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St. Michael's Catholic Church

St. Michael's Parish Offices - 80 University Ave., W., Waterloo, ON N2L 3C7

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.

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| TUE | Mass 7:00 p.m. |
| WED | Mass 12:15 p.m. |
| THUR | Mass 12:15 p.m. |
| FRI | Mass 8:00 a.m. |
| TUE | Reconciliation 6:00-6:45 p.m. |
| WED | Reconciliation 11:50-12:05 p.m. |
| THUR | Reconciliation11:50-12:05 p.m. |
| SAT | Reconciliation 4:00-4:30 p.m. |
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WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDUI E

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

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

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

PARISH RECORDS • 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.

<u>MINISTRY TO PARISH SCHOOLS</u> • 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.jp2waterloo.ca for more information.

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

<u>MARRIAGE</u> • 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, long term care facilities or in hospitals. Anointing of the Sick is celebrated at 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.

PASTORAL CARE TO THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPITAL • 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.

MUSIC IN THE LITURGY • 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.

PARISH BULLETIN • 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

We are God's people called to worship and serve Christ Jesus in community on the journey of faith.



April 24 - 28, 2018

<u>Tuesday</u>

6:30pm Rosary 7:00pm +Special Intentions of Zhulin Huang – Paul Song & Grace Gao

+Jonathan Wesley – Mom & Dad

<u>Wednesday</u>

12:15pm +Angelo Lacalamita – *Joey Tomasicchio*

Thursday

12:15pm +Ernie Burnet – *The Connor Family*

<u>Friday</u>

8:00am +Louise Feeney – Gerry & Denise Dolff

<u>Saturday</u> 5:00pm

+Thomas Chircop – Mary & Family +Sr. Mary Kelly – John & Gladys Kerr +Rosalind Maguire – The Swarbrick Family

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9.26-31 1 John 3.18-24 John 15.1-8



Sunday Offerings

April 15 – \$4,425.00 PAG – \$6,527.00

1st Communions - April 28/29 & May 5/6

It's that time of year again when St. Michael's is excited to celebrate 1st Communion with our Grade 2 students! We will celebrate 1st Communions at all of our Masses on the weekends of Apr 28/29 & May 5/6, but be advised that the 11am Mass is the most popular with families, and we expect a full house at the 11am Mass on those Sundays. Because of the expected busyness of these Masses, you may wish to consider coming at 9am or 5pm Saturday if you want to avoid the crowd!



Did you know....that you can park in Lot 32 (not the pay lot) next door at the WLU Lazaridis Building during weekend Masses?

The ABC's of Mother Teresa: Only believe – you are precious to Him (God).

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or deaconate, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director at 905-528-7988 x2246 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, April 28 5:00pm: Katie Kuepfer, Reney Puthran, Alessia Ovcacik

Sunday, April 29

9:00am: Joel & Ryan Jobby, Don Klein

11:00am: Randy Jayasinghe, Anson & Charmain Chan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, April 28 5:00pm: 1 Marta Mandich 2 Patrick Dietrich Sunday, April 29 9:00am: 1 Pat Corman 2 Denise Dolff 11:00am: 1 Stephen Pacheco 2 Gerry Kraemer

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, April 28
5:00pm: Andrea Dafoe, Joan Fernandez, Paul Gladding, Tracey Kuepfer
Sunday, April 29
9:00am: Gai Brown, Peter Michels, Laura Haffner, Glen Loffree, Michelle Borho-Harris
11:00am: Grace Gao & Paul Song, Doug Haennel, Magnell Robinson, Denise McClanahan, Rohan & Jacintha Jayasundera



at St. Michael's

We are pleased to announce that St. Michael's will be offering a bible study beginning on Wednesday, April 25th at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Our first study will be a foundational overview of scripture titled Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. It is a great way to get the "big picture" of the Bible and see how our Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. The study includes a series of eight informative and engaging half-hour videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be followed by group discussion. Although registration is not necessary, if you plan to attend we would appreciate a quick email to biblestudy@stmichaelw.ca, or a phone call to the office so we have an idea of numbers. Going deeper into scripture will greatly enhance your love for the Word of God - join us...and don't forget to bring your bible! Go to stmichaelw.ca/biblestudy for more information.



THIS WEEKEND! As a non-traditional form of spirituality, Taizé ecumenical worship is particularly popular with busy people. Music is its foundation. At the heart of this prayer service are Scripture readings surrounded by

silence and beautiful music that can help one engage in meditative prayer. Join us to pray for world respect, justice and peace on Sunday, April 22nd at 7:30pm here at St. Michael's.

