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## St. Michael's Catholic Church

St. Michael's Parish Offices - 240 Hemlock Street, Waterloo, ON N2L 3R5

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

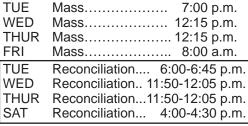
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

#### LORD'S DAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

SAT Mass.....5:00 p.m. SUN Mass.....9:00 a.m. Mass...11:00 a.m.

Mass....7:00 p.m. (during the academic year)

Our worship space and Parish Centre are barrier free off of Hemlock Street.



WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

<u>NEW TO THE PARISH</u> • Please come and introduce yourself and complete a registration form available on our website at www.stmichaelw.ca/forms or on the hospitality desks at each entrance to the church.

<u>PARISH RECORDS</u> • Our parish records are very important and we try to keep them as up to date as possible. Please advise the office if you change your address or telephone number.

MINISTRY TO PARISH SCHOOLS • The staff visit St. Nicholas and Sir Edgar Bauer on a regular basis. Eucharist and Reconciliation are celebrated with each school during the year and the staff is available for classroom visits and other special celebrations. We also celebrate the sacraments and make pastoral visits to St. David's high school as needed.

MINISTRY TO UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE STUDENTS • St. Michael's Parish welcomes students to participate in the liturgical and pastoral life of the parish. During the academic year we have a student mass on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. that focuses on the pastoral needs of students. We also have the John Paul II Student Centre which is available for students. Please see www.stmichaelw.ca and follow the link to JPII Student Centre for more information.

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION** • For more information about preparation and dates please visit our website or contact the parish office.

**MARRIAGE** • Please meet with the priest or deacon before making any other arrangements. Twelve (12) months notice is normally required so that proper preparation can take place.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND SHUT-IN • Trained Volunteers assist in the pastoral care of those who are sick or confined, whether at home, at retirement residences, in nursing homes, in hospitals or in prison. Anointing of the Sick is celebrated in the parish church, Columbia Forest Long Term Care, The Village at University Gates, The Court at Laurelwood and Clair Hills Retirement Community twice a year. Parishioners can request the Anointing of the Sick at any time by appointment in their home or in the church.

<u>PASTORAL CARE TO THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPITAL</u> • Privacy of information laws prohibit the parish from obtaining information about parishioners in hospital. A family member is asked to contact the parish office whenever a parishioner is in hospital and requests a pastoral visit.

**PARISH OUTREACH** • St. Michael's Parish assists those in need through the St. Vincent De Paul Society. For emergency food help call 519-747-1090.

<u>MUSIC IN THE LITURGY</u> • Music plays an integral role in the liturgical life of the parish. Parishioners are invited to sing with the traditional choir (9:00 a.m.) or the contemporary choir (11:00 a.m.) on Sunday morning.

<u>PARISH BULLETIN</u> • News items for the bulletin should be submitted via email if possible and may be edited due to space limitations. All items must be in the parish office by Monday prior to publication.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**



April 19 - 23, 2016

**Tuesday** 

**6:00pm** +

+Reconciliation

7:00pm

+William Arnold - Estate

+Louisa & Tihomil Franolic – Ana & Family

**Wednesday** 

12:15pm

+Connor Francis Maguire – Peter & Margaret

Harte

<u>Thursday</u>

12:15pm

+Helen Tilley – Louis & Maria Pereira

<u>Friday</u>

8:00am

+Mervyn Commisiong – Sharon Rodriguez

<u>Saturday</u>

4:00pm

+Reconciliation

5:00pm

+Helen McDonald - Patrick & Maureen

Beausang

+Justin Petersen – Peter & Noreen Michels

+Mark Bruder – Gerald & Dorothy Hinschberger & Family

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14.21b-27 Revelation 21.1-5a John 13.1. 31-33a. 34-35++



PARISH NEWS

**Sunday Offering** 

April 10 - \$6,376.00

PLEASE NOTE: Our 7:00pm masses are now done for the academic year and will resume in September.

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MICHAEL'S

We are looking for volunteers for the retirement homes and long term care facilities that we visit on a regular basis. If you can help, we need you! Training will be provided.

Altar Society volunteers are also required. If you can spare 1 or 2 months a year to do weekly Sacristy duties your help would be most appreciated.

Our 5:00pm mass is in need of ushers. This is an ideal position for former altar servers. Training will be provided.

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING IN **YOUR** PARISH.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Saturday, April 23

5:00pm: M. & A. Winter, G. Pregeli

Sunday, April 24

**9:00am:** K. & Q. Meyer, T. Malizia **11:00am:** J. & R. Jobby, A. O'Reilly

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, April 23

5:00pm: \* A. Fernandez

1 P. Dietrich 2 S. Guinta

Sunday, April 24

9:00am: \* K. Melanson

1 D. Swart 2 P. Corman

**11:00am:** \* H. Liem

1 K. Jayasundera 2 S. Daudu

#### MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, April 23

5:00pm: G. Brown, C. McKenzie,

G. Farrell, A. Tiedemann

Sunday, April 24

9:00am: E. Horrigan, M. Mandich, M. & D. Jones

**11:00am:** K. Shaw, M. Smith, J. Dreisinger, B. Fleming, B. & J. Balahura



Our Annual Card Party is on **Tuesday, May 3rd**. We are asking for donations of new items for door prizes. Prizes may be dropped off at the Parish Office during regular office hours before April 28th. Raffle ticket sales will be after all masses on April 23/24 & April 30/May 1. Prizes include: a painting of a country scene by a local artist [\$150.00]; an autographed "Homeless Jesus Statue" [\$100.00]; a treasure chest [\$100.00] and a gift basket with wine [\$85.00]. Funds raised from the raffle will go to help cover the cost of a new Sanctuary Lamp.

