

# St. Michael's Catholic Church

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## 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

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	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](http://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 celebrate a 7pm Sunday Mass for students. The St. John Paul II Student Centre ([jp2waterloo.ca](http://jp2waterloo.ca)) offers programming throughout the week, and Campus Ministry at St. Jerome's University provides pastoral care and programming for students on the University of Waterloo campus ([sju.ca](http://sju.ca)).

**BAPTISM** • 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 HOMEBOUND** • 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.*

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### WELCOME HOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Welcome, we are really glad you're here! Whether exploring, struggling or looking for a new Church Home - we extend a warm welcome to our parish and pray that you feel at home. Please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Family of Faith. *For details on our parish life, offering envelopes, pre authorized or on line giving, as well as to find out about ways of connecting, check out our website: [www.stmichaelw.ca](http://www.stmichaelw.ca) or see anyone at our Welcome Desk.*



**March 12 - 16, 2019**

#### Tuesday

**6:30pm** Rosary  
**7:00pm** +Spec. Int. of Mabel Finch – *Joanne Berlette*  
+Bryan Gleason – *Phyllis Selberg*  
+Dana Woito – *Conestoga College Friends*  
+Donna & Richard Gomez – *The Family*  
**7:30pm** Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction

#### Wednesday

**10:30am** +Mass at Court at Laurelwood  
**12:15pm** +Wendykier Family Members – *Teresa*

#### Thursday

**12:15pm** +Dr. Jack Sehl – *Angela Madappuli*

#### Friday

**8:00am** +Dec. of Pauline Pulley Fam.– *Bernie Haberstroh*  
**10:30am** +Mass at Columbia Forest  
**7:00pm** Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday

**5:00pm** +Teresina & Nicola De Leo – *The Family*  
+Frank Flanagan – *Bob & Mary Flanagan*  
+Bryan Gleason – *Beverley, Anna & Julie*

### Second Sunday of Lent

*Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18 Philippians 3.17-4.1 Luke 9.28b-36*

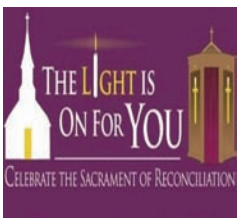
#### Sunday Offerings

March 3 – \$5,664.00 PAG – \$968.00

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### PARISH PRAYER NETWORK

Our parish prayer network offers us the opportunity to weekly pray for those in our community who are in need. To become a member of the prayer network, or to add an intention, email us at [stmikesprayer@gmail.com](mailto:stmikesprayer@gmail.com)

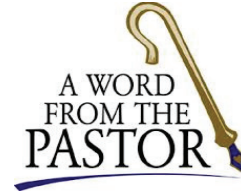


Save the date of **Wednesday, March 27, 2019** for our first **Day of Mercy**. An opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 8:00a.m.–8:00p.m. with several visiting priests and in various languages. 12 Hours – 12 Confessors. Make sure to be part of our Day of Mercy.



### **"Catholic Café" This weekend! After all Masses!!!**

**Please join us in the Parish Centre (lower level) after all of our Masses – Saturday at 5:00pm, Sunday at 9:00am & 11:00am and even after the 7:00pm Mass. There will be special "Lenten approved" donuts and on Sunday night our students are serving pizza. Of course fellowship with fellow parishioners – and some great displays by various groups in the parish – plus it's the perfect way to meet new people too!**



Inserted in this weekend's bulletin is first Lenten edition of our parish newsletter "Our Family of Faith." It outlines some wonderful opportunities during these next 40 days to grow in our walk of faith. During Lent consider making daily Mass a part of your Lenten journey, or participating in Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday evening, or during the Fridays of Lent, a Catholic tradition, is to celebrate the Stations of the Cross. This beautiful prayer reminds us of the fact that Christ accompanies us on our road of life and invites us to accompany Him on the road which led Him to eternal life with the Father; an action which is our Salvation. Join us at 7:00 p.m.

This past Sunday, along with members of our RCIA Team, it was a joy to celebrate the Rite of Election at the Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph. It is an opportunity for some of those who will be received at Easter as Catholics to be acknowledged, and prayed for by, and with, Bishop Crosby. During the Season of Lent, all in our RCIA will participate, at various Masses in our parish church, in ceremonies called Scrutinies. Please continue to pray for them during this final period of their preparation. From among our parish, and Student Centre, we will receive 12 at the Easter Vigil- what a wonderful sign of new life for our growing family.



