# St. Paul's Basilica Parish

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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.

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#### **PARISH MINISTRIES**

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

**Taize Prayer** 

**Eucharistic Adoration** 

Choir

St. Vincent de Paul

Food Bank

Monday May 22 – Ferial

+ Gloria Bayhis

+Karl Albert Moesch Tuesday May 23 – Ferial

Sunday May 21, 2017 <u>8:30 a.m.</u>

Wednesday May 24 - Ferial

+J Ferreira

Thursday May 25 - Ferial

11:00am

+ Paul Robinson

Friday May 26 – St. Philip Neri, Priest

+Elizabeth Hinsperger



# THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR: ELIZABETH HINSPERGER



### 6th Sunday of Easter

Do you ever feel alone? We all do at times, but in today's gospel we are reminded that we are never truly alone. The Advocate, the Spirit of truth, has been given to us by God and is abiding with us. Inclining our hearts to make the right choice about where to go, what path to take, what decision to make at any given moment.

'Abide' is one of the most beautiful words in Scripture. With the noise of the world surrounding us, and perhaps an agitated spirit (which is not of the Spirit) circulating in us. It is not always easy to hear this abiding Spirit of truth. God is with me, and I am in God; what can be more beautiful or life-affirming?

How can we know this Spirit of truth? We need to ask the Holy Spirit to lead us to the deepest desire of our hearts, to show us where the Spirit dwells – and then the truth will be revealed.

The Spirit of truth is not temporary or passing – it is a promise forever. In these times where a commitment for "forever" is rare, it is comforting to know that we can count on the Holy Spirit in this every-changing, ever-challenging world.

Let us give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Sr. Nancy Sullivan, CSJ Hamilton, ON He who trusts himself is lost.

He who trust in God can do all things.

St. Alphonsus Liguori

#### POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS COLLECTION

There will be a collection today for the Pope's Pastoral Works which assists when there is a disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world. Immediately many countries rush in food, medicine, blankets, money, and trained people. Prominent among such aid is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. The annual Pope's Pastoral Works collection makes these funds available for distribution. In the name of Catholics everywhere, he displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer.

# May 24<sup>th</sup> WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHURCH IN CHINA

In May 2007, Pope Benedict XVI asked that May 24<sup>th</sup> be observed as a Day of Prayer of the Church in China. He chose this day since it is the traditional Feast of our Lady of Help of Christians, venerated at the Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai.



#### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Every Sunday at the 11:00am mass.

#### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Children's choir is well underway and new members are welcome. Children practice after the 11am mass. Practices will be 45 minutes with a snack provided. The goal is to

have the children sing one song during the 11 am mass. Please contact: st.pauls.childrens.choir@gmail.com



We ask that all children be accompanied by an adult to the restrooms and all public areas of the Church, at all times.



Living the Gospel by helping the vulnerable in our society ... Tim and ShareLife Donna met 25 years ago and have made

the Friday and Saturday social nights at Our Place a regular part of their lives. Their intellectual capacity is somewhat limited but they do maintain their own independent apartments. While Tim is currently caring for his aging mother following her recent surgery, Donna is able to support Tim by cooking meals and offering caring attention. As Tim overcomes social shyness in his own life, he also takes care of some of Donna's daily needs with household chores, and working on the computer. The support ShareLife plays enables Our Place to be a caring partner to these vulnerable people. ShareLife funded agencies like Our Place helps many intellectually disabled men and women through compassionate and caring support. Next ShareLife Sunday is June 4, 2017. Please give generously.

### RETREAT WEEKEND FOR **SINGLE WOMEN AGES 20-55**

This women's retreat is based on Scripture and will be given by Sister of St. Joseph of Toronto from Friday May 26 through Sunday May 28, 2017 at Sister's home in Orillia. Cost is \$150 with subsidies available. To register contact Frances Harriosn-Stell at fharisonatell@sjj-to.ca or 416-467-2642.

#### TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

On June 11, 2017, 3:30-4:40pm St. Paul's Basilica Parish invites you to meditative Scripture-based prayer and music in Taize tradition. Join us in celebrating the Pentecost season through contemplative song, scripture and silence. All are welcome. RSVP's appreciated. Contact St. Paul Taize Praver Group stpaultaize@gmail.com

### **BAPTISM Beautiful Beginnings**

We wish to welcome into our parish family the following young person:

#### Sloan Burke

Please keep these little one, their parents and godparents in your prayers as they begin their journeys of faith.

#### LOST AND FOUND ON THE PATH OF THE SPIRIT

Deacon Curtis Boone and Joanne La Mere-Boone will provide an opportunity to praise God and gratefully discern their life experiences on the path of the Spirit. All are welcome to attend on Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:30am-3:00pm at Holy Family Church, 60 Allan Drive, Bolton, there is no cost for this event. For more information, please call 416-921-1163 x 2230 or email newbeginnings.stpadrepoichurch@gmai.com

#### DATES TO REMEMBER



Next Confirmation class and practice for students and sponsors is on Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> 11:00am



#### EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

There has been a great deal of interest in the Cardinal's Statement. You are asked to tell Legislator's how you feel. You are encouraged to join the coalition for Health Care and Conscience. Visit <u>CanadianConscience.ca</u>. A video of Cardinal Colin's' statement on federal euthanasia/assisted suicide legislation is now available online at http://www.archtoronto.org/euthanasia



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