**THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME January 24, 2016**

**Our e-mail address is: saintbasil@rogers.com NEW WEBPAGE: stbasilparish.ca**

 **Mass Intentions this week**

**Please note: Weekday Masses are celebrated in the Rectory Chapel unless otherwise indicated.**

 ***January 26***  *to* ***January 31***

**Tuesday: 6:30** pm †Holy Souls in Purgatory, Living & deceased members of our C.W.L.

**Wednesday 12 noon †Anne Chamberlain**

**Thursday 1:30 pm** (**John Noble Home)** †Bernard Reilly, Mass of Thanksgiving

**Friday 12 :noon †**Art & Edna Dion & infant son

**Saturday**  **5:00 pm** †Peter & Mary Balog, Cathy Corbett, Bill Paling, Michael & Julia Hrynkiw, Intentions of Josie McKinnon, Assuntia Colombo and a Mass of Thanksgiving.

**Sanctuary Lamp** this week

Intentions of: Roy Ferraccioli and repose of his soul. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of $10 in the collection basket.

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| **DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR** |  |
| Monday, January 25 | Rev. Mark Sullivan |
| Tuesday, January 26 | Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo |
| Wednesday, January 27 | Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.) |
| Thursday, January 28 | Rev. Michael Downey |
| Friday, January 29 | Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B. |
| Saturday, January 30 | Rev. Allen Varlaki |

**OFFERTORY** for last week was $3136.65 and our Budget expenses for the week $5,580.00.

**St. Basil’s PARISH**

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

 **Tuesday February 9, 2016**

**Church Hall (Crown St.)**

**5:00- 7:30 PM**

Adults -$7.00 - Youth (13-18) - $6.00

Children (6-12) - $4.00 - Children 5 and under - free

**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE** – general meeting Tuesday Jan 26th at 7 pm in the rectory meeting room immediately following 6:30 pm Mass. Presentation and discussion of budget and other events for 2016. Come and share your ideas.

**PARISH COFFEE** next Sunday after the 9:30 Mass. Those attending 11:30 Mass are invited to come early to join in this time of fellowship. Donations of sweets are always appreciated.

**MEDITATION**

Robbie Waisman, A Holocaust survivor, stood before students at our Catholic high school. As one of the small number of Jewish children who survived World War II in Nazi-occupied Europe, he felt obligated to share his story. In a clear, calm voice he told those assembled what he, as a teenager, had been forced to endure, of his liberation from the Buchenwald concentration camp, and of the painful realization that, of his family, only he and his sister survived.

 In today’s first reading Ezra, the priest, reads the Law to the people, survivors of the Babylonian exile and the destruction of the First Temple. God’s words offer hope and healing to a broken people in a devastated land. Joy springs from the words and strengthens them.

 Hope sustained Robbie Waisman in his darkest hours. This hope motivates him now in a world still torn by racial, religious and ethnic prejudices. He called upon his young listeners to build a world of peace and justice.

 Paul tells us that all of us have a place and a role to play through our baptism in the church community, the body of Christ. Whether as teacher, prophet or other essential roles, we must live the vision Jesus proclaimed so long ago in Nazareth that will “bring good news to the poor” and “let the oppressed go free.”

Michael Dougherty, Whitehorse, YT

**RECONCILIATION**

It seems that there has been a change re: the dates and times for Reconciliation at St. Pius X for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

 The Diocese has asked us to make the Sacrament available on March 4th and 5th. As a result, INSTEAD of March 10th, priests of Brant Deanery will now be available at St. Pius X Church on:

Friday March 4th – from 3 pm – 9 pm and

Saturday March 5th from 11 am – 4:30 pm.

 So, the information I sent out in our Advent-Christmas newsletter needs to be altered in favour of the above. I apologize for the confusion. Thank you. Fr. Earl.

P.S.: Please advise any Catholics you see of this change – and any organizations could make announcements at their meetings! Thank you.

**You** are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? If you feel God’s call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

**SACRAMENTS!**

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** will be celebrated by Bishop Crosby on ***Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.***

Instructions for Candidates only: (parish hall):

Sunday, February 7, 2016, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Sunday, March 6, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Retreat: Saturday, April 16 from 2-4:30 pm in our parish hall.

