## St. Paul's Basilica Parish

Established in 1822

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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** 

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#### Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m. +Ian Hampton

Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. +Souls in our Book of Remembrance

11:00 a.m. 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Publea Reys &

1-year-old grandchild Noah

+Jose Faller



# THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR: +DEACON HUGH TAYLOR



### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The parable of the ten bridesmaids used to strike me as unreasonably harsh. Why, I wondered, were the "wise" ones so unhelpful to their "foolish" sisters? Could they not have simply shared their oil? Further reflection, however, brings to light some other aspects of the story.

In some respects the ten are all the same. All of them fall asleep. Later on, all are called to accompany the bridegroom into the wedding banquet.

What distinguishes five of them as wise, however, is that they have come prepared. When the call is heard, therefore, they are the ones who are ready and able to respond. The others are foolish because, though they hear the same call, they are not in a state of readiness to answer that summons.

Note the importance of the words "wise," "ready" and "awake." We hear in them echoes of the first reading's description of wisdom: she is given to those "who desire her," who "rise early to seek her," who are "vigilant."

In our efforts to be faithful disciples we need to be available, to be always open to God's call whenever it comes, even - or especially - in places of darkness and unexpectedness. God understands our weaknesses and our failings. The disposition of our hearts is what makes all the difference.

Krystyna Higgins, Guelph, ON

## ADVENT BREAKFAST Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

After the 8:30 and 11 a.m. masses, you are invited to attend our first Advent Breakfast in the church hall. There is no cost involved!



Please sign the sheet at the entrance to the basilica so we will know how much eggs, bacon, pancakes, etc. to purchase.

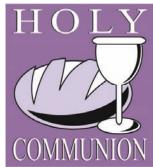
There will be some door prizes!!!

# St. Paul's Basilica Taize Prayer Service: "Remembrance" Sunday, November 12, 2017 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Basilica Parish invites you to meditative Scripture-based prayer and music in the Taize tradition. Join us in celebrating "Do this in Remembrance of Me" through contemplative song, scripture and silence. All are welcome. Social and light refreshments to follow. RSVPs appreciated. Contact St. Paul Taize Group at: stpaultaize@gmail.com

## First Communion Class

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 3:00 p.m.
In the Church Hall



At that first class, at least one parent must attend the session with their child!

# Lessons and Carols at St. Paul's Sunday <u>December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm</u>

The **Advent Concert** at St. Paul's Basilica is a celebration of music and Scripture for the Christmas Season. The service will consist of 8 traditional readings for the Christmas Season from Scripture, interspersed with carols, hymns, solos and ensemble music performed by the musicians of St. Paul's Basilica. Admission is free for all.

Refreshments to follow in the Basilica Hall.
Please join us!

## NEW BEGINNINGS TALK At Masses Nov 25 – 26, 2017

New Beginnings is a Ministry developed to meet the needs of those who are separated, divorced, widowed or who are enduring a significant loss through the death of a significant other. Through various programs, participants are given the opportunity to move through the phases of healing, leading to the beginning of a more fulfilling life. Alex Lopechuk and Arcangelo Limanni will be visiting the parish this weekend to speak about providing this Ministry in this parish.

Christmas cake sales will take place after all Masses on <u>THESE WEEKENDS</u>
December 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> & December 16<sup>th</sup>/17th



## SENIOR MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT (Grades 11 & 12) on November 25th

The Office of Vocations is hosting a day retreat at Our Lady of the Airways Parish, Mississauga, on Saturday, November 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. This retreat will provide time to pray, interact & socialize with other young Catholic men. Seminarians deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. The day includes Holy Mass, Adoration & Confession. Registration for the retreat is to be done online at: www.vocationstoronto.ca (under Programs) or http://bit/ly/2xh8uMA For more information please call the Office of 416-968-0997 Vocations at: or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

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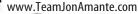
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