

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.

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.



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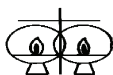
Catholic Women's League

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are God's people called to worship and serve Christ Jesus in community on the journey of faith.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS

Jan. 31-Feb 4, 2017

Tuesday
7:00pm

- +Helen Renaud
- +Sheilagh Sehl – *Estate*
- +Alfred Schroth – *The Schroth Family*
- +Lyle St. Peter – *Diane Tyrrell*
- +Catherine (Chad) Meagher – *Diane & Joe Hanlon*
- +Special Intentions of Louise Griggeman – *Frances Klein*

Wednesday

12:15pm +Jane Cagnin – *Joe & Family*

Thursday

12:15pm +Eugene Dietrich – *The Schroth Family*
7:00pm Student Holy Hour with Adoration

Friday

8:00am +Monica Fischer – *The Schroth Family*
7:00pm + First Friday Mass with Adoration & Stations of the Cross

Saturday

5:00pm +Steve Hollo – *Mary Chrysler & Family*
+Pat Beaupre – *Ron & Marilyn Merkle*
+Special Intentions of Harold Lewis & Peggy Ann Yantz on their 50th Wedding Anniversary – *Ann Marie, Stephanie & Keith*

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58.6-10++ 1 Corinthians 2.1-5 Matthew 5.13-16



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offerings

January 22 – \$5,379.00 PAG – \$622.00

We Welcome Bishop Crosby Next Sunday, Jan 29th

We welcome Bishop Crosby next Sunday who will be celebrating our 7:00pm Student Mass. Bishop Crosby is very committed to supporting ministry to our university and college students, and we look forward to his visit to celebrate Mass, to tour the St. John Paul II Student Centre, and to meet with our young men and women! All are welcome.

2017 collection envelopes are available for pick-up outside the Parish Centre. If you require assistance retrieving them, please ask!



Please **DO NOT** leave your donated clothing, shoes, toys etc. at the entrances to the church or in the St. Vincent de Paul bins. It is unfair to expect that someone from the parish will dispose of these items on your behalf. We do not have storage space and we very rarely ask for used clothing. Please deliver them to a worthy charity yourself.

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, February 4

5:00pm: Gabriel Pregelj, Alessia Ovcacik, Katie Kuepfer

Sunday, February 4

9:00am: Melissa, Rachel & Nathan Chinnick

11:00am: Logan, Autumn & Luke Ball

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, February 4

5:00pm: * Katherine Bergman

1 Brenda Richey-Van Bakel 2 Shari Guinta

Sunday, February 5

9:00am: * Teresa Palmer

1 Linda Guacci 2 Diana Knoll

11:00am: * Cat MacEachern

1 Kishani Jayasundera 2 Herli Liem

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, February 4

5:00pm: George Farrell, Angela Tiedemann, Gai Brown, Mike Lahn

Sunday, February 5

9:00am: Betty Lou Borho, Michelle Borho-Harris, Laura Haffner, Tony & Pam De Leo

11:00am: Jeanette Rousseau, Gerdy Frantzke, Rohan & Jacintha Jayasundera, Bob & Jean Balahura, Martina Smith

SOMETHING NEW! St. John's Kitchen does more than serve nutritious lunches to more than 250 people every weekday. People in need also have access to laundry facilities and showers. So beginning now, the Social Justice Committee will be collecting personal size soap, shampoo and lotion to pass along. In future, when you are travelling and don't know what to do with your **nearly full hotel toiletries** (it seems a shame to leave them behind to be thrown out), just bring them home and pass them along to St. Michael's and we will deliver them to St. John's. The collection bin is the at the top of the stairs near the main vestibule in the drawer marked "Personal Size Toiletries". Thank you.



The **Social Justice Committee** is pleased to announce that one of St. Michael's sponsored refugee families has finally had their interview and medicals last Thursday. This Christian family has been living in Lebanon since fleeing Iraq in 2014. Please keep them in your prayers, that the results of their interview is positive and that everything goes well as they prepare to come to Canada.