13th Annual Bishop's Banquet on Tuesday, May 1st at 5:30pm, St. Mary's Parish Hall in honour of The Reverend Bishop Douglas Crosby. Call 519-578-3660 ext. 2373 or email jody.fritz@wcdsb for tickets.

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The CWL annual card party & games night will take place Tuesday May 1st. Doors open at 6:00pm. There will be a "share the wealth" draw and raffle prizes to be won. The raffle proceeds will help revitalize and restock the parish library.

New this year - Families with tweens / teens (ages 12+) are encouraged to come out for a "tech free" night. Bring your favourite board games and enjoy quality family time together.

We are asking for donations of new items for door prizes. Prizes can be dropped off at the parish office during regular office hours. Visit the CWL website for more information: https://stmichaelw.ca/cwl



Harambee is a Swahili word loosely meaning "working together". You are invited to participate in the 2nd Harambee Pub Night being held on Thursday May 10th at the Huether Hotel

in Waterloo. This is a fundraiser for the Notre Dame Children Outreach Project (NDCO) in Nyalieng'a Kenya. The convent that the NDCO proposed in 2013 is finally becoming a reality but it needs a roof before the rainy season! The construction of the convent will enable more School Sisters of Notre Dame to join the NDCO and better serve the needs of the hundreds of children in their care. Doors open at 5:30 PM for those who wish to eat (Full Dinner Menu available). Michael Kelly Cavan has volunteered to get the music going at 7 PM. There will also be a Silent Auction and other activities. The Huether Hotel is generously donating its wonderful Jazz Room but the seating capacity is only 100 so get your tickets soon. On sale at St. Michael's during regular office hours or call Isabelle at 519-746-7202. Let's all work together to get a roof over the SSND's heads.

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 parish office no later than June 15th, 2018.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2018? On Sunday, June **10, 2018**, at 1:30pm, 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). See the poster at the main entrance of the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com

St. Michael's Parish Youth Group presents... **"YOUTH ALPHA"**



Youth Alpha is a program for grade 7 to 12, designed to engage young people in dialogue, fellowship, and spiritual growth. It begins with a hot meal, video talk, and small group discussion with a new

theme each week illuminating the Christian faith. A perfect way to kick-start and build our youth group!

Begins: Thursday, May 3rd from 6:15 pm to 8:15 pm (runs every Thursday for 9 weeks).

Contact: Andrea Laughlin by email andrea@stmichaelw.ca or phone 519-884-9311 ext. 34 for more information and to **REGISTER TODAY!**

Visit: www.alphacanada.org/try/ for further information. Follow us on social media for news and updates!

Instagram @saintmichaelsparishyouthgroup

Twitter @YouthGroupAtStM

New Evangelization Summit

Blessed Sacrament Parish is incredibly excited to be serving as a host site in the Diocese of Hamilton for this year's New Evangelization Summit (NES) which is to be webcast from Ottawa on April $27^{\rm th}$ and $28^{\rm th}.$ This Summit was created in response to Popes St John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis's repeated call to Catholics to evangelize. The summit features 6 world-class Catholic Speakers on the New Evangelization. To register go to the NES website at newevangelization.ca and select Kitchener, ON as the host Site. The cost for the two day event is \$60 per person (\$10 discount for students & clergy) and includes snacks and lunch on April 28. Child care services for kids between the ages of 4 and 11 are also being offered on the Saturday however there are limited spots available. If you need additional information or are interested in being a sponsor please contact Blessed Sacrament Church at 519-742-5061 or lan Mendes at ianmendes2@gmail.com

An ECUMENICAL PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY GATHERING will be held on Tuesday, May 1st from 1:00-3:30pm (doors open at noon). If you are involved in Prayer Shawl Ministry or would like to learn about it, plan to attend. Hosted by the WK United Mennonite & St. Louis Prayer Shawl Ministries at St. Louis Gymnasium (accessible entrance off Willow St.). Rev. Nancy Brubaker, First Mennonite Church will be our quest presenter. Wear your own personal shawl and bring shawls & resources to share. There will be a free-will offering. To register or for more information, please contact prayershawlgathering2018@ gmail.com or 519-572-5435

Marriage Tip: The longer we are in a relationship with someone, the greater our knowledge of that person. When it comes to marriage, this can have both positive and negative impacts on our relationship. On the positive side, it helps us to recognize how our spouse is feeling, what their needs may be and what actions on our part can meet their needs! This intimate knowledge may have a more negative impact when we assume we understand and know what our spouse wants and/or needs without asking since we may be completely off the mark. No matter how well we know a person, we still need good communication in our relationships which requires speaking, listening, negotiating and, perhaps most importantly, not assuming! Ask for clarity, specify desires and speak the truth in love. All of these will draw you closer together.

