

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.



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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 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.jp2waterloo.ca 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, 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.

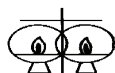
MUSIC IN THE LITURGY • Music plays an integral role in the liturgical life of the parish. Parishioners are invited to sing with the traditional choir (9:00 a.m.) or the contemporary choir (11:00 a.m.) on Sunday morning.

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.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



MASS INTENTIONS

Jan. 9 – 13, 2018

Tuesday

7:00pm +William Arnold – *Estate*
 +Special Intentions of Joe Goodwin – *Joey Tomasicchio*

Wednesday

12:15pm +

Thursday

12:15pm +Marybeth Hess – *Doug Hess & Family*
7:00pm Student Holy Hour with Adoration

Friday

8:00am +Marjorie Doerfler

Saturday

5:00pm +Donald Duke – *The Duke Family*
 +Oscar Duke – *The Duke Family*
 +Francesco Bellatoni – *The Appelman Family*

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3.3b-10, 19
1 Corinthians 6.13c-15a, 17-20
John 1.35-42



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offerings

December 17 – \$8,102.00 PAG – \$783.00
 December 24 – \$6,872.85 PAG – \$783.00
 December 25 – \$18,032.00
 December 31 – \$7,252.00 PAG – \$783.00
 January 1 – \$4,177.00



Once again this year, we had a beautiful celebration of Christmas here at St. Michael's! Between our 5 Masses, we welcomed approximately 2,400 people to

our church, and there are so many people to thank for all of your help in making everything go smoothly. To our choirs, decorators, Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Mass Co-ordinators, those involved with our pageant, our custodial staff, as well as to our SVDP Society and our Social Justice Committee who coordinated assistance for those in need in our committee – a big THANK YOU is in order! As you can imagine, a lot of work goes on in the background for our Masses at Christmas and all year around – we wouldn't be able to do it without your commitment!



Coffee Sunday Next Weekend!

Please join us in the Parish Centre after 9:00 & 11:00am masses for some goodies and social time with fellow parishioners. If you require assistance, please ask an usher.

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, January 13

5:00pm: Alex Winter, Katie Kuepfer, Noah Van Alphen

Sunday, January 14

9:00am: Joel & Ryan Jobby, Marcus Meyer

11:00am: Ryan Leamen, Eric McCrea, Cecilia Frantzke

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, January 13

5:00pm: * Abraham Fernandez
 1 Brenda Richey-Van Bakel 2 Shari Guinta

Sunday, January 14

9:00am: * Marta Mandich
 1 Suzanne Johnson 2 Katherine Bergman

11:00am: * Yesith Jayasinghe

 1 Kishanie Jayasundera 2 Ronn Madarbux

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, January 13

5:00pm: Andrea Dafoe, Paul Gladding,
 Joan Fernandez, Mike Lahn

Sunday, January 14

9:00am: Teresa Palmer, Marta Mandich,
 Doug & Yvonne Rickert

11:00am: Bruce Fleming, Theresa Leung,

Denise McClanahan, Jeanette Rousseau,
 Kathy Shaw, Martina Smith



Truffle Sales a HUGE Success!

Our pre-Christmas truffle sales from Esta Chocolates generated \$565.85 for our parking lot fund! We sold 330 boxes of truffles and could have sold more. We will be doing another fundraiser before Valentine's Day...watch the bulletin for more information.

Holy Land Pilgrimage – May 2019

Fr. Dave is currently gauging interest in a possible parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land for the spring of 2019. It would be a 9-day tour to visit the significant sites associated with the life of Jesus. No commitment is required at this point, but if you have any interest – even if it is just a remote interest – please email Fr. Dave at frdave@stmichaelw.ca to let him know. If we determine there is interest, we will schedule a time in the near future for the travel company to make a presentation to our group to see if this is a trip you may wish to pursue.



Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

Members of this ministry knit or crochet Prayer Shawls for those who are experiencing difficult times and Baptismal Blankets for each baby baptized at St. Michael's. Patterns are as simple or as complicated as you wish. Join us Wednesday, January 10th from 1-3pm in the St. Kateri Room.

