

# 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

MON	Morning Prayer8:00 a.m.	
TUE	Mass7:00 p.m.	
WED	Mass12:15 p.m.	
THUR	Mass8:00 a.m.	
FRI	Mass8:00 a.m.	
SAT	Reconciliation4:00 p.m.	

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.

**MINISTRY TO PARISH SCHOOLS** • Charlie Van Alphen and the pastoral 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. Fr. Con is available for the staff and students at St. David's school as needed.

**<u>MINISTRY TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND STAFF</u>** • St. Michael's Parish welcomes students to participate in the liturgical and pastoral life of the parish. Each Sunday evening during the university academic year, we provide a parish Mass at 7:00 p.m. that focuses on the pastoral needs of students and staff of the universities and colleges in our community.

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

**MARRIAGE** • Couples intending to be married are asked to fill out an application form from the office or online at stmichaelw.ca/sacraments and meet with Fr. Con 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** • The Parish Nurse and 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 Centre and The Court At Laurelwood 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.

**<u>MUSIC IN THE LITURGY</u>** • 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 <u>may be edited due to space limitations</u>. All items must be in the parish office twelve days prior to publication.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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



## March 18 - 22, 2014

Monday

8:00am Morning Prayer

#### Tuesday

7:00pm +Diane Smith – Al & Carol Meagher

Wednesday

12:15pm +Wendykier Family Members -Teresa

#### Thursday

8:00am +Gilbert Joseph – Selvy

**Friday** 

8:00am +Miro & Irene Guacci - Linda

#### <u>Saturday</u>

5:00pm +Larry Kreitz – Helen Dorsch & Family

Third Sunday of Lent Sunday Exodus 17.3-7 Romans 5.1-2, 5-8 John 4.5-42



PARISH NEWS

#### Sunday Offering March 8 & 9 - \$7,880.50

Income tax receipts and collection envelopes are available for pick-up in the Parish Office during regular office hours.



"One Human Family, Food for All". This is the true meaning of "solidarity", i.e. to "consider your neighbour without exception as another self". We are one in Christ. We remember that it is really only God who gives. He gives to us, trusting us to share with those who are caught in injustice through no fault of their own. We are, in fact, passing on God's gifts. If we all lived like this, hunger would disappear from this earth.



Denise Dolff will be returning to Rwanda on April 2<sup>nd</sup> for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the genocide. She is hoping to raise money to pay school fees for young men in the minor seminary who cannot afford even a toothbrush and toothpaste, and are in danger of having to withdraw because their families cannot afford the cost of \$500.00 US per year, or do so by selling their only farmland, resulting in even greater poverty. Denise is asking for donations of \$5.00 or more with a goal to subsidizing three seminarians with the assistance of St. Michael's Parish. As this is a personal undertaking, not a parish outreach, no income tax receipts can be issued, but envelopes marked "African Seminarian" can placed in the collection or left at the church office for her to personally deliver. Thank you for any support you can offer.

ALTAR SERVERS		
Saturday, March 22		
5:00: Katie McElroy, Katie Kuepfer, Alex & Max Winter		
Sunday, March 23		
9:00am: Jasmine Billote, Marcus, Quinn & Kieran Meyer		
11:00am: Reney Puthran, Katie McClanahan,		
Samantha & Hailey Terpstra		
MINISTERS OF THE WORD		
Saturday, March 22		
5:00pm: * Sylvia Daudu		
1 Katherine Bergman 2 Tom Connor		
Sunday, March 23		
9:00am: * Cristina Prudencio-Brunello		
1 Jenny Reid 2 Katie Haffner		
11:00am: * Kelly Melanson		
1 Marvellous Onuma-Kalu 2 Judy Shulist		
7:00pm: 1 Stephen Pacheco		
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		
Saturday, March 22		
5:00 pm: Tracey Kuepfer, Janine Russell,		
George Farrell, Angela Tiedmann		
Sunday, March 23		
9:00 am: Betty Lou Borho, Laura Haffner,		
Gabrielle Smith, Mary Ellen Nolan		
11:00 am: Jeannie Krulicki, Denise McClanahan,		
John Muldoon, Kathy Shaw,		
Magnell Robinson, Martina Smith		
7:00 pm: Tony & Pam De Leo		
Soup and Bread Solidarity Lunch		

#### Soup and Bread Solidarity Lunch

St. Jerome's University social justice committee invites you to join us in a simple soup and bread lunch in solidarity with those around the world who are in need, on Sunday, March 30 at 1:00pm in the Sr. Leon White Room in Sweeney Hall, entrance beside the Notre Dame Chapel. Listen to student guest speakers who have spent time abroad in various mission programs offered at SJU and enjoy the musical talent of Michael Kelly (remember the Harambee Pub Night!). Tickets available at St. Michael's March 22-23rd for \$5.00 each. Proceeds will go to supporting St. Jerome's students in the Beyond Borders program. If you would like to make a donation but are unable to attend the meal, please leave the ticket for someone who is able to attend and we thank you for your donation. Parking is free.

#### Attention All Ladies of the Parish:

You are invited to our 5th Annual Lenten Retreat hosted jointly by the four Catholic Women's Leagues of Waterloo. This year the retreat will be held on April 5<sup>th</sup>, at Our Lady of Lourdes in Waterloo beginning with Holy Mass at 9 AM and concluding at noon. Mass will be followed by some light refreshments in the Parish Centre. Our Retreat Theme this year is "The Prodigal Daughter" which has been interpreted and the debut will be performed by Elisa Lollino. There will also be time for reflection and meditation after the performance. There is no admission to attend the retreat, but we will take up a free will offering to support our artist, Elisa whose desire is to share the Gospel. <u>Signup sheets will be available after mass on March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.</u> You may also sign-up via e-mail cwl@stmichaelw.ca before March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our Retreats have been a wonderful way to prepare for Easter and reflect on the true meaning of Lent. Please join us on April 5th.

# WHY @ Breakfast

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# The Catholic Way to Get Even!!!

Vicar General of the Hamilton Diocese Msgr. Kroetsch and retired Murray Christian psychotherapist **Denise Dolff** will help us understand forgiveness how and reconciliation can help us not just with our relationship with God, but also with others God around us. Ιf forgives 119 do need unconditionally, why we the Sacrament of Reconciliation? If someone hurts you or betrays you, why do you need to forgive that person? How can we forgive with all the pain and anger? Where do you start on the path of forgiveness?

Join us on **Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 9:30 AM**! Come and enjoy free breakfast (compliments of the Catholic Women's League) and nourish your soul at the same time. Doors open at 9 am. **All** parishioners are welcome to attend. Please register at cwl@stmichaelw.ca or call parish office.

#### MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Marriage is never a static affair – life events, changing family situations and growing older all contribute to a relationship in motion! As you build your marriage, the foundation becomes solid and "bricks and mortar" are added, but don't be fooled into believing the task is complete. Maintenance is what keeps marriages strong: spend time together; remember to speak words of love and appreciation; talk about what you are doing well and what you need to improve as a couple. When we continue to put effort into our marriages, the ride is filled with excitement and joy!

#### PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

For many of our children Lent is a time to give something up; it becomes simply a time of self-denial. Parents need to help their children understand that Lent is really a time to connect with their baptism and the teachings of our faith - it is a time to prepare ourselves for Easter. Explain to your children that we give something up as an act of self-denial, but also to unite ourselves with the world's poor; we fast, not just from food, but from poor behaviours and actions that do not make us Christ like; we pray, not just for ourselves, but for all those in need. Reading and talking about Jesus' passion, praying as a family, engaging together in works of charity – these are all ways that families can journey through Lent together. This Lent, help your children engage in activities and take the time to become closer to God – it will make their Easter so much more meaningful.



FIRST RECONCILIATION REMINDER: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19<sup>™</sup> @ 7:00PM IN THE CHURCH. **Retrouvaille:** A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages – So many couples struggle alone and confused with their difficulties. Retrouvaille offers those in troubled and painful marriages the chance to rediscover themselves, their spouse and a loving relationship in their marriage. You are NOT alone. Please don't wait. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 21-23, 2014, in Niagara Falls please call **905-664-5212** or email: retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca or visit www.retrouvaille.org



# DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, May 25, 2014, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm for couples married 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years in the year 2014. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required). To participate in the celebration, please refer to the poster on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the church.

Supporting children and youth is a good investment in the future of your community. Family & Children's Services of the Waterloo Region needs your help in transporting children or youth to family visits, school, access day care, therapy appointments, etc. Volunteer drivers need to have a vehicle in good working order, 1 million liability insurance, and а good drivina record. Reimbursement rate is 48 cents per kilometer. Support children and youth and leave a legacy in your community. Call 519- 576-1329 ex 3411.

# *LENT 2014*

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Lenten Series on Vatican II March 20, 27, April 3 & <u>10</u> at St. Francis Church (Mass 9:00am / Refreshments 9:30am / Session 10:00 – 11:30am) **OR** at St. Michael's (Mass 6:00pm / Simple Soup Meal 6:30pm / Session 7:30 – 9:00pm)

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<u>Evening Prayer</u> every Thursday during Lent beginning March 6 until April 10 at 7:00pm

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The Social Justice Committee will be leading the *Solidarity Way of the Cross* after Friday morning masses on March 21<sup>st</sup> & April 4<sup>th</sup>. The guide is available every day in the church and is very family friendly so you are invited to participate whenever it suits your schedule.

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Waterloo Penitential Services(all begin at 7:30pm)March 31 – St. LouisApril 1 – St. AgnesApril 2 – St. MichaelApril 3 – Our Lady of Lourdes

