

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.

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| 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS December 8 - 12, 2015

Tuesday

6:00pm +Reconciliation
7:00pm +Marybeth Hess – *Doug & Family*
+Clare Bechtel – *Bob Bechtel*

Wednesday

12:15pm +Wendykier Family Members – Teresa

Thursday

12:15pm +Ventura Pereira – *Louis & Maria Pereira*

Friday

8:00am +Jackie Sitte – *Denise Dolff*

Saturday

4:00pm Reconciliation
5:00pm +Ralph Schnarr – *Bernice Schnarr*
+Alexander & Rheta McTavish – *Pat, Bill & Family*
+Special Intentions of Renzi Cruz on his 90th Birthday – *John Muldoon*

Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3.14-18a Philippians 4.4-7 Luke 3.10-18



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offering

November 28 & 29 – \$7,752.65

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

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.

As in recent years our **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be giving retail gift cards to families in need in our community this Christmas season. We are relying on your generosity this weekend to assist with the funding of this project. Look for the **SSVP donation boxes at all church entrances.**



The **St. Michael's Christmas Sharing Project** continues. All items are to be returned to the church by **Monday, December 14th at 9:30am.** The Social Justice Committee says "Thank you for your continued generosity to those in our community who need help, especially at this time of year".



ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, December 12

5:00pm: Melissa, Rachel & Nathan Chinnick

Sunday, December 13

9:00am: Madeline & Elizabeth Swart, Clara Thompson
11:00am: Autumn & Logan Ball, Abigail O'Reilly

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, December 12

5:00pm: * Stephen Pacheco
1 Patrick Dietrich 2 Shari Guinta

Sunday, December 13

9:00am: * John Strong
1 Marvellous Onuma-Kalu 2 Suzanne Johnson
11:00am: * Judy Shulist
1 Ralph Stacey 2 Lauren Huston

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, December 12

5:00pm: Janine Russell, John Miller,
Alicia Smith, Joan Fernandez

Sunday, December 13

9:00am: Glen Loffree, Tom Mandich,
Annabel MacDonald, Chris McKenzie
11:00am: Lorna Kennedy, Jeanette Rousseau,
Theresa Leung, Jaime Quintanilla,
Jean & Bob Balahura
7:00pm: Gai Brown, Veronica Zarin

There will be a Prayer Shawl Meeting on Wednesday, December 9th from 1:00-3:00pm in the Guardian Angel Room (behind the kitchen). **New members are always welcome!** If you know of someone who would like a prayer shawl, please contact the Parish Office.

Going forward, Coffee Sundays will be held after the 9:00 & 11:00am masses on the **2nd Sunday** of the month beginning next weekend, December 13th. Please join us in the Parish Centre for a time of fellowship.



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.

The **CWL Annual Christmas Dinner** will be held at Golf's Steak House on Tuesday, December 8th at 6:00pm. This year we wish to work with the House of Friendship to provide articles for one of their communities within our parish boundaries. Sunnydale Community Centre is in desperate need of face soap, laundry detergent, baby wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes (all sizes), Size 5 diapers, nut free school snacks, rice and cans of tuna. CWL members are asked to bring some of these necessities if possible. There will be a special box set-up. Thank you.

Just in time for Christmas giving, Fair Trade orders for coffee, tea, hot chocolate and chocolate bars will be taken December 12-13th at all regular masses. Delivery will be the following weekend on 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!"



St. Michael's Refugee Sponsorship: The government is indeed fast-tracking many of our applications. *Two brothers, Syrians, in exile in Greece, are overjoyed that they will be arriving on Dec. 10th.* Please pray for all refugees everywhere (there are 60 million refugees and displaced people around the world) that they may find the help and safety that they need and that world governments find a way to end the conflicts that destroy so many lives. **Thank you to those people who have donated household items. If you have good used furniture, dishes, household items that you can donate to help the families resettle, please call Diane at 519-616-2227.** *Did you know that refugees such as the people that St. Michael's is assisting are given permanent resident status immediately upon arrival in Canada and are entitled to work, go to school and receive health care? They are no longer refugees but simply newcomers to Canada.*

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.

"The purpose of the Divine Office is to sanctify the day and all human activity." – Apostolic Constitution, *Canticum Laudis*. The Liturgy of the Hours is the richest single prayer resource of the Christian Church, with prayers, psalms and readings for each of the Hours, changing each day and through the seasons. Learn to pray the Liturgy of the Hours by visiting <http://www.universalis.com/today.html>

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 Wednesday, December 23rd at 4:30pm and closed Thursday, December 24th until Monday, January 4th, 2016 inclusive.

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.



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.

Spiritus Ensemble performs Bach's Christmas masterpiece *Christmas Oratorio*, parts 1-3, on Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 23 Willow Street, Waterloo (please note the change from our usual location). Soloists Sheila Dietrich, Jennifer Enns Modolo, Steve Surian, Bud Roach and Richard Hrytzak will be accompanied by an expanded choir and orchestra, Kenneth Hull conducting. Admission \$30 Adults, \$25 Seniors, \$15 Post-secondary students, \$5 high school and children 12 and under. Tickets available at the door and at Eventbrite.ca

Christmas is a wonderful season of the year. Family and friends gather, homes are decorated with lights and trees, gifts, cards, and greetings are exchanged. The song "I'll Be Home for Christmas" is in the air. But you realize that someone will not 'be home for Christmas' this year. This will be a very different Christmas for you - "A Not So Jolly Christmas." Join us on Monday, December 14th, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Francis Church, where we will come together to find ways to survive the season. Dr. Bill Webster's video will be used along with other materials from our Bereavement Support Program. For more info please call Barbara Diemert, 519-744-8955 or bdiemert@rogers.com



Priestly Ordination

It is with great joy that we announce that Deacon Scott Whitfield will be ordained a priest by Bishop Douglas Crosby on December 19th at 10am. The Ordination Mass will be celebrated at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Waterdown, where Deacon Whitfield has been ministering for the last six months. All are invited to join us for this joyful occasion as we welcome our newest Diocesan priest. (www.HamiltonVocations.com)

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