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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.

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.	
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.	

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

Our worship space and Parish Centre are barrier free off of Hemlock Street.

<u>NEW TO THE PARISH</u> • Please come and introduce yourself and complete a registration form available on our website at www.stmichaelw.ca 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.jp2waterloo.ca 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, long term care facilities or in hospitals. Anointing of the Sick is celebrated at 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.



<u>Tuesday</u>

7:00pm +Susan Tomasevic – 9:00am Ushers +Jake Lehman – Doug Hess & Gerri Duque +Special Intentions of Students in JPHSC – Joey Tomasicchio

Wednesday

12:15pm	+Johnnie Bogan – Tony Bogan
7:00pm	Evening Prayer

<u>Thursday</u>

12:15pm	+Jean Moser – <i>Louis & Maria Pereira</i>
7:00pm	Student Holy Hour with Adoration
<u>Friday</u> 8:00am	Teresa Belcastro – The Swarbrick Fami

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7:00pm	Stations of the Cross

<u>Saturday</u>

5:00pm +Jeannette Pullin – *The Moser Family*

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20.1-17 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25++ John 2.13-25



<u>Sunday Offerings</u> February 18 – \$5,517.00 PAG – \$6,317.00



Save the Date: **April 20th**. The **Waterloo Region Police Male Chorus** will perform at St. Michael's Church. Silent Auction begins at 6:30pm, the concert at

7:30pm. Tickets are \$20. "Fill a Pew" with family and friends and support the St. Michael Refugee Fund. If you can donate Items for the Silent Auction, would like to be a sponsor or wish to help in other ways, please call Diane at 519-725-2226. Tickets go on sale next weekend, March 3 & 4 in the main vestibule.

If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah - called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director at 905-528-7988 x2246 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

During Lent....don't forget Evening Prayer on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm and Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:00pm.

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, March 3 5:00pm: Katie Kuepfer, Alessia Ovcacik, Noah Van Alphen

Sunday, March 4

9:00am: Joel & Ryan Jobby, Mark Pawliszyn

11:00am: Neme, Edu, Ify Okonkwo

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, March 3 5:00pm: * Tom Connor 1 Steve Kamski 2 Stefan Pregelj Sunday, March 4 9:00am: * Michael Prudencio-Brunello 1 Suzanne Johnson 2 Jose Prudencio 11:00am: * Sue Durance 1 Ralph Stacey 2 Yesith Jayasinghe

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, March 3 5:00pm: Tracey Kuepfer, Tim O'Leary, Lynn West, Joanne Winter

Sunday, March 4 9:00am: Doug & Yvonne Rickert, Betty Lou Borho, Michelle Borho-Harris, Laura Haffner

11:00am: Bob & Jean Balahura, Julie Dreisinger, Paul Song & Grace Gao, Lorna Kennedy, Gerdy Frantzke

Penance Services in Waterloo

Next week there will be many opportunities to encounter our Lord's forgiveness through the healing Sacrament of Reconciliation. They are:

> Mon, March 5th – St. Louis Church Tue, March 6th – St. Agnes Church **Wed, March 7th – St. Michael's Church** Thu, March 8th – Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Each service will start at 7:30pm. For more times throughout the K-W area, please visit our website at <u>www.stmichaelw.ca</u>

Join the "Call for Conscience" in Hamilton Diocese

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. **The Diocese of Hamilton wants to protect the rights of all healthcare workers.** Visit **www.CanadiansforConscience.ca** to learn more, write a letter (samples available on their website) to your Provincial Member of Parliament and consider adding your email address to the Conscience Coalitions network to receive future information. We all need to join the "Call for Conscience" taking place between February 6 and March 31st.

New in 2018! The ABC's of Mother Teresa:

Have deep respect for each other.

As a non-traditional form of spirituality, Taizé ecumenical worship is particularly popular with busy people. Music is its foundation. At the heart of this prayer service are Scripture



readings surrounded by silence and beautiful music that can help one engage in meditative prayer.

Prayer then leads us to renew our trust in God. When we live with hearts that trust, life becomes meaningful for those around us. Sunday, February 25 at 7:30pm hosted by St. Andrew's Memorial Anglican Church, 275 Mill St. Kitchener 519-743-0911.

Prayer Vigil - Thursday, March 1st from 9:00-10:00am in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com



ENTRUST YOURSELF TO GOD'S MERCY!

During Lent, Blessed Sacrament Parish is offering 33 Days to Merciful Love, a group retreat in preparation for consecration to Divine Mercy. This 6-week DVD program by Fr. Michael Gaitley will take place Thursday afternoons at

1:00pm in the Board Room, beginning Thursday, March 1. To register or if you have any questions, contact Yvonne 519-570-9029



World Day of Prayer "All God's Creation is Very Good!" will take Friday, March 2nd at place Parkminster United Church, 275 Erb St., E., Waterloo. The country of Suriname will be celebrated. Speaker: Rev. Joe Gaspar



Joint Lenten Retreat with Waterloo CWL's Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall on Saturday, March3rd at 8:45am (arrive 8:15 to 8:45) to 11:30am. Come listen to a

wonderful speaker, Anne Jamieson from the Hamilton Diocesan Office, talk about "The Rhythm of Lent. Mass at 10:00am and delicious refreshments after. Please call Marg at 519-886-8258 or Helen at 519-885-2776 if you can attend

Adoration for Life

Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist - Console His Heart Wounded by abortion and sins against the Sanctity of Life. Three Locations: Sunday, February 25th, 10:30am in Spanish followed by Holy Mass, St. John Church; Friday, March 2nd, 6pm—7pm St. Teresa Church, Kitchener Adoration Chapel and Saturday, March 3rd, 11am-12noon St. Mary Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Church. Prayer and fasting are the first and most effective weapons against the forces of evil. Mt 4:1-11

BUS TO 26th ANNUAL "LIFT JESUS HIGHER" RALLY

Saturday, March 3rd, bus leaves the parking lot of St. Mark's Catholic Church at 6:50am to head to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Bus tickets are \$15/person (includes snacks and driver gratuity). For bus tickets please call Anna at 519-577-8519. For rally tickets or info, visit: www.lift-iesus-higherrallv.ca



St. Agatha Parish CWL presents St. **Patrick's Day Card Party** on Sunday, March 11th at 2:00pm. Come out and bring a few friends! Door Prizes. Draws and a

Delicious Beef Stew Luncheon. Admission \$10/person includes Stew, Rolls, Beverage & Dessert Squares. Cash Draw & Raffle Draws during Luncheon at 4:30pm. For more info stagathahcwl@gmail.com

Stress in Your Marriage? - Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most couples don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Retrouvaille can help. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend March 16, please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org

Persons Separated and Divorced Kitchener Programs

LEVEL 1 - (Learning to Cope), and LEVEL 2 (Accepting the Situation) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Topics are meant to offer hope and personal growth and include: the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, guilt, loneliness, forgiveness, trust, singleness and children. Course fee: \$35.00 (Level 1), and \$45.00 (Level 2). Both Level 1 & 2 will be held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, starting March 20 from 7pm -9pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener. Contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 to register, or do so at www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/familyministry/divorce-separation.php. If you know of someone who might be assisted by these programs, please pass this information on.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2018? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10th 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 main entrance for information on how register for the celebration, to or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com

