## St. Paul's Basilica Parish

Established in 1822

First Parish of the Archdiocese of Toronto

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"May the message of Christ, in all its fullness, continue to find a home in you."

Colossians 3:16

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday

Mass available At the Good Shepherd Centre 412 Queen St. East Tuesday to Friday 12:00 noon

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, FIRST COMMUNION, **MARRIAGE** 

Please contact the parish to begin the process of preparation

#### **MINISTRY TO THE SICK**

Please call the parish office so that our parishioners may receive communion regularly.

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Micheline Dutil, Principal Phone: 416-393-5204

#### **PARISH MINISTRIES**

Sacramental Preparation **Breakfast Club** Children's Liturgy

#### **Taize Prayer**

**Eucharistic Adoration** 

Choir

Food Bank

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 24th 4:30 p.m. Jeffrey Chase +Ronald Adair

Sunday, February 25th 8:30 a.m. Aaliyah Ciara Nerizon Lumbao

11:00 a.m. +Jose Faller

+Jade Nelly Hernandez Sr. Margaret Patterson



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR: THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PAUL'S



### Stations of the Cross at the Basilica Friday evenings at 7P.M.

Let us pray together on Fridays during



The Way of the Cross or Stations of the Cross is a Catholic devotion that originated in the journey of pilgrims to Jerusalem where they would retrace the steps of Jesus during his passion. Franciscans originally encouraged this devotion, which became popular in the fifteenth century. The focus for the devotional practice consists of fourteen stations that can be as simple as a cross or as elaborate as wood, marble, or other artistic renditions of various aspects of the passion. Specific prayers are recited before each station as the participants meditate on that aspect of the passion of Jesus

### COVENANT HOUSE T-SHIRT, SOCKS & UNDERWEAR CLOTHING DRIVE

March 3/4 & March 10/11

There are normally three pillars of Lenten observance. There is prayer, fasting and alms giving. As part of our alms giving at St. Paul's Basilica, we are having a clothing drive for Covenant House, which is a twelve minute car drive from our church. Covenant House in Toronto opened in 1982. It is Canada's largest youth shelter serving young people between the ages of 16 to 24.

### Did you know?

At any time during the year as many as 40,000 youth in Canada are without a place to call home.

An estimated 70% of homeless youth have fled or been forced out of homes where there is abuse or neglect.

Canadian street kids are up to 40 times more likely to die young than their peers. Please purchase new t-shirts, underwear and socks and place them in front of God's Altar. On behalf of street kids:



#### PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS

#### At St. Paul's Basilica

A Prayer and Life Workshop is a service that helps us to learn how to deepen our prayer life. The sessions are very practical in character. By praying we learn to pray. Some of the topics cover God's tenderness, forgiveness, loving like Jesus loved, Mary – a woman of faith and free to love. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. The next session will be on **Wednesday**, **February 28th.** 



### SIGN-UP SUNDAYS! February 24/25 & March 3/4 We Need Your Help!

Cardinal Collins and bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address from every Catholic family in their community, with a goal of 100,000 email addresses collected by the end of February 2018. This information will be used locally by Cardinal Collins and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically (approximately 6-8 times each year) on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community.

The first campaign of 2018 is the Call for Conscience, inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and those seeking office this June to increase funding/access to palliative care, to protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide and to protect faith-based facilities from participation in euthanasia/assisted suicide. The work builds on a similar campaign in 2017.

Please visit <a href="http://bit.ly/SignUpSundayRegistration">http://bit.ly/SignUpSundayRegistration</a>
to register yourself for this initiative. Thank you for living a faith that acts!

#### Lent Pancake Breakfast

You are invited to attend a Lenten Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, February 25**<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30 & 11 a.m. masses. Bacon, eggs, juice and coffee will also be served. This breakfast is sponsored by The Knights of Columbus.



#### **NEW BEGINNINGS**

New Beginnings is a ministry dedicated to helping people who have suffered a loss through separation, divorce or death of a loved one. The meeting will be held on Fridays from March  $2^{nd}$  to March  $23^{rd}$  between 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica in the church hall.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST
COMMUNION CHILDREN WHO CELEBRATED
THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE LAST
WEDNESDAY EVENING. A SPECIAL THANK
YOU TO THEIR TEACHERS AND PARENTS
FOR PREPARING THEM!

### "Vocations Seeds"

Provided by <u>Serra Clubs of Toronto</u> and Approved by the Office of Vocations

If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah – called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith!

Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director,

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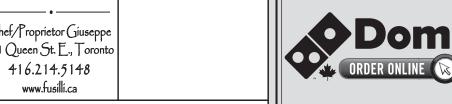
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