

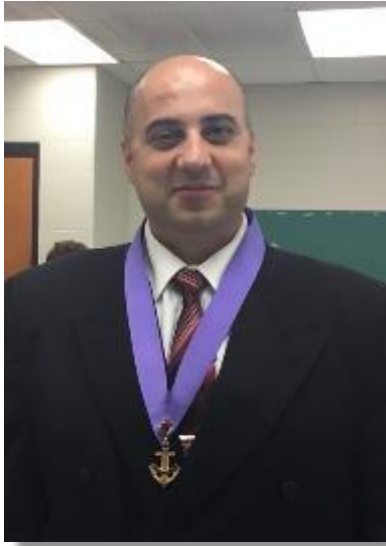


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ST. PETER'S PARISH COUNCIL 13404 – 533 CLARENCE STREET, LONDON, ONTARIO, N6G 3N1

Grand Knight's Comments: Roger Khouri



Dear brothers,

May I begin by wishing you all a **Happy Thanksgiving!** I hope your weekend was filled with happiness with family and friends. For me, when I think of "Thanksgiving," I always think of the Eucharist because "Eucharist" comes from a Greek word that means "Thanksgiving."

Coming up at this week's meeting at 7 pm on Thursday, October 13th, our **District Deputy will formally install our Executive members.** So, if you are on the Executive, please make a special effort to attend the meeting.

Following the Installation ceremony, we will have a **guest speaker** making a presentation. **Linda Dollard** will speak to us about a proposed effort to assist the needy get out of the cold and get a warm meal or drink. I welcome this opportunity to hear what is being proposed because it will be a collaborative effort among parish ministries.

Thanks to Bro James for organizing the Thanksgiving Food Drive! We had many of our brothers take multiple shifts to hand out bags at Metro to support the Food Bank. **Thanks to all of you for volunteering.** *(Photo: John Zhang)*



Your time will go a long way in assisting the hungry.



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Lastly, thanks to Bros Martin and Tony for spearheading our upcoming parish breakfasts. Please set some time on the Sundays of Nov 13th and Dec 4th to help with these events! We'll get an update on how the plans are coming along and ask for volunteers in the coming weeks.

Thanks, brothers, and I hope to see you at the meeting on Thursday at 7 pm!

May Our Lord continue to bless you and your families.



Insurance Agent's message: Br. John Noonan

National Bosses Day

There are three kinds of bosses in this world:

- 1) Those we can't seem to get along with... no matter how hard we try. They are the bureaucrats who value pushing paper over actual productive work. They are the 'Nasty Nancies' that take great pleasure in demeaning you. They are the oafs who think their job as a boss is to ensure you are always worried about being fired.
- 2) There are those that are a dream to work with. They are encouraging. They are trusting. They value your hard work and stand behind you anytime something goes a little haywire.
- 3) Then there are the types of bosses that few people think about... our customers. Whenever you buy something from a company, you are their boss. You can complain, you can encourage, or you can take your money elsewhere, and encourage everyone else to do the same.



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"There is only one boss. The customer. And he can fire everybody in the company from the chairman on down, simply by spending his money somewhere else."- Sam Walton.

- It has never been easier than now to get your negative experiences publicized.

- The internet. All these things like Facebook. Email. Blogs.

- All of them are perfect for spreading the word.

- *Good and bad.*

In my business, my customers and clients are kings and queens. They are the ones in control... and if I don't do my job right, they ensure I don't make money and cannot feed my family.

I personally work very hard to ensure my clients DO get the best experience possible.

I also encourage you to do the same.

If you have customers, invest in more training to find out what they want.

If you don't have customers, you still have others in your life you interact with.

Ask them more questions... more personal questions.

Find out who they really are.

Find out their dreams, their goals, their passions.

Talk about their interests... and they will soon become even closer clients and friends.



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Why Catholicism and Why St. Peter's?

Doug Adams – October 2022



During a recent conversation with a parishioner, I was asked if I was new to St. Peter's. I had to admit, yes, I was new to St. Peter's and relatively new to the Catholic faith as well. This led to the obvious question, why Catholicism, and why St. Peter's?

I was brought up in Toronto. My Mother was a devout Anglican, so of course, I was a 'cradle Anglican.' Mom served on the Chancel Guild, an organization that, on Saturday mornings, prepared the church for the Sunday services. I was in the church assisting. I learned to replace candles, place flowers, change linens, align hymn books, decanter wine, count hosts, change light bulbs, and a myriad of other duties, too many to mention.

On Sundays, I was the extra person on staff. If an altar boy didn't show up, I filled in. Same with a choir member, usher, or anywhere else, help was required. Looking back now, I can fully understand why I have a certain comfort level in a church surroundings.

I married a staunch Catholic girl who came through the Toronto Catholic school system, including Loretta Abbey and St. Mikes College at U of T. We married in a joint Anglican/Catholic ceremony in a Catholic church. And, yes, I took the oath with Fr. Madden, at U of T, to raise our future children in the Catholic faith.

At the time, I was working for 3M in Toronto. This resulted in a move to London. We settled in Byron, raised two kids, and from day one, attended the Catholic Church in Byron. Through all this I remained an Anglican in a Catholic environment. Even though I could not participate in Holy Communion, I felt religiously fulfilled.

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Things changed in 2013. A new priest, Fr. John Jasica, and a new catechist Mary Catherine Bishop arrived in Byron. Fr. John was a teacher, not a preacher, and for the first time I felt the time was right to make the switch. Looking back now he also set the standard for a priest that I could look up to and sustain my awareness of my new religion. And full marks here to Mary Catherine (MC), who never tired of my many questions as I updated my old Anglican traditions.

Fast forward to 2019, and my life changed forever. My wife died of cancer, and later that year a new scourge, Covid. Through these two years, my religion was there to make the road forward a little easier. A great bereavement course from Sharon Hunt literally saved my soul. That was my cue to give back and even through the pandemic, we were able to comfort and assist others who had lost loved ones.

The latest twist in my life came with the new Family of Parishes program. With priests moving all over, it signalled a time to search out a new location to continue my faith. Luckily, I found a Tuesday noon service at St. Michael's here in London. This led to another new family which included St. Peter's. As weekend masses reopened, the Saturday evening at St. Peter's became my service of choice.

I've been part of many churches in my day. But the environment I experienced at St. Peter's is difficult to explain. When seeking a new church, you look for a warm reception, a welcoming environment, a Mass conducted by a knowledgeable and relatable priest, and a homily teaching, not preaching. In St. Peter's, I found a church that met and exceeded every element I thought I had lost.

In summary, a huge shout out to all at St. Peter's who provide a perfect environment for a relatively new parishioner and a relatively new Catholic.



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For The Good Of The Order



*Remember in your prayers
those who are ill and pray
for the repose of the
deceased souls*

Editor: Larry Barrett

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