I am particularly excited for the launch of our partnership with St Paul Parish in Baker Lake. Located in the Canadian territory of Nunavut, 320 kilometres inland from the coast of Hudson Bay and is accessible by water via the Chesterfield Inlet. As a simple and practical Lenten outreach we can make a real difference in the lives of families who live in this remote area. Please see the information inserted in our bulletin this weekend. I hope we can all "lean in" and help this worthwhile cause. Thank you to our parish chapter of the St Vincent de Paul for taking the lead on this project, and to our four parish schools and the St John Paul Student Centre for working with us on this project.



### PETITION OF ONE MILLION 2019

Make your voice heard as Catholic Christians by supporting the “Petition of One Million” to persuade our Canadian Parliament to protect the lives of our children before birth. The unborn cannot speak for themselves, so let’s speak out for them. Let’s be the Good Samaritan and not turn our backs on our precious unborn children. The petition will be available for signing this weekend Parish Centre on March 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>.

### REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP NEWS

Great news! St. Michael’s submitted sponsorship papers for a family from Afghanistan in July 2016 and they are finally arriving on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The family consists of two parents plus a son and daughter in their early twenties and a daughter of 17. (New government regulations limit the amount of information we can provide to the parish about the family.) The mother’s brother here in Waterloo is the financial sponsor and St. Michael Parish is providing assistance with resettlement.

This help includes sourcing furniture and household items for the family. It is anticipated that the family will be moving into its own accommodation sometime in mid to late April. If you have household furniture (living room, bedroom, kitchen) or smaller items (lamps, towels, cleaning supplies, etc.) that you could donate, please call or text Diane at 519-616-2227. Please note that the government requires pictures of all “in-kind” donations and will not allow us to accept mattress sets unless they are brand new. Thank you.

### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE (SHARE LENT)



*Share the journey with poor coastal communities in Tacloban, the Philippines*

In 2013, poor coastal communities in the Philippines saw their homes ravaged by Super Typhoon Haiyan. Thanks to your donations, Development and Peace and its local partners purchased land that was transformed into the Pope Francis Village.

Watch *After the Storm* to follow the inspiring journey of these communities: [devp.org/en/philippines-documentary](http://devp.org/en/philippines-documentary)



### SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Our Social Justice Committee will gather on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the St. Michael Room. New members welcome!

### VBS RETURNS!

Vacation Bible School will once again take place here at St Michael Parish. Save the dates of July 29-August 2, 2019 – 9:00-Noon. VBS is for children JK – Grade 5. *On Line Registration via our website will open soon.* If you wish to be part of our planning team – contact the Parish Office.



We are very excited that our parish will be offering an opportunity for high school aged young people to participate in the Steubenville Conference – July 12-14, 2019. Watch for details or check our website – register soon!!



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the Resource Centre (lower level). We appreciate donations of yarn to support our ministry. New Members welcome!



### SAINT JOHN BIBLE - EVENING OF REFLECTION

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019 – 7:30-9:00PM**  
**ST MICHAEL PARISH CENTRE**

Join us for a reflection on **Our Life in Community** through the lens of the illumination of the Saint John's Bible. Anne Jamieson, Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Hamilton will lead us in this evening steeped in the Word of God. Sponsored by our parish CWL, *this event is open to all in the Parish (men and women)*. Feel free to join us at 6:30pm for Rosary and 7:00pm Mass.

### DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2019? You are invited to join couples from across the Diocese for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30pm. See the poster at the main entrance for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

### SUNDAY HOMILIES ON LINE

Sunday homilies are available weekly on line in audio version through our parish website – just click on the link.

### NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to St. Joseph, March 11<sup>th</sup> to March 19<sup>th</sup>. Participate in the Novena by sending your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: Carmel of St. Joseph. 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., R.R. #1 - St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

### THIRD SUNDAY DISCERNMENT GROUP

Are you discerning a call to ordained or consecrated life? Father Michael King (diocesan vocations director) leads a discernment group on the Third Sunday of every month at 6:00pm in our Student Centre (Canadian Martyrs' Room).



Let us remember in prayer all of our elementary and secondary students who will be on March Break this week.

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