**The Sacrament of First Eucharist**

This Session will focus on First Reconciliation: Thursday**, Jan. 28, 2016** at 7 pm. in the hall.

**Celebration of First Reconciliation**: choose either ***Wednesday, March 9th or Thursday, March 10th*** at 7 pm in the Church

***Thursday, April 7th***: this Session will focus on Eucharist.

***Celebration of First Holy Communion:***

Choose one of 6 Masses: the weekends of **April 23, 24 or April 30, May 1, 2016.**

Prayer and Practice – 9:30 am – 11 am on the Saturday morning of your chosen weekend of First Communion. We begin in the Church and end in our parish hall.

**St BASIL MUSIC TRIVIA IS COMING!**

Mark your calendars now for ***SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm.***

Tickets $5.00 each. Limited snacks available to purchase or bring your own!

Tickets available at the back of church next week-end or call JoAnne at 519-754-4392 or email joanne.hodd@yahoo.ca...

**WAYS TO BE MERCIFUL DURING THE Jubilee Year of Mercy: Learn to say this prayer: “Dear Lord, bless (annoying person’s name) and have mercy on me**.

**C.Y.O. Children's Fundraiser – Celebrating Camp Brébeuf’s 75th Anniversary**

The Catholic Youth Organization of the Diocese of Hamilton is hosting our 31st Annual Children's Fundraiser on Thursday, February 25, 2016.

Proceeds from this wonderful community fundraising dinner enable children with special need to attend the C.Y.O.’s Camp Brébeuf and Marydale through our ‘One-to-One’ Camper program. Please join us for an evening of good food, good friends and good entertainment all for a great cause.

For more information, or tickets, please contact Mel Leggat at 905-528-0011, ext. 3608 or mel.leggat@cyo.on.ca

Tickets are: $125.00/ea. with the event being held at the Hamilton Convention Centre.

**SACRED HEART CHURCH in Paris is the Pilgrimage site for this Holy Year of Mercy.**

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** Our first event is ***Friday, Febuary 5th - 9:30 am – 1 pm. Reconciliation 6 – 6:45 pm.*** Followed by ***Mass at 7 pm***. Fr. Tim Hingston will be available for confessions that night and will be the homilist at Mass. All are welcome!

**GOSPEL OF LUKE: STUDY SERIES**

A seven part workshop series for Young Adults and Adults: **First Session**: “The Presence of Joy in the Gospel of Luke” Tuesday***, January 26, 2016 – 7:00 – 8:30 pm,*** at St. Pius X Parish, Brantford

Facilitated by Dr. Josephine Lombardi

To register for these sessions or for more information contact: Monica Verin, mverin@hamiltondiocese.com – 905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

**WOMEN’S LENTEN RETREAT WEEKEND -** February 19-21, 2016 at Queen of Apostles, Mississauga. The retreat begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday and concludes with Mass Sunday noon, followed by lunch. Preached by the Centre Team. Please call 905-278-5229 for further information or to register.

**Please join us for an Evening For Couples Event** on ***January 27th*** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Stoney Creek beginning at 6 pm. in the Parish Hall. The topic being presented is “To Love is a Decision” and will provide couples with skills to grow in their love for each other. Tickets are $35 per couple and include dinner and the presentation. Call the parish office (905-643-1637) for further information or tickets.

 **DAY of PRAYER**

**SISTERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE**

11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton

(SUGGESTED OFFERING $ 25.00)

 ***Friday, January 29th. 9:30 am to 3:00pm***

 Bring a bag lunch….Tea & coffee provided.

 To Register: please call or e-mail

 905-388-3966 OR

 sssperthshire@sympatico.ca

**UP STANDING COMEDY**

Featuring: **KRISTIN WEBER**

**6:30pm** Doors Open / **7:00pm** Show Time

**$12** Advance / **$15** at the Door

**upstandingcomedy.ca**

**FRIDAY 28 -** GUELPH – Parkwood Gardens Church, 501 Whitelaw Rd. 519-836-0180

**SATURDAY 30 – BRANTFORD** Brant Community Church, 69 Superior Street 519-756-3993