## Our Lady of Good Counsel Award

St. Michael's Parish along with St. Michael's CWL is pleased to offer the Our Lady of Good Counsel Award.

This award is awarded to a graduating high school student who is an active member of St. Michael's Parish and who has demonstrated strong Christian volunteerism and leadership. Application forms are available on the church website. All applications must be submitted to the church office no later than June 15th, 2016.



#### **Ecumenical Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering -**

Tuesday, May 10, 1-3:30 p.m. (doors open at noon) for all who are involved in prayer shawl ministry or would like to learn about it. Hosted by the St. Michael's Prayer Shawl Ministry, at St. Michael's

Church. Bring your shawls to display. There will be a free-will offering. Prayer Shawl knitting and crochet books will be available for sale. Please register by Friday, May 6 by contacting Linda at 519-888-6954 or prayershawlgathering@gmail.com



Thank you to everyone who has returned a donation envelope for the "St. Michael's Refugee Fund". Your generosity is much appreciated. If you have not, there is still lots of time. Donation envelopes are available at all entrances to the church - just follow the instructions and return the envelope in the collection basket at any of the weekend masses or to the office during regular office hours.

The display board in the vestibule will keep us informed about the St. Michael sponsorships. One side will tell us about our family - the funds raised, pictures of their activities, special needs etc. On the other side there will be more general information about all the other families. Although we are not financially responsible for the other groups, donations of goods in kind are always appreciated by the family. So if you are down-sizing or moving please keep these families in mind. In the next year, there are at least 5 more families that will arrive. Also, there will be postings for items specifically needed or requested. Plus other ways for you to help - driving to appointments, helping to take transit etc. will also be posted.

Right now, there is an urgent request from one family for help in learning English. The whole family is in school. The mom needs help to learn basic English and practice conversation and pronunciation. Two adult sons are hoping to return to university and need help preparing for the English entrance exam and possibly with calculus and biology and chemistry terminology. If you can help evenings or weekends, please call Diane 519-616-2227. Volunteer screening may be required.

<u>Taizé</u> on Sunday, April 24, 7:30pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 810 King St. E., Cambridge (Preston) 519-653-4721.

BIRTHRIGHT is unique. We provide non-judgemental support and love to pregnant women and their unborn children. Our focus is on loving the mother, and helping her help herself. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! You can work as an office volunteer, a director, a co-director or secretary to the board. All are welcome to apply. If you are unsure of what we do, call us at 519-579-3990 (Tuesday-Thursday 11:00am-2:00pm or Tuesday 2:00-5:00pm) or email kitchener@birthright.org

**St. David's Blog:** Tickets are now on sale for the St David's Anniversary weekend events: Log on to <a href="http://stdavid.wcdsb.ca">http://stdavid.wcdsb.ca</a> for complete information and registration. ◊ Friday, May 6th: Dedication of the new TIME CAPSULE, evening Reception, Dinner with CHEF D & Silent Auction, Keynote Speaker is Bruce Rodrigues and an Open Door Mingle ◊ Saturday May 7th: ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE includes Mass, sporting events, BBQ lunch, themed decade rooms and the Buick Driving Challenge

Catholic's DIVORCE HEALING Program - St. John's /Our Lady of Guadeloupe Parish is pleased to announce the beginning of an exciting, new DVD ministry to men and women who have suffered from divorce. The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide features a 30 minute DVD for 12 weeks made by excellent popular speakers you will recognize, covering topics such as: shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the kids, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single, and much more. Whether you got divorced ten days ago or ten years ago, the program offers valuable insight for everyone. PLEASE JOIN US. Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm from **April 17th to June 26th**. inquire, please contact register or **Denis** dendenbeaulieu@gmail.com or 519-581-8227 or Rita at 590rita@gmail.com, OR just show up at St. John's church basement (entrance off Waverly St.)

Looking for an amazing Bible Study? Discover the "big picture of the Bible", as St. Anne's hosts Jeff Cavins' popular video series, "The Great Adventure: A Journey through the Bible." This exciting study will take your understanding of Sacred Scripture and your Catholic faith to entirely new levels:

- Understand how the people, places and events of the Bible fit together in God's plan of salvation history and how relevant this is to our lives today.
- Learn the six covenants God made with humanity and how they led to the establishment of the Catholic Church.
- Discover how your own Catholic faith fits into "His story".

The first session of this 24 week, three part series (8 week sessions) will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00pm starting May 4th and will run to June 22nd in the Parish Hall; the second part will resume in September. Cost is for materials only: student workbook is \$48.99 + tax. Financial assistance available to purchase the workbook. To register: St. Anne's at 519-745-5302 or tjagas@rogers.com

#### **DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2016? On **Sunday, May 29**, at 1:30 pm, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required). **Please register by May 1**<sup>st</sup> to be sure your name is included in the program. Details are available on the poster at the main entrance of the church, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

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