

St. Michael's Catholic Church

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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.

WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

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	Reconciliation...	11:50-12:05 p.m.
SAT	Reconciliation...	4:00-4:30 p.m.

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

NEW TO THE PARISH • 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.

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. We celebrate a Sunday Mass for students every Sunday evening at 7pm. The St. John Paul II Student Centre (jp2waterloo.ca) offers programming throughout the week, and Campus Ministry at St. Jerome's University provides pastoral care and programming for students on the University of Waterloo campus (sju.ca).

BAPTISM • 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 HOMEBOUND • 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.

WELCOME HOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Welcome, we are really glad you're here! Whether exploring, struggling or looking for a new Church Home - we extend a warm welcome to our parish and pray that you feel at home. Please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Family of Faith. *For details on our parish life, offering envelopes, pre authorized or on line giving, as well as to find out about ways of connecting, check out our website: www.stmichaelw.ca or see anyone at our Welcome Desk.*



April 30 – May 4, 2019

Tuesday

- 6:30pm** Rosary
- 7:00pm** +Mitchel Varela – *Norma Varela*
+Yvonne Winney – *Eleanor Horrigan*
- 7:30pm** Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction

Wednesday

- 12:15pm** +Camilla Lorentz – *Carol-Ann Lorentz*

Thursday

- 12:15pm** +Pearl Dharmaratne – *Angela Madappuli*

Friday

- 8:00am** +Diane Gamracy – *Gerry & Denise Dolf*

Saturday

- 5:00pm** +Tony Hergott – *The Family*
+Maggie Straus – *Lou Jordan & Family*
+Bryan Gleason – *Bonnie & Family*

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5.28-32, 40b-41 Revelations 5.11-14 John 21.1-19

Sunday Offerings

April 21 – \$11,904.00 PAG – \$993.00

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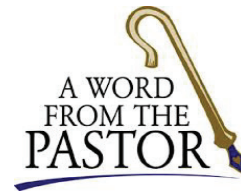
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SUNDAY HOMILIES ON LINE

Sunday homilies are available weekly on line in audio version through our parish website – just click on the link.

PARISH PRAYER NETWORK

Our parish prayer network offers us the opportunity to weekly pray for those in our community who are in need. To become a member of the prayer network, or to add an intention, email us at stmikesprayer@gmail.com



A wonderful celebration of Holy Week and a beautiful celebration of Easter! We welcomed record crowds at all of our celebrations and many first time guests!

For Celebrating Joyfully:

Thank you to all of the Altar Servers, Ushers, Lectors, Ministers of Communion (both at Church and to the Sick), Choirs, Mass Co-Ordinators, Sacristans and RCIA Group for their ministry during Holy Week. Thank you to those who assisted with setting up additional seating in our Kateri Room, and to our parish team for all the extras which they do for these special days. To all who gave of themselves – you helped so many to feel at home – thank you!

For Decorating the Church:

Thanks to all who were involved in beautifying the church for Easter. Thank you for all the behind-the-scene extras during Holy Week. Your dedication is appreciated.

For the Easter Floral Tributes:

Thank you to everyone who, through your Floral Tribute donations, helped ensure that our church was beautifully decorated for Easter. Your loved ones were remembered in our Easter Masses in a special way.

For the Passion Play:

Many thanks to the young people that made the Passion of our Lord come to life. This small group grew spiritually through this experience and your efforts touched us deeply.

For Your Lenten Almsgiving:

As a parish, we have much to be proud of in our efforts to assist the needy over Lent. Thank you to all who gave so generously to our North of 60 outreach to Baker Lake, including our four parish schools and the St John Paul II Student Centre. Thank you also to all for your very generous support of our Share Lent (Development and Peace) collection which was \$7,459.45 (to date).

For your Greetings and Gifts:

Sincere thanks to all who sent greetings, cards, chocolates, baking and gifts to the parish team and myself, including extra bags of Doritos. Thank you!

Congratulations to our parish children receiving *First Holy Communion this weekend*. May they always receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist with openness and love. A word of thanks to all who helped prepare them and all who shared their talents to add beauty to our First Communion Masses.

OUR SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Over the last several months we have seen an increase in the numbers attending our Sunday Evening Mass. Since our parish serves university communities that operate on a three term system, (i.e. year round), and since the Summer months provide opportunities for many of our parishioners to travel, including to cottages, and return Sunday nights, we will make our Sunday 7:00pm Mass year round. We look forward to the blessings for our entire parish family.

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

We are very excited that our parish will be offering an opportunity for high school aged young people to participate in the

Steubenville Conference – July 12-14, 2019. Registration forms are available at the Main Entrance of the Church or check our website – register soon!!



VBS is HERE!!!!

JULY 29- AUGUST 2!

VBS will once again take place here at St. Michael Parish July 29-August 2, 2019 – 9:00am-Noon. VBS is for children JK – Grade 5. *On Line Registration via our website now open. Spots are filling!* All volunteers are invited to attend a VBS Planning Meeting on Monday, April 29th at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre



BIG THANK YOU!!

Thank all the parishioners for their most generous response to the North of 60 project in support of St. Paul Parish in Baker Lake, Nunavut. Food item collections are completed now and if you would still like to donate financially you may no later than this weekend, April 27th/28th. Final collection results will be available at the Catholic Café in May.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Any adults who have not been baptized and are considering becoming Catholic, or any adults who have already been baptized in other Christian churches and wish to become full members of the Catholic Church, please speak to Father Freitas and arrangements will be made to complete your initiation into the Catholic Church. A program of formation begins in the Fall – there is a place for you – welcome.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our next **Catholic Café** is scheduled for May 11 & 12, 2019 (Mother's Day Weekend). Set the date aside.

WHAT'S NEW ?.....WHAT'S NEXT ?

Check us out on Twitter: @PadreFreitas, our Blog and our parish Facebook page – @StMikesWaterloo – Check it out.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Next Sunday is our parish *Stewardship Sunday* and our 2018 Stewardship Report will be available. *All parishioners are encouraged to pick up a copy.* Members of our Finance Council will also be available at all Masses.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can financially support our parish electronically through debit or on line giving? To find how see our website or drop into the Parish Office for details.

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY/USHERS

New ushers are needed in our parish for all weekend Masses. If you are sixteen years of age or older and attend the same Mass regularly, this is a perfect opportunity for you to serve your fellow parishioners as an Usher. Please leave your name and contact number with a current usher or send an email to the parish office.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2019? You are invited to join couples from across the Diocese for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 9th at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30pm. See the poster at the main entrance for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com

SPRING FEVER?

Are you looking for a spring project? Vests and toques help to prevent pneumonia in Third World babies and toddlers. Patterns are simple, and there is also an abundant supply of donated yarn and wool – see the storage units at top of stairs near University Avenue entrance.

MINISTRY OF COMPASSION

Our parish is blessed with several Ministers of Communion to the Sick who regularly take communion to our sick and shut in members. We also often have parishioners in hospice and hospital care who seek a visit. If this is something you feel called to do then please contact Father Freitas as we are currently seeking to assemble our team.



We are hosting our first ever *parish-wide* “**Service Saturday**” on **Saturday, May 25, 2019.**

It will give us all the opportunity to reach out to the community by partnering with various local organizations with opportunities to help painting, serving a meal to the homeless, helping shut-ins and more. All hands are needed ... Sign-ups and more details at our May Catholic Café – Come be a part – Lend a hand!

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