"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven..." Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering being a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, at 905-528-7988 email mking@hamiltondiocese.com www.hamiltonvocations.com



PLEASE HELP US, HELP THEM!

The Catholic Women's is collecting items for Days for Girls. Days for Girls makes sustainable sanitary pad kits for women and girls. These kits literally change lives in many third world countries as girls are not allowed to attend school or work when they have their period, due to a lack of sanitary supplies, resulting in 4-5 days of missed school or work a month. We want to give them back their lives and you can help us to do that!

This year the Kitchener Chapter would like to distribute 800 kits and are looking for donations of 'Ziplock' freezer bags (1 gallon size, press to seal ONLY), new unused panties, full size in women's sizes 5/6 or girl's size 12/14 and new, unused washcloths. Boxes are in the main vestibule for your donations. Donations are welcome and may be placed in the collection. Cheques should be made payable to "Days for Girls".

Want to find out more about Days for Girls??? Please join us on Tuesday, February 14th after 7pm Mass as guest speaker, Pat Wilkins will tell us more about this exciting grassroots, nonprofit organization. Together we can make a difference in the lives of women and girls throughout the world!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

The gift of self promised during our wedding vows is essential to put into action during moments of struggle. When a spouse's actions cause anger, sadness or disappointment, we must try to look past the action or words and see the person you love. Instead of responding negatively in the moment, try to understand what has caused this situation and propose a resolution that will work for both of you and for your relationship. In our most vulnerable moments we have a chance to show our greatest love by responding as we should, as opposed to how we feel.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Spending quality time together will pay great dividends to all involved, especially our children. Time together allows for positive interaction, the ability to learn about each other and the chance to build strong bonds and memories. A great starting point is a shared family meal, but reading together, playing a board game, or working on a puzzle together are but a few of the many ways we can build connections. The result will be higher self-esteem for children, a greater cohesiveness in the family unit and the desire for more time as a family. Try it, you won't regret it!



Access to Hemlock St. may be difficult from January 30th to February 2nd due to....you guessed it....construction! There is a promise that barrier free access will be maintained.



Do you visit our homebound parishioners? Do you bring Holy Communion home to a family member?

If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, the Parish Office would like to hear from you! Father Dave would like to try and visit our homebound parishioners on a regular basis so that he can get to know those who are unable to join us on Sundays, and to keep them connected to their parish family.

Our hope is to create a database of our homebound parishioners so that we know who they are, and to make sure that nobody gets forgotten about. This is important as we don't always know about those who are no longer able to come to church.

And on that note, we are also always looking for volunteers to help us with our ministry to the homebound. If you are willing to make home visits periodically to those who would like to receive Communion, please let Father know, or contact the parish office.

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. Acts 20:28

Men interested in learning about the Permanent Diaconate Formation program in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to attend the information session on Sunday February 5, 2017 that will take place at The Chancery Office in Hamilton. The meeting will be held after 11:00 a.m. Mass. To register or for more information contact Deacon Peter Gittens at 905-528-7988, ext. 2258 or diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com

Ministry of the Week – Social Justice

The Social Justice committee meets 5-6 times a year and informs and educates parishioners on social justice issues. The committee is responsible for presenting the annual Development and Peace Action and Share Lent activities. The Committee organizes the annual Christmas Sharing Project in conjunction with the two parish elementary schools – Sir Edgar Bauer School and St. Nicholas School. The committee is very involved in Refugee Sponsorship work.

Other activities vary from year to year depending on the interests of the committee members and the needs of the parish, our community and international visitors. Some past activities include:

- The "Living Library & Lunch" presentations
- Guest speakers on a wide range of topics
- Social Justice Book Club
- Social Justice Movie Night
- Collection of Liturgical books and items for a seminary/university in Zimbabwe
- Annual Collection of Backpacks and School Supplies

New members are always welcome.

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