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St. Michael's Catholic Church

St. Michael's Parish Offices - 80 University Ave., W. at Hemlock St., Waterloo, ON N2L 3C7

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 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) 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).

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.

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 or see anyone at our Welcome Desk.*



March 5 – 9, 2019

Tuesday

6:30pm Rosary
7:00pm +Bob Fisher – *Eleanor Horrigan*
 +Maria & Louis Noronha – *The Family*
 +Mitchel Varela – *Norma Varela*
7:30pm Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction

Ash Wednesday

7:00am For Intentions of Parishioners
12:15pm For Intentions of Parishioners
7:00pm For Intentions of Parishioners

Thursday

12:15pm +Armando Pereira – *Louis & Maria Pereira*

Friday

8:00am +Dado Caracaz – *Merlie & Terry*
11:00am Mass at University Gates
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday

5:00pm +Tony Hergott – *The Family*
 +Marie Greaves – *Lou Jordan & Family*