

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.

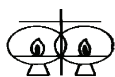
MUSIC IN THE LITURGY • Music plays an integral role in the liturgical life of the parish. Parishioners are invited to sing with the traditional choir (9:00 a.m.) or the contemporary choir (11:00 a.m.) on Sunday morning.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS December 6 - 10, 2016

Tuesday

7:00pm

+Joy Miron – *Linda Guacci*
+Special Intentions of Cecilia & Simon Szeto –
The Szeto Family

+Anita Rosensprung – *Amelia Brier*

+Gail Hause – *John & Helen Anne Hause*

Wednesday

12:15pm

+Jean Schmalz – *Doug & Gai Brown & Family*

Thursday

12:15pm

+Marybeth Hess – *Doug & Family*

7:00pm

Student Holy Hour with Adoration

Friday

8:00am

+Sheilagh Sehl – *Estate*

Saturday

4:00pm

+Reconciliation

5:00pm

+Bob Laurette & Andy McAuliffe – *Marg*

+Jim & Genevieve Logel – *Your Children*

+Ralph Schnarr – *Bernice & Family*

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10 James 5.7-10 Matthew 11.2-11



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offerings

November 27

\$6,503.60 – Collection \$622.00 – Pre-Authorized

New Campus Minister – Joe Goodwin

We are happy to welcome to our staff this week Mr. Joe Goodwin, who will be serving as Campus Minister and Director of the *St. John Paul II Student Centre*. Joe will be heading up the ministry to our university students. We ask for your prayers for him and for our students as we continue to form them in their faith to be committed Catholic leaders for the future!



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

2016-17 SUNDAY MISSALS (\$3.50) are available for purchase in the main vestibule.

Taste the Justice! Orders for Fair Trade coffee, tea, sugar, hot chocolate and chocolate bars are being taken this weekend for delivery on December 17/18.



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.



In Canada today, more than one in four individuals suffers from respiratory disease. Medical evidence clearly shows that scented products are harmful to the health of sensitive individuals. In sufficient concentrations, scented products may be harmful to those with allergies, environmental sensitivity or chronic heart or lung disease.

St. Michael's is dedicated to providing a healthy and comfortable worship environment for our parishioners. In considering the health needs and concerns of those sensitive and non-sensitive parishioners alike and to provide a healthy worship environment, we ask that you refrain from using scented products. We can achieve this goal only through ongoing efforts to protect sensitive individuals and to help parishioners adjust to having a scent-free worship environment.



Sister Rose Ngacha SSND, Director of the Notre Dame Children Outreach program in Nyalieng'a, Kenya, sends her thanks to all the sponsors who are supporting the children in 2017. She asks God to send you many blessings in the New Year and says that you are always in her prayers. *In 2017, St. Michael's parish together with the St. Jerome's community and Sir Edgar Bauer School are sponsoring a total of 128 children ranging from pre-school to post-secondary.*



The Christmas Sharing program continues for another week. Gift tags and boxes are still available in the vestibule of the church. You are asked to return any gift items (tags attached) as soon as possible but 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.



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 10

5:00pm: Melissa, Rachel & Nathan Chinnick

Sunday, December 11

9:00am: Madeline & Elizabeth Swart, Mark Pawliszyn

11:00am: Oshana & Sargon Putros, Eric McCrea

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, December 10

5:00pm: * Abraham Fernandez

1 Tessa Heffernan-Hendel 2 Stefan Pregelj

Sunday, December 11

9:00am: * Marty Bell

1 Teresa Palmer 2 Pat Corman

11:00am: * Sue Durance

1 D'Arcy Terpstra 2 Lauren Huston

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, December 10

5:00pm: Gai Brown, George Farrell,
Angela Tiedemann, Joan Fernandez

Sunday, December 11

9:00am: Peter Michels, Mary Ellen Nolan,
Bonnie Schroth, Chris McKenzie,
Betty Lou Borho

11:00am: Theresa Leung, Bruce Fleming,

Bob & Jean Balahura, Julie Dreisinger,
Gerdy Frantzke, Lorna Kennedy

Euthanasia/Assisted – Did You Know?

Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide/euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? Doctors who object to helping to kill their patients see a direct referral as being an accomplice to assisted suicide. No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. 8 other provinces in Canada have adopted protocols to protect doctors and institutions. Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and to write directly to the Ontario government.

Embracing the Wisdom of Monks & Mystics

A Senior Adult Workshop Series

6 Wednesday afternoons, starting Jan. 11, 2017

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 Valters Paintner. 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.

PASSION PLAY AUDITIONS

Wednesday, December 7th, 2016

2:45 - 4:00 pm

St. David's HS Drama Room

Sunday, January 8th, 2017

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 a cappella 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.barrttoburns@gmail.com



Waterloo Knights of Columbus NEW TOYS

FOR NEEDY KIDS will be having a concert by the Noteworthy Singers "Christmas Joy" on Thursday, December 8th at Waterloo Pentecostal Assembly at 2:00pm. Please bring a new unwrapped toy OR a cash/cheque donation. We hope to see you there.

2016-2017 Lectures in Catholic Experience at St. Jerome's University

Join us on **FRIDAY, December 9**, when **Shane Claiborne**, Executive Director of Red Letter Christians, will reflect on the scandal of God's inclusive love in a world that is starved for grace. With ancient stories of the early Christians, contemporary stories of ordinary radicals, stories from the streets of Philadelphia and the war zone of Iraq, Mr. Claiborne will invite us to re-imagine what it means to be the Body of Christ alive in the world.

Location: Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), St. Jerome's University **Time:** 7:30p.m. | Doors open at 6:45pm. Free of Charge | Free Parking | Wheelchair Accessible | Refreshments Served

Please join us on **Saturday, December 10th from 9:00am – 2:00pm** at **St. Anne's Parish, Kitchener**, for a **life-changing day** entitled, **"Our Hearts are Restless"**!

We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and powerful talks and testimonies by Marcel Dion of Magnificat Ministries. Come experience the truly transforming power of Jesus Christ in preparation for Christmas! No registration fee. Refreshments will be provided. Bring a bag-lunch. A free will offering will be taken. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 email mking@hamiltondiocese.com

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