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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)

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. 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.

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, 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



December 5 – 9, 2017

Tuesday

6:30pm Rosary
7:00pm +Fred Masters – *Resurrection High School Guidance Department*
 +William Arnold – *Estate*
 +Special Intentions of the Szeto Family – *The Family*

Wednesday

12:15pm +Mary Forzly – *Tim & Norah O'Leary*

Thursday

12:15pm +Fr. Ted Hughes – *Louis & Maria Pereira*
7:30pm Adoration

Friday

8:00am +Ray Heimpel – *Jan & Family*

Saturday

5:00pm +Ralph Schnarr – *The Family*
 +Bob Laurette – *Marg*
 +Bob Dietrich – *Mary & Family*

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3.8-14 Mark 1.1-8



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offerings

November 26 – \$6,257.00 PAG – \$753.00



Advent Wreath – Week 1

"O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, desire of every nation, Saviour of all peoples, come and dwell among us."

**2018 COLLECTION ENVELOPES
 ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP
 OUTSIDE THE PARISH CENTRE.**



Fair Trade items will be available to order this weekend with delivery on Dec. 16/17. Fair Trade items support cooperative farmers, enabling them to support their families and their communities with dignity and adequate resources. Fair Trade items also make great stocking stuffers and hostess gifts!



Next weekend is Coffee Sunday! Join us after the 9:00 & 11:00am Mass in the Parish Centre for a time of community with your fellow parishioners. If you require assistance, please ask an usher.

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, December 9

5:00pm: Alex Winter, Ryan Leamen, ???

Sunday, December 10

9:00am: Elizabeth Swart, Marcus Meyer, Clara Thompson

11:00am: Anson Chan, Oshana & Sargon Putros

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, December 9

5:00pm: * Abraham Fernandez
 1 Tom Connor 2 Shari Guinta

Sunday, December 10

9:00am: * Sylvia Daudu
 1 Marty Bell 2 Linda Guacci

11:00am: * Krista Nolan
 1 Judy Shulist 2 Jason Higgins

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, December 9

5:00pm: Gai Brown, John Miller, Alicia Smith, Tim & Norah O'Leary

Sunday, December 10

9:00am: Martin & Diane Jones, Marta Mandich, Annabel MacDonald, Chris McKenzie

11:00am: Lorna Kennedy, Dorothy Krauskopf, Magnell Robinson, Jeanette Rousseau, Theresa Leung, Denise McClanahan, Jeannie Krulicki



The Christmas Sharing Project runs until December 10th. There are still a few shoeboxes in support of *The Healing of the Seven Generations* and some gift tags for *HUGO* and *Anna Kaljas Homes* available in the vestibule of the church. Please remember to return your gift items (tag attached) by December 11th. If you would prefer to make a donation, please make out the cheque to "St. Michael's Church" with the "agency of choice" or "Christmas Sharing" in the memo section. Thank you for your support and generosity as we share with people in our community.

The CWL will hold their Christmas Social at Golf's Steak House on Tuesday, December 5th at 6PM. RSVP to Chris McKenzie at 519-886-7444 or chrismckenzie@hotmail.com prior to December 2nd.



Society of St Vincent de Paul Christmas Assistance Project

We would like to express our appreciation to the parishioners of St. Michael's for your continued support, which allows us together to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. **Our final collection for 2017 is this weekend.** Your generosity assists us with the funding of our Christmas Project, so that we can provide extra help to those less fortunate in our parish area. SSVP donation envelopes are at our boxes so that you can identify your donation and obtain a tax receipt.

Advent Penance Celebrations in Waterloo

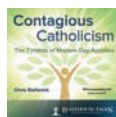
Join us on Wednesday evening, December 6th at 7:30pm for our Advent Penance Celebration. We will have at least 6 priests available to hear confessions that evening. If Wednesday doesn't work, please note the dates for our neighbouring Waterloo parishes. All services begin at 7:30pm:

*Mon, Dec 4 - St. Louis Parish
Tue, Dec 5 - St. Agnes Parish
Thu, Dec 7 - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish*

For further confession times, please check our website or the bulletin boards. Your last opportunity for confession before Christmas is Saturday, December 23rd at 4:00pm.



39th ANNUAL ADVENT NOVENA - AN INVITATION TO PREPARE WELL FOR CHRISTMAS: See the bulletin boards for more information.



CD of the Week: Contagious Catholicism: The 7 Habits of Modern-Day Apostles

Internationally acclaimed speaker and author Chris Stefanick speaks about the importance of living a life of authenticity with a courageous commitment to love. He walks us through seven habits that we can use as modern-day apostles to effectively spread the good news to Jesus Christ. Following these lessons will help us to fulfill our calling to be fearlessly, joyfully Catholic, with a faith that is attractive, life-giving, and truly contagious.

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. Prayer then leads us to renew our trust in God. When we live with hearts that trust, life becomes meaningful for those around us. Join us to pray for world respect, justice and peace on Sunday, December 3rd at 7:30pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 54 Queen St. N. (corner Queen and Weber) Kitchener - 519-578-4430

Prayer Vigil on **Thursday, December 7th** from 9:00-10:00am in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com



The Noteworthy Singers present **Christmas Joy**, in support of the Waterloo Knights of Columbus "New Toys for Needy Kids Toy Drive" on Thursday, December 7th at 2:00pm at St. Aloysius Church. Admission is a donation of cash or cheque payable to "New Toys for Needy Kids" or an unwrapped child's toy.



Coping with the holidays...when you have lost a loved one. Join us for an evening of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman on Monday, December 11th from 7-8:30pm at St. Mary's Church, Cambridge. **The event is FREE of charge.** Please call to reserve a seat at 519-658-4443. (If you haven't registered you are still free to attend.)

Longest Night Prayer Service If Christmas is a sad time for you because you of the loss of a loved one, please consider attending this ecumenical service on **Thursday, December 21st at 7:00pm at St. Francis Parish.** This will be an evening of prayerful reflection in solidarity with all who have gone home to Jesus and those who grieve their loss. A time of fellowship will follow.



Waterloo Knights of Columbus NEW TOYS FOR NEEDY KIDS TOY DRIVE continues until December 20th. Toys may be dropped off at all Waterloo fire stations or at Waterloo K of C, 145 Dearborn Pl.



The Diocese of Hamilton Internal Auditors (Part-time Casual)

The Diocese of Hamilton is looking for part-time Auditors to perform financial and administrative reviews of our Parishes and Cemeteries. The hours of work will vary depending on the number of reviews and the complexity of the reviews, but on average an Auditor can expect to work between 7 to 15 days per year. Remuneration will be based on the number of audits performed.

Duties include:

- Review and critique of the current audit program.
- Responsible for planning and execution of 5 to 10 audits per year.
- Prepare and present audit reports for review.
- Work with Parishes and Cemeteries to correct the audit findings.
- Some travel will be required.

Qualifications:

- Professional designation in accounting is required.
- Strong communication and presentation skills with ability to comfortably communicate at all levels.

If this is a position that would interest you, please submit a resume by December 15, 2017 to: carrers@hamiltondiocese.com

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: Canada Revenue Agency states that charitable donations can only be receipted for the year that they have been given. If you would like credit for donations in 2017, **all donations must be into the collection at the 5:00pm Mass on Sunday, December 31st, 2017.** Donations given on Monday, January 1st, 2018 at the 10:00am Mass will be included in 2018 donations. The Parish Office is open until **Tuesday, December 19th at 4:30pm** and will reopen on **Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018 at 9:00am.**

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