

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

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.

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)

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.



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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/forms 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.stmichaelw.ca and follow the link to JP II 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.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 13 - 17, 2016

Tuesday

7:00pm

- +Albert Schroth – *The Schroth Family*
- +Sheilagh Sehl – *Estate*
- +Fred & Anita Rosensprung – *Carl & Friedle Fricke*
- +Vicky Chin-Cheong & Deceased Members of the Chin-Cheong Family – *Anthony & Magnell Robinson*
- +Special Intentions of Mrs. James Martin – *Cecil & Doris Kavanaugh*

Wednesday

12:15pm

- +Wendykier Family Members – *Teresa*

Thursday

12:15pm

- +William Arnold – *Estate*

7:00pm

- Student Holy Hour with Adoration

Friday

8:00am

- +Magdalena Schroth – *The Schroth Family*

Saturday

11:00am–Noon & 4:00pm +Reconciliation

5:00pm

- +Ralph Harold Voisin – *Ursula & Family*
- +Rudy Ianni – *Maria & Family*
- +Lily Choi & Martin Singco – *The Choi Family*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7.10-14 Romans 1.1-7 Matthew 1.18-24



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offerings

December 4

\$6,464.00 – Collection \$622.00 – Pre-Authorized

St. Michael's Social Media



Are you a user of Facebook or Twitter? Stay up to date on parish happenings! Follow us on *Twitter* and join our *Facebook* group @StMikesWaterloo – and don't forget to bookmark our website: www.stmichaelw.ca

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 2016, **all donations must be into the collection at the 5:00pm Mass on December 31st, 2016.** Donations given on January 1st, 2017 at the 9:00 & 11:00am Masses will be included in 2017 donations. The Parish Office is open until Noon on Friday, December 23rd and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017.

On December 1st, **25** Living with Christ missals were put into the church for **everyone** to use for the month. Less than 1 week later there are 10 left! Please **DO NOT** take missals home with you.

Advent Penance Celebrations in Waterloo

Join us on Wednesday evening, December 14th at 7:30pm for our Advent Penance Celebration. We will have 5 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 12 - St. Louis Parish

Tue, Dec 13 - St. Agnes Parish

Wed, Dec 14 - St. Michael's Parish

Thu, Dec 15 - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

For further confession times, please check our website or the bulletin boards. There will be no confessions on December 24th & 31st.

Sunday 7:00pm Mass

Please note that the Sunday 7:00pm Mass will be canceled for the next 3 weeks while our students are away with their families for their much deserved Christmas break. The 7:00pm Mass will resume on Sunday, January 8th for the remainder of the school year.

Did you know that we have a Friends of God program for 3-5 year olds during our 11:00am mass? There is still some space available for you to register your child. Contact the Parish Office for more information.



Coffee Sunday This Weekend!

Please join us in the Parish Centre after the 9:00 & 11:00am masses for some Christmas goodies and some social time with fellow parishioners. If you require the elevator to get downstairs please ask an usher for assistance.



The St. Michael's Christmas Sharing Project ends this weekend. Please return your gifts (tags securely attached) no later than December 13 at 9:30 am. All items will be sorted and packaged on the 13th and deliveries begin the next day. If you would like to help please call Diane at 519-725-2226. Thank you for supporting this project. For many recipients, these are the only Christmas gifts they receive.



There will be a Prayer Shawl meeting on Wednesday, December 14th from 1-3pm in the Guardian Angel Room (behind the kitchen). **New members are always welcome!** If you know of anyone that would **need a prayer shawl please call the Parish Office.**



The Carmelite Monastery's Christmas Sale begins on Saturday, December 3rd and runs to Sunday, December 18th. The sale will include homemade jams, jellies, our own honey, and home-baked loaves. Your support is much appreciated!

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, December 17

5:00pm: Alex Winter, Alessia Ovcacik, Noah Van Alphen

Sunday, December 18

9:00am: Nonso Moneme, Clara Thompson, Remy Puthran

11:00am: Logan, Autumn & Luke Ball

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, December 17

5:00pm: * Cat MacEachern

1 Tom Connor 2 Patrick Dietrich

Sunday, December 18

9:00am: * Katherine Bergman

1 Jose Prudencio 2 Michael Prudencio-Brunello

11:00am: * Marty Bell

1 Herli Liem 2 Marvellous Onuma-Kalu

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, December 17

5:00pm: Andrea Dafoe, Ken Adams, Mike Lahn, Lynn West

Sunday, December 18

9:00am: Doug & Yvonne Rickert, Teresa Palmer, Helen Anne Hause

11:00am: Grace Gao, Paul Song,

Rohan & Jacintha Jayasundera, Dorothy Krauskopf, Kathy Shaw

Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide – Did You Know?

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to arrange for the killing of their patients. No other country does this. Provinces across Canada do not do this. Yet, Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to ending the life of their patients. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and write directly to your elected Member of Provincial Parliament.

PASSION PLAY AUDITIONS

Sunday, January 8th 1:00 – 2:30 pm
St. Jerome's University, Notre Dame Chapel AND
3:00 - 4:00 pm St. Michael's Church

Come prepared to sing acapella and to do a short reading. Music is chosen from contemporary sources (Godspell, Jesus Christ Superstar, Christian Rock). Students must be in high school, college or university. Contact linda.barrgettoburns@gmail.com



"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation at 905-528-7988 or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com

**Embracing the Wisdom of Monks & Mystics
A Senior Adult Workshop Series
6 Wednesday afternoons, starting Jan. 11
1:30 - 3:30pm Chancery Office – Hamilton**

This 6 part workshop/study session will explore the lives of twelve great monks & mystics from the Christian tradition in new & creative ways. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. The cost will be \$35 and includes the text, *Illuminating the Way*, by Christine ValtersPaintner. Please register by Dec. 22 2016. For further information please contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-52807988 ext. 2238 or check the website, www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information.

Laudato Si is a Call to Conversion Come and spend an evening exploring Pope Francis' encyclical on The Environment and Human Ecology with Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB, CEO of Salth and Light Television. "Past popes have written on the importance of protecting the environment, but [Laudato Si] is a major piece of work, and an ardent call from one of our world's major leaders for us to work together to address this existential problem. ... To use religious language, what the Pope is calling for is conversion." (Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB) Join us Wed. Jan. 11 at 7pm, St. Francis Church.



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 Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, December 16-25. Troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate by sending your intention slip to Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., R.R. #1, St. Agatha, ON NOB 2L0.

Give someone a gift that's truly special. Some gifts mean more than others. When you donate blood, you Give Life. That's something that can make the holidays special for someone in need. Your blood donation has impact. Give a gift that can't be bought. It's the best gift you can give this holiday season. You can donate every day in December except the 25th. Book an appointment to Give Life now! It takes about 1 hour and there are goodies after! It's FREE! Call 1-888-2DONATE (1-888-236-6283) or visit <https://blood.ca> for more information.



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