

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 25 - 29, 2014

<u>Monday</u>

8:00am Morning Prayer

<u>Tuesday</u>

7:00pm +Claire Bogan – Margaret & Tony Bogan

Wednesday

12:15pm +Special Intentions of Paul & Marie Lehman – *Gilles & Helen Gelinas*

<u>Thursday</u>

8:00am	-	+Joan H	Boldt –	Bob	& Jean	Balahura
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Friday

8:00am	+Arleen Gorman – Estate
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- <u>Saturday</u> 5:00pm
 - **Dpm** +Ermenia Guidolin St. Michael's RCIA +Special Intentions of Madeline Hergott – Doug & Gai Brown & Family

<u>Sunday</u>

Fourth Sunday of Lent 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5.8-14

John 9.1-41

PARISH NEWS

<u>Sunday Offering</u> March 15 & 16 - \$7,713.00

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

Development and Peace

"One Human Family, Food for All". Development and Peace and its partners are making a difference in the lives of the poor; for example, in Cambodia, D & P has helped to build pipelines and water storage ponds as a reserve in times of drought. One of its partners has run workshops showing how to grow organic rice. Now food is plentiful and constant. Please plan to give generously in the Share Lent collection.



It`s in you to give !

SAVE THE DATE

A designated St. Michael's Blood Donor day will be held on May 13/14 at Canadian Blood Services, 94 Bridgeport Road E., Waterloo. For those people on a regular donation schedule, we sincerely hope that you will support this initiative.

New donors are always welcome. If you are unsure of eligibility, please call 1-888-2 DONATE or visit www.blood.ca

Please watch for updated bulletin information and bulletin board postings. WE NEED YOU.

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Saturday, March 29			
5:00: Luke Roberts, Abraham Fernandez,			
Katie Kuepfer, Claire Strong			
Sunday, March 30			
9:00am: Matt & Thomas Onuska,			
Nonso Moneme, Marcus Meyer			
11:00am: Sofia & Cristy Argueta, Emily & Olivia Horvat			
MINISTERS OF THE WORD			
Caturday, March 20			

Saturday, March 29			
5:00pm:	* Patrick Dietrich		
	1 Kathy McGlynn 2 Kathleen Doyle		
Sunday, March 30			
9:00am:	* Katherine Bergman		
	1 Denise Dolff 2 Matt Haffner		
11:00am:	* Sue Durance		
	1 Kishanie Jayasundera 2 Herli Liem		
7:00pm:	1 Julia Natanék		

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, March 29 5:00 pm : Joan & Daniel Fernandez, Norah & Tim O'Leary Sunday, March 30 9:00 am: Annabel MacDonald, Helen Anne Hause, Doug & Yvonne Rickert 11:00 am: Hilary White, Diane & Martin Jones, Theresa Leung, Bruce Fleming, Lorna Kennedy 7:00 pm: Veronica Zarin, Gai Brown We are looking for 6 (male or female) volunteers to assist with parking on Easter Sunday at the

to assist with parking on Easter Sunday at the 11:00am mass. If you can help it would be most appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office.

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. Tickets are available for purchase this weekend for \$5.00 each. 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. Thank you for your donation. Parking is free.

Attention All Ladies of the Parish:

You are invited to our <u>5th Annual Lenten Retreat</u> hosted jointly by the four Catholic Women's Leagues of Waterloo. This year the retreat will be held on April 5th, **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 <u>no admission</u> 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. You may sign-up via e-mail cwl@stmichaelw.ca before March 25th. 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

Presents

The Catholic Way to Get Even!!!

Vicar General of the Hamilton Diocese Msgr. Kroetsch and Murray retired Christian psychotherapist **Denise Dolff** will help us forgiveness understand how and reconciliation can help us not just with our relationship with God, but also with others around us. If God forgives us need unconditionally, why do 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 29th, 2014 at 9:30 AM! Come free breakfast and enjoy (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.

Inshallah is Singing With Our Neighbours! (the Arabic word *inshallah* means "God willing"). This lively upbeat choir sings songs of praise and prayer from around the world. In particular, they focus on songs from the global South that speak to themes of social justice. They also sing Canadian hymns in an effort to define what our faith contribution is to global song. *Inshallah* will be here at St. Michael's on Sunday, March 23rd at 4:00pm with a reception to follow. There will be a free will offering to support our Africa Project and the Kanata Centre.



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.

24 HOURS FOR MERCY

In response to the request of Pope Francis that one parish in every Diocese have the Sacrament of Reconciliation available for a 24 hour period beginning Friday, March 28th, Bishop Crosby announces that this opportunity will be available at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Priests will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 28th and concluding at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 29th. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during this period, as well as Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7:00 p.m., and the celebration of Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 29th. All are welcome!

LIVING WELL, WISELY AND WHOLE

A three part workshop series for Seniors 50 + Thur. March 27, Wed. April 30, Thur. June 5, 1:00 – 3:30pm at Notre Dame Convent, Waterdown. Facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon DMin & David Dayler, M.T.S. Bishop Crosby O.M.I. will celebrate Mass for us on June 5. To register for these sessions or for more info contact Monica Verin mverin@hamiltondiocese.com 905-528-7988 ext 2238

Calling all Parents: Your children are growing up, who will influence their decisions? Parents want and need to be the primary educators of their children. The important tasks of talking with and setting appropriate limits for your preteen/teen requires knowledge about your role as a parent, how your child's brain works and an understanding of why sharing your morals and values is essential for your teens healthy development. Join us for our parent presentation here at St. Michael's on Tuesday, April 1st and learn some practical tips to help you influence your child in a positive manner. The presentation by Teresa Hartnett will follow 7:00pm Mass from 7:30-8:30pm.

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites everyone interested to attend the Mini-Retreat & Grocery Shower (No Meat) to be held Saturday, April 5 from 10:15am - 2:00pm at the Monastery. Mass will be celebrated preceded by the Rosary. The Retreat Master is Reverend Ron Voisin.

Become a Winner!!!

The local Catholic Charities Lottery has replaced the St. Jerome's High School Lottery which began in the early 70s and then became the J.M. lottery supporting St. Jerome's and St. Mary's High Schools. Full funding for Catholic High Schools by the government in 1985 necessitated a change in the dispersal of funds. Today the Lottery funds Community initiatives and Parishes and Catholic Schools in Waterloo Region. 1000 tickets are available at \$100 each! There are bi-weekly draws for \$1000.00 May to September and your ticket can be drawn more than once. Plus there are early bird draws. Check out www.CCFOWR.org to purchase a ticket. Or phone the Catholic Community Foundation Office, Doug Farwell at 519-747-5661 or Father Terry McGuire at 519-772-2938.

LENT 2014

 <u>Lenten Series on Vatican II continue March 27,</u> <u>April 3 & 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)

° *Evening Prayer* every Thursday during Lent beginning March 6 until April 10 at 7:00pm

° The Social Justice Committee will be leading the <u>Solidarity Way of the Cross</u> after Friday morning mass April 4th. 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.

<u>Waterloo Penitential Services</u> (all begin at 7:30pm)
March 31 – St. Louis April 1 – St. Agnes
April 2 – St. Michael April 3 – Our Lady of Lourdes

