

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS December 9 - 13, 2014

Monday

8:00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday

7:00pm +Marybeth Hess – *Doug & Family*
+Ariela & Frank Psutka – *Gleba Family*

Wednesday

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

Thursday

8:00am +Mary Hudson – *Eleanor Horrigan*

Friday

8:00am +Arleen Gorman – *Estate*

Saturday

5:00pm +Bernard Adlys – *Sonia & Family*
+Bob Dietrich & Betty Phillips – *Mary Dietrich & Family*
+Donna Jutzi – *Mary Dietrich & Family*

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5.16-24
John 1.6-8, 19-28



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offering

November 29 & 30 – \$12,207.05

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

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.

2015 Collection envelopes are available for pick-up in the parish centre.

We need help: On Christmas Eve for the Family Mass at 4.30pm, we need help with our parking lot and assisting families to find parking in the university parking lots. It means being here at 3:45pm until the Mass is finished. Hot drinks, a warming spot, and an early visit with Santa will be provided. Call the parish office if you can help.

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, December 13

5:00 pm: Abraham Fernandez, Alex & Max Winter

Sunday, December 14

9:00 am: Nonso Moneme, Cara Andersen, Jasmine Billote
11:00 am: Laura & Stephanie Kapp, Aidan Fitzgerald

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, December 13

5:00 pm: * Patrick Dietrich
1 Kathy McGlynn 2 Brenda Richey-Van Bakel

Sunday, December 14

9:00 am: * Cristina Prudencio -Brunello
1 Matt Haffner 2 Marvellous Onuma-Kalu

11:00 am: * Denise Dolff

1 D'Arcy Terpstra 2 Linus Wan

7:00pm: * Julia Natanek

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, December 13

5:00 pm: Tim & Norah O'Leary, Alicia Smith, Joanne Winter

Sunday, December 14

9:00 am: Annabel MacDonald, Chris McKenzie,
Peter Michels, Marta Mandich

11:00 am: Kathy Shaw, Martina Smith,
Robert & Jean Balahura,
Bruce Fleming, Theresa Leung

7:00pm: Gai Brown, Magnell Robinson



St. Michael's Catholic Women's League



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!*

Advent/Christmas Sale at the Carmelite Monastery begins the First Sunday of Advent until December 23rd everyday from 8:00am - 8:00pm. Homemade jams, jellies, honey, cards, knitwear, etc. make perfect stocking stuffers and Christmas gifts!

Congratulations to Mr. Gangl's Grade 10 history class for winning this semester's food drive by bringing in over 250 items of food. * We are participating in the "30 Days of Think" challenge, which included the Random Act of Kindness Day, Nov 7th & Bullying Prevention Week Nov.17-21. * We say "Adios!" to our Columbian International Exchange Students! Thank-you for the great memories! * Congratulations to Gabriella Hudec winning silver at the CWOSSA AAA tennis championships

Advent Day of Prayer Friday, December 12 at St. Anne's Church with Mass 8:00am; 9:00am to 3:00pm. Bring a bag lunch, tea & coffee provided. Contact St. Anne's at 519-745-5302 or stannesfamily@gmail.com to register.

Sunday, December 14th is the last 7:00pm mass. They will resume on Sunday, January 11, 2015.



You can still participate in the St. Michael's Christmas Sharing Project. Gift tags for Anna Kaljas Homes and HUGO are available in the vestibule as well as shoeboxes for the Weejeendimin Native Resource Centre. See the displays for instructions. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, your cheque should be made out to "St. Michael's" with "Christmas Sharing" in the memo section. Please deposit your donation in the Christmas Sharing box near the altar (do not put in the collection basket). St. Michael's is an amazing, generous community - the Social Justice Committee would like to thank everyone for their support.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

On Christmas Eve at the **4:30pm** Christmas Mass for Families it is our custom to have a Christmas pageant. Children, grade one and up, can **sign up** this weekend at the main entrance of the Church.

♪ SING JOY! ♪

On Sunday, December 14th at 3 PM, you are invited to enjoy the **simple joy of Christmas Sing-Along** at the Parish Centre. Choirs of St. Michael's and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes, together with special guests and performances, will be there to get you to sing your heart out!

Still need Christmas presents? Come and browse through our donated new gift items and pick what you need and pay what you can! No parking headaches! Meet Santa and Elf with no line-ups! Sweets and cookies and beverages! Free-will donation supports the Good Hearted Women Singers and their work with local Aboriginal communities. Take the whole family! Come and enjoy a fabulous time!

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.

There is a prayer shawl meeting on Wednesday, December 10th from 1-3pm in the Resource Centre.



50th Anniversary of First Mass in St. Michael's Church

50 years ago our church building was sufficiently completed for the community to celebrate its first Sunday Eucharist in the hall.

To mark this date there will be a sing-a-long (for 20 minutes) before all the masses on December 20/21 of songs that may have been sung at that first mass. Come early and join in "Memories in Song".

Several years ago a comprehensive Fire Safety Plan was developed for St. Michael's. One outstanding item is the need for a fire drill. This will take place in the spring. Why – Fire drills save lives – we need to be prepared. How – we will start from the front and back pews and use all 4 exits to evacuate the church. Once outside, everyone will proceed to the north end of the property. Things to remember:

- If you require assistance, please remain seated and the ushers will be available as required.
- Do not go to your vehicle or attempt to move your vehicle – someone could get hurt.
- Proceed slowly and be respectful of children and the elderly.

More information will be presented closer to the date of the fire drill.

A U D I T I O N S !



Youth ages 14-30 are invited to audition for St. Michael's Dramatization of the Passion of our Lord.

AUDITION: December 7th at St. Michael's at 2:30pm. Please come prepared with a song of your choice (sung a capella), and you will be asked to do a cold reading of the gospel. Practices will be Sundays from February 8th to the final performance on April 3rd.

We need actors, musicians, singers, stage crew, and help with marketing.

If you would like to help or audition, please email Linda Barretto-Burns at linda.barrettoburns@gmail.com

Don't forget the WATERLOO K of C 18TH Annual TOY DRIVE! Drop off toys at fire or police stations or at the K of C hall on Dearborn Pl.



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

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