future encounters. As in the past, I will continue to visit at Saint Luke every Wednesday morning. On Thursday mornings, I will visit with students and staff at Saint John XXIII-Corpus Christi, and on Friday mornings, I will be present to do bus duty at Saint Hubert's.

The Saint Hubert's community is a new addition to the timetable, and I will be sharing those visits with Father Trevor Scarfone, the pastor at Holy Name of Jesus. During this past week, we have set dates for liturgical celebrations with the students from each of these three schools; I'm looking forward to the adventures that God has in store for all of us in the coming months.

Preparing for First Reconciliation

A meeting will be held on *Wednesday evening, September 17, 2014* in the parish hall at Saint Peter's church beginning at 7:00pm for parents of all students in grade 3 and higher who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation with us this year. Catechetical sessions for students preparing to celebrate Reconciliation will be offered on Sunday mornings (Sept 28, Oct 5, October 19, October 26 and Nov 2) after the 9:00am Mass. We will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at Saint Peter's on Wednesday evening, November 12, 2014 beginning at 7:00pm.

Planning ahead

I will be on retreat with the priests of the diocese from September 22-26, 2014. Please pray for all of us, that we will listen closely to the voice of the Lord during this time of blessing. Also, I have been asked to lead the annual retreat for the deacons of the Nipissing region. This retreat will take place from September 30 to October 2, 2014. Please keep the deacons and DOWs in your prayers.

Masses with students

We look forward to welcoming students from our schools and invite you to pray with the entire community of Saint Peter the Apostle. Students will come to the church in the days just prior to Thanksgiving weekend:

Wednesday, October 8: Mass with students from Saint Luke beginning at 9:30am

Thursday, October 9: Mass with students from Saint Hubert beginning at 9:30am

Friday, October 10: Mass with students from Saint John XXIII-Corpus Christi beginning at 9:30am

Did you know?

Pope Francis has called a special meeting of Bishops and other experts to discuss the pastoral challenges facing the family in the context of evangelization. This meeting, called a Synod, will take place in Rome from October 5-19, 2014. In preparation for this Synod, consultations were conducted with people all over the world. Even we at Saint Peter's had a chance to submit our reflections. These consultations were condensed into a [working document](#) which will form the basis of next month's discussions.

See you next week.

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