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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.

TUE WED THUR FRI	Mass 7:00 p.m. Mass 12:15 p.m. Mass 12:15 p.m. Mass 8:00 a.m.
TUE	Reconciliation 6:00-6:45 p.m.
WED	Reconciliation 11:50-12:05 p.m.
THUR	Reconciliation11:50-12:05 p.m.
SAT	Reconciliation 4:00-4:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass....7:00 p.m. (during the academic year)

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.

<u>MINISTRY TO PARISH SCHOOLS</u> • 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 JPII Student Centre for more information.

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

<u>MARRIAGE</u> • 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.



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- **7:00pm** +Special Intentions of Betty Barron Karl & Donna Riddiough +Special Intentions of Tomas & Jana Liko &
 - Stefania & Brad Tucker *Stefan & Maria Liko* +Peter Lee – *Peter & Noreen Michels*

Wednesday

12:15pm	+Sheilagh Sehl – Jerry & Joanne Berlette
7:00pm	Evening Prayer

<u>Thursday</u>

12:15pm -	+William	Arnold -	Estate
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Friday

8: 00am	+Deb Reuter – Friends & Former Colleagues
	from Sir Edgar Bauer School
7:00pm	Adoration & Stations of the Cross

<u>Saturday</u>

4:00pm +Reconciliation
5:00Pm +Kevin Kirvan - Paul Kirvan
+Peter Lee - Doug & Gai Brown & Family
+Magdalena Jasinski - Ken & Lynda Adams

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12 Luke 13.1-9

PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offering February 14 – \$11,079.00

2015 Income Tax receipts are available for pick-up outside the Parish Centre.

NO SCENTS IS GOOD SENSE

Some of our parishioners have serious allergies to scents and unfortunately have had to leave mass and other parish events due to allergic reactions. Please do not wear perfume, scented hairspray, cologne, scented deodorant, aftershave or other scented products. Your support is most appreciated.



To Craig & Denise from Homestyle Diner, Parkdale Plaza for helping make a difference in the life of one of our new Canadians, Mouaz. Mouaz attends school at WCI and works part-time at the Diner. Make sure you stop in at Homestyle and say *"Thanks"* to Craig & Denise and *"Hello"* to Mouaz!

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, February 27 5:00pm: Alex & Max Winter, Katie Kuepfer Sunday, February 28 9:00am: Marcus, Claire & Quinn Meyer 11:00am: Neme & Edu Okonkwo, Joel Jobby

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, February 27 5:00pm: * Kelly Melanson 1 Kathleen Doyle 2 Veronica Zarin

Sunday, February 28 9:00am: * Michael Prudencio-Brunello 1 Cristina Prudencio-Brunello 2 Jose Prudencio 11:00am: * Lauren Huston

1 Sylvia Daudu 2 Jenny Reid

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, February 27 5:00pm: Janine Russell, John Miller,

Alicia Smith, Joanne Winter

Sunday, February 2

9:00am: Eleanor Horrigan, Teresa Palmer, Laura Haffner, Bonnie Schroth **11:00am:** Bruce Fleming, Susan Frantzke,

Jacintha & Rohan Jayasundera, Magnell Robinson, Dorothy Krauskopf

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET During the season of Lent, we will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet before each Mass on the weekend.



Members are reminded that your 2016 fees are now due. The CWL members' fees for 2016 remain at \$30. Your fees help fund many events here at St. Michael's, contribute to donations to local / global charities and help our organization bring up important matters to Government which benefit many Canadians. Remember to include your name on your envelope.

Share Lent Pilgrimage – Working to end inequality in Paraguay This week our

pilgrimage travels to Paraguay



where we meet 13-year-old Liz Benitez. In her country, 1% of the landowners hold 77% of arable land. Liz's family is part of a peasant movement supported by Development and Peace who works to gain access to land for *campesinos*, the poorest farmers in the country. This peasant movement has been threatened by the state and police because of their work. "I just want to live peacefully with my family," Liz says. This year consider stretching your Share Lent donation across the whole year with our **Share Year-Round monthly giving program**. Brochures are available at the back of the church. **Solidarity Sunday – March 13, 2016.**

Come and See Retreat

Men interested in the vocation to the priesthood are invited to the Come and See Retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto on the weekend of February 26 - 28. This is a unique opportunity to spend time with those studying for the priesthood, hear their stories, and pray for your vocation. More details and online registrations at <u>www.HamiltonVocations.com</u>



Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic? R.C.I.A. (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of conversion within the living community of faith. RCIA culminates in the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and

Eucharist. RCIA is for:

- adults who have not received any of the Sacraments of Initiation
- adults who have been baptized Catholic or another Christian tradition and have not received Confirmation or First Communion
- adults who have been baptized Catholic and have made their First Communion but have not been Confirmed
- children attending separate, public school or who are being home schooled, who are 8 years old (in grade 3) or older who have not been Baptized or received First Communion

Adults and children prepare for initiation through a process of prayer, rituals, reflection on the word of God, teachings of the Church, community activities and support and service to others. For more information and to register contact the Parish Office at 519-884-9311.



On Saturday, March 5th at 3:30pm, members from the movement Teams of Our Lady will visit our parish and

familiarize us with the charism of the largest international movement for married couples in the Catholic Church. The Teams of Our Lady helps exists to help couples discover the abundant riches of the sacrament of marriage and to live out a real married spirituality. Founder Fr. Henri Caffarel, affirms that "The Teams of Our Lady have as their essential aim to help couples to strive after holiness - no more, no *less*". There will be a PowerPoint presentation and a chance to meet other couples from the K-W region. Childcare will be provided! If you and your spouse yearn for a deeper intimacy through conjugal and family prayer in addition to support of families who are working towards this goal, please visit www.teamsofourlady.ca and join us! *"Let* everyone see that you are interested only in the highest ideals" (Rom. 12:17). RSVP to Monika and Chris via phone/text 416-346-2610 or km.matelski@rogers.com

Peter, John, and James had а mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com

During this Holy Year of Mercy, the Waterloo Deanery will host 24 Hours for the Lord on March 4th & 5th at Sacred Heart Church. The principal feature of this observance will be to offer the Sacrament



of Reconciliation continuously from 4-11pm on Friday, March 4th and again from 6am-4pm on Saturday, March 5th. In addition to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will be offering various liturgies and devotions on March 4 - 5th. For more information contact the parish at 519-519-742-5831.

2015-2016 St. Jerome's University Anniversary Lectures — "Illuminating Hearts and Minds" Join us on FRIDAY, March 4, for "Identity as Performance: You're Given a Script, But You Can Switch It (Maybe)." Lawrence Hill, renowned Canadian author of The Illegal and The Book of Negroes, will share his observations on the subject of human identity as something that is evolving, complex and sometimes impossible to define. Location: C. L. Siegfried Hall, St. Jerome's University Time: 7:30pm | Doors open at 6:45pm.

Free of Charge | Wheelchair Accessible | Refreshments | No **Registration Reguired**

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 are hosting a FISH FRY on Friday, March 4th at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, Elmira. There will be two sittings - 5:00pm and 6:30pm. Take out will be at 6:00pm. Cost is Adults \$15.00; Children (12 & under) \$8.00; and Take out is \$15.00. Advanced tickets are available until March 2nd. Purchase your tickets from the St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office between 9:00am and 1:00pm. or call 519-669-3387. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner.

Be inspired, encouraged and healed: Come celebrate the 24th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally on Saturday, March 5th 9:00am-5:30pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and guest speaker Deacon Larry Oney. High Mass (with Sunday readings) celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. There will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for youth and can be purchased at the web site below or by phone at 416-251-4255 or 905-833-0360. For more information: info@lift-jesus-higher-rally.org or visit: www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? - Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help marriages regain their health. It helps spouses re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 11th please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2016? If you are, you are invited to join couples from across the Diocese for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 29th** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster on the bulletin board at the entrance at University Ave. off the parking lot. For information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com

