

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.



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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 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. 15 - 19, 2015

Tuesday

6:00pm +Reconciliation
7:00pm +William Arnold – *Estate*
+Leon Seitz – *Bob Bechtel*

Wednesday

12:15pm +Maria do Carmo Pereira – *Louis & Maria Pereira*

Thursday

12:15pm +Lily Choi – *The Choi Family*

Friday

8:00am +Helen Kuntz – *Paul Kuntz*

Saturday

3:00pm Reconciliation
5:00pm +Audrey Kirwin – *Glen & Yvette Loffree*
+Joanne Volcansek – *Bob Bechtel*
+Marie Zinger – *Tony & Madeline Hergott*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5.2-5a Hebrews 10.5-10 Luke 1.39-45



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offering

December 5 & 6 – TBA

PLEASE NOTE: Incense will be used at both the Midnight & 9:00am Masses at Christmas.

This weekend is our last Sunday 7:00pm mass until January 10th.

2016 collection envelopes are available for pick-up outside the Parish Centre.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: By law donations can only be receipted for the year that they have been given. If you would like credit for donations in 2015, **all donations must be into the collection at the 5:00pm Mass on December 31st, 2015.** Donations given on January 1st, 2016 at the 10:00am Mass will be included in 2016 donations. The Parish Office is open until 4:30pm on Wednesday, December 23rd and closed Thursday, December 24th until Monday, January 4th, 2016 inclusive.



The St. Michael's Christmas Sharing Project concludes this weekend. All items should be returned by this Sunday, December 14th as the church and Parish Office are closed on Mondays.

Reconciliation will be from 3:00–4:45pm next Saturday, December 19th. This will be your last opportunity for reconciliation at St. Michael's until Tuesday, December 29th.

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, December 19

5:00pm: Tyler Malizia, Max & Alex Winter

Sunday, December 20

9:00am: Nonso Moneme, Rachel & Nathan Chinnick

11:00am: Samantha, Rylee & Hailey Terpstra

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, December 19

5:00pm: * Stefan Pregelj

1 Kathleen Doyle 2 Darcel Kirvan

Sunday, December 20

9:00am: * Kelly Melanson

1 Teresa Palmer 2 Marty Bell

11:00am: * Maria Zeinstra-Dye

1 D'Arcy Terpstra 2 Sylvia Daudu

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, December 19

5:00pm: Tracey Kuepfer, Veronica Zarin,
Gai Brown, Mary Pat Hergott

Sunday, December 20

9:00am: Diane & Martin Jones,
Peter Michels, Mary Ellen Nolan

11:00am: Julie Dreisinger, Bruce Fleming,
Gerdy Frantzke, Dorothy Krauskopf,
Rohan & Jacintha Jayasundera

Meetings for Sacraments in 2016:

First Reconciliation – January 11, 2016 @ 7:00pm
If your child does not attend Sir Edgar Bauer or St. Nicholas Schools please contact Charlie Van Alphen at Ext. 32 to register your child.



Going forward, Coffee Sundays will be held after the 9:00 & 11:00am masses on the **2nd Sunday** of the month beginning this weekend. Please join us in the Parish Centre for a time of fellowship. We are still looking for a couple of more people (women or men) to form a team to head up a Coffee Sunday in the future. It's pretty easy and not too big of a commitment. Contact the office if you are interested in helping out.



St. Michael's Catholic Women's League

Attention All Snowbirds: CWL Members may pay for their 2016 membership fee early. You may place your \$30, name, address, email and telephone number in an envelope marked CWL in the collection. New members may use the yellow forms at the entrances of the church.



Do you have a love of gardening? We are looking for volunteers to maintain our flowerbeds next year. You will have a budget for purchasing flowers etc. Please call the office if you are interested in helping beautify our church property.

Just in time for Christmas giving, Fair Trade orders for coffee, tea, hot chocolate and chocolate bars will be taken this weekend at all regular masses. Delivery will be next weekend, December 19-20th. Climate change and its implications are a hot topic right now. Development and Peace educated all of us on the implications of climate change for small scale farmers in the Global South. Fair Trade products are certified - all products are grown using organic sustainable farming methods. Fair Trade provides co-operative farmers in the Global South with a fair price for their crops enabling them to provide education, health care, infrastructure and dignity to their communities. All orders must be prepaid - cash or cheque. "Taste the Difference!"