We also have members who are unable to attend our meetings but wish to participate in this ministry.

For more information please contact the Parish Office.

The next Social Justice Committee meeting is on Thursday January 11th at 7 pm in the St. Michael Room. New members are always welcome.



The Catholic Women's League would like to extend thanks to all who helped our make our Bake Sale and Silent Auction a huge success. Thank you to the ladies who contributed such delicious baking, to those who set-up, packaged and sold items and to parishioners who supported us. A special thanks to Fr. Dave who donated his first baked cake for auction fetching \$60.00. If you are on Facebook, you can find Fr. Dave's video. We were excited to present Fr. Dave with a cheque for \$1,700.00. Proceeds will go to Parking Lot Fund and church necessities.

There will **NOT** be a CWL meeting in January. The next meeting will be an afternoon meeting on Tuesday, February 13th from 1-3PM. Please join us for soup, a movie and meeting.

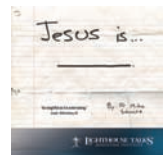


Christmas Sharing: Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2017 Christmas Sharing Project. For the first time, all the tags were taken and most of the items were returned on time for delivery. Thank you on behalf of Kaljas Homes, Healing of the Seven Generations and HUGO. Thank you also to St. Nicholas School for collecting toiletries for St. John's Kitchen and to Sir Edgar Bauer School for their donations to Marillac Place and to Healing of the Seven Generations. Thank you notes and pictures will be posted on the bulletin board and the website as appropriate.



Africa Child Sponsorship Program: Thank you to all our renewing sponsors and new sponsors. Sister Rose sent us some new information about grade levels, school fees, birthdates etc and some of the donations were late in being submitted but everyone has been matched up and very soon you will be contacted will information about "your child". Thank you for your patience and generosity.

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, 905-528-798 x2246 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



CD of the Week: Jesus Is...

Fr. Michael Schmitz, a renowned and beloved speaker and spiritual guide to the Young Church, discusses the all-important topic of God's existence. Armed with his usual repertoire of lively humor and sound philosophy, Fr. Mike reveals the incredible implications of the question which Christ asks all of us: "Who do YOU say that I Am?"

REFUGEE UPDATE

- ❖ In December, St. Michael's, as the Constituent Group, submitted two more Refugee Sponsorship applications to the Office of Refugees at the Diocese. These were approved by the Diocese and submitted to the Government of Canada prior to the year-end. One of these is for a Palestinian family, stateless, all born in Syria and currently in Qatar. The second is for a Rohingya family that fled Myanmar because of persecution and have lived in a refugee camp in Bangladesh for 25 years. The Palestinian family will be funded by a friend here in Waterloo. St. Michael's is currently fundraising for the Rohingya family. Please keep these families in your prayers.
- ❖ The Syrian family that St. Michael's supported in 2016 has some great news to share. The husband/father left the family in Lebanon and went looking for work in September 2014. He was stranded in Germany when his family received refuge in Canada. But now all his security/medical checks have been completed and he is flying to Canada on January 15th to rejoin his three children and his wife. There is a "Welcome to Canada" card in the vestibule - if you wish to write him a message of welcome or just sign your name.
- ❖ There has been a request for a sewing machine (must be in excellent condition) from a Syrian newcomer. She has advanced enough in her language skills that she can participate in a sewing class but needs her own machine. Another family has requested a queen-size bed. The older couple was given a double-bed when they arrived because of space limitations but now have a bigger bedroom and would sleep better with a queen-size. If you can help with either request, please contact Diane at 519-616-2227 by phone or text.

St. Anthony Daniel Youth Ministry presents an *Evening of Praise and Worship* with Chris Bray on Friday, January 19th, at 7pm in our worship space. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Life Centre. If you are bringing a larger group, please RSVP.

Chris Bray is a Singer - Songwriter of Canadian Christian radio #1 hit songs, and has appeared on a variety of shows including on Salt & Light TV.

While this is an excellent opportunity for the youth in all of our parishes to gather under one roof to praise and worship God together, all ages are invited.

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