

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

MON Morning Prayer.....8:00 a.m.
TUE Mass.....7:00 p.m.
WED Mass.....12:15 p.m.
THUR Mass.....8:00 a.m.
FRI Mass.....8:00 a.m.
SAT Reconciliation.....4:15 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 STUDENTS AND STAFF • St. Michael's Parish welcomes students to participate in the liturgical and pastoral life of the parish. Each Sunday evening during the university academic year, we provide a parish Mass at 7:00 p.m. that focuses on the pastoral needs of students and staff of the universities and colleges in our community.

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

MARRIAGE • Couples intending to be married are asked to fill out the application form available at stmichaelw.ca/sacraments. 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 • The Parish Nurse and 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MASS INTENTIONS December 23 - 27, 2014

Tuesday

7:00pm Vlasta Vejvoda – *Georgette*

Wednesday CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30pm Christmas Mass for Families

7:00pm Mass for Christmas Eve

Midnight Midnight Mass

Thursday CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00am For the People

11:00am For the People

Friday

9:00am

Saturday

5:00pm

+Real & Therese Alarie – *Peter & Noreen Michels*

+Family & Friends Lost in 2014 – *Tadeusz & Maria Gorecki*

+Tadeusz Pioch & Emmanuel Zalevich – *Maria*

Pioch & Donata Zalevich

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3.12-21 Luke 2.22-40



MASS INTENTIONS Dec. 30 – Jan. 3, 2015

Tuesday

7:00pm Dorothy Sheppard – *Gilles & Helen Gelinas*

Wednesday FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

5:00pm

Thursday

10:00am FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Friday

NO MASS

Saturday

5:00pm

+Maria Costa – *Louis & Maria Pereira*

Feast of the Epiphany

Isaiah 60.1-6 Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2.1-12



MASS INTENTIONS January 6 – 10, 2015

Tuesday

NO MASS

Wednesday

12:15pm +Wendykier Family Members – *Teresa*

Thursday

8:00am +Arleen Gorman – *Estate*

Friday

8:00am +Jean Baehr – *David & Sandy Milne*

Saturday

5:00pm

+David Laflamme – *Ken & Christine Lang & Family*

+Dave Manning – *Staff at John Sweeney School*

Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7 Acts 10.34-38 Mark 1.7-11

Ministry schedules are posted on the bulletin boards.



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offering

December 13 & 14 – TBA

2015 collection envelopes are available for pick-up in 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 2014, **all donations must be into the collection at the 5:00pm Mass on December 31st, 2014.** Donations given on January 1st, 2015 at the 10:00am Mass will be included in 2015 donations. The Parish Office is open on Monday, December 22nd but closed Tuesday, December 23rd until Thursday, January 1st, 2015 inclusive.

Saving Seats for Christmas Masses: Everyone is reminded, that in fairness to others, seats can only be held until 10 minutes before mass starts. Our ushers will begin seating people in held spaces at that time. We appreciate and anticipate your cooperation on this issue.

The meeting for First Reconciliation is January 28, 2015. If you have missed First Communion and Confirmation meetings please contact Charlie Van Alphen.

Our next bulletin will be on January 11, 2015. Announcements must be in the office by January 6th at NOON.

Please note: There are no reconciliations on December 27th, January 3rd and no mass on January 2nd & 6th.



Attention Snowbirds: CWL members may pay for their 2015 membership early by dropping off the \$30 membership fee, together with your name, address, email address and phone number, in an envelope marked "CWL" in the collection basket. New members may use the yellow form at church entrances. *Thank You!*

PASSION PLAY FINAL AUDITIONS!

Wanted High School and University Students to participate in St Michael's Passion Play. It is the Gospel presented through contemporary songs and drama. Our final audition is **JANUARY 11, 2015 FROM 2:30-3:30 at St Michael's Church.** Come prepared to sing a song a cappella and to do a short gospel reading. If you have any questions contact linda.barrettoburns@gmail.com

TELEVISED CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD, Bishop of Hamilton will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. This is the 60th year that CHCH-TV has televised the Midnight Mass which is broadcast live and then repeated at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. A carol service will begin at 11:30 p.m. followed by Midnight Mass. The televising of this celebration is made possible by the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton.


Pope Francis to attend World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia – The Diocese of Hamilton is planning a trip to the World Meeting of Families, departing Sept. 22, 2015 and returning September 28, 2015 – both Bishop Crosby and Bishop Miehm will be attending. The World Meeting is designed to be significant to people of all ages at all stages of life. Every keynote address and workshop will be based on the concepts of marriage, family and relationship. This is a family event with workshop streams for those 18 and older, 6 – 12 years and day care for those 5 and younger. The first 100 people to register for the Hamilton Diocesan trip will have both their registration and transportation (by bus) paid by the Diocese, leaving only the cost of hotel and food. For more information and to register, please go to www.hamiltondiocese.com, or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2250. "I believe that this event has the power to transform, in deeply positive ways, not just the Catholic Church, but our entire community," stated Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Christmas is a time of joy in families, but also a time of stress as we do too much, eat too much and spend too much! This year make Christmas truly special by slowing things down just a little. Spend some time together, just the two of you; tell your spouse why you see them as a gift all year long. Express your love to your spouse – knowing how you feel about them and why you feel that way may be the greatest gift they will receive.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

In the Christmas carol O Holy Night we hear these words: "Long lay the world in sin and error pining. Till He appeared and the Soul felt its worth." The words are a beautiful reminder that we are loved by God and that Christ's birth reminds us of our inherent value. In a world that can, at times, be hurtful, our children can seek refuge in loving families and through a personal relationship with Jesus. Christmas is a lovely time to remind our children that when Jesus was born he came to live among us and that he still wants to be with each of us today. Through prayer, attending Mass and simply talking to God about the highs and lows of their day, children can develop a friendship with Jesus who loves them deeply. This Christmas, give your children a powerful gift by helping them develop a friendship with our Saviour.

 **World Youth Day 2016 Krakow:** The Diocese of Hamilton is organizing a group to attend the World Youth Day experience from July 19 - August 2, 2016. Cost: \$2400.00 incl. tax. Contact the office for more info or see www.hamiltondiocese.com/wy



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

Christmas 2014

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christmas is supposed to be a time of joy and peace. The birth of Christ in a manger is presented in soft and beautiful terms. The message and the music of angels announces the divine nature of the event. However, in human terms, the story of the birth of Jesus is filled with hardship, rejection and flight. The love of Mary, the determination of Joseph, and the devotion of the shepherds lessen the horror of homelessness and migration.

We have seen that horror most recently in the lives of too many people who have been forced to flee their homes because of decrees that have caused death, destruction, and despair. These people have left everything – their homes, their jobs, their belongings. But, despite threats they have clung to their faith in Jesus Christ – their sole hope!

This Christmas, remember these people – sisters and brothers in faith. Pray for them. One day they may be sitting beside you in your parish church praying in thanksgiving for the welcome they received and for the religious freedom we experience here.

We have many rich blessings – which must be protected and shared. Remain alert that they not be lost. Share them generously, so they may be enjoyed by others.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+ *Douglas Crosby*, OMI

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