Last Thursday, on December 10th, three St. Michael sponsored refugees arrived in our Region. The two young Syrian men joined their cousins here in Waterloo. Another young Syrian man (who arrived with only 5 days notice) is living with his cousins in Cambridge. It is expected that other arrivals are imminent and again with very short notice. The Social Justice Committee is busy looking for suitable accommodation for a family of 6 (Mother, Grandparents and 3 children (ages 10, 13, 17) with the Father and older son hopefully joining them within a few months. If you know of anything suitable at a reasonable rent, or if you have any furniture/household items to donate or if you speak arabic and would be available (especially during day-time hours) to translate for this family, please call Diane at 519-616-2227. Thank you to everyone who has already donated household items. Several other refugee families from Syria and Iraq, sponsored by St. Michael's, have been cleared to come and although they are being welcomed by their families, furniture and household items for them would also be appreciated. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Ride for Refuge last October. The money raised (\$1,758.25) will be used for the sponsorship of a family of 4 currently living in a refugee camp in Malawi.

Sister Gloria has returned safe and sound to Kenya full of gratitude for the warm and generous reception she received here in KW. She is already sending pictures of and letters from some of the Notre Dame Children Outreach students. Thank you especially to the new and renewing sponsors - so far \$49,627.00 is on its way to the SSND in Kenya. A big thank you also to those parishioners who gave to the general Mission donation. Those monies will also be on their way soon. Sister Gloria said that words cannot express how grateful the NDCO staff are for everything St. Michael's is doing for the children and that when she observed the parish's dedication to this project, it gives the NDCO staff encouragement and the motivation to work harder themselves. Asante!

Blessing and Opening of the *Door of Mercy*

As the extra-ordinary Holy Year of Mercy begins join Bishop Crosby and parishioners from across the Diocese for the celebration of the blessing and opening of the *Door of Mercy* at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton on **Sunday, December 13th at 7:00pm**. The celebration will begin in McNally Hall (basement of the Cathedral Basilica) and then move to the doors for the blessing and opening, and then into the Cathedral for the rest of the celebration of the Word.

Annual Carmelite Christmas Bazaar at the Carmel of St. Joseph from the First Sunday of Advent to December 23rd from 8:00am to 8:00pm. Homemade jams, jellies, loaves, honey, Christmas cards, articles, crafts. All are welcome to come and visit our Chapel.

Waterloo Knights of Columbus "New Toys for Needy Kids" campaign has begun. Toys may be dropped off at any City of Waterloo Fire Station or at the Waterloo Regional Police Services North Division (corner of Weber & Columbia Sts.) until December 23rd.



LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

At this time of year the darkness of grief can be overwhelming. Join us at St. Francis of Assisi Church, on Mon. Dec. 21 at 7pm for an evening of prayerful reflection in solidarity with our loved ones who have passed away, and those who grieve their loss. A reception will follow. Open to all.

Christmas Midnight Mass - CHCH

His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate Midnight Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The Mass is preceded by Carols from the Cathedral beginning at 11:30 p.m. on December 24th. The Carols, and the Midnight Mass, will be televised on CHCH-TV and re-broadcast at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. Our thanks to CHCH-TV and the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton for this presentation of Christmas Midnight Mass.

Holy Year Pilgrimage to Italy

Join Father Wayne Lobsinger for a Holy Year Pilgrimage to Italy, May 19-31, 2016. We will visit Assisi and pray for peace in the world. In Rome we will pass through the Holy Door at the Vatican and attend the Wednesday Papal audience. We will visit the shrine to St. Padre Pio and spend a few days touring in Sicily. Mass will be celebrated each day. For further information and or registration, please contact Claire Waxman at Talk of the Town Travel 416-312-9095 or 1-800-414-6538 or claire@talkofthetowntravel.com. An information meeting will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 715 Centre Road, Waterdown on Sunday, January 10th at 3:00 p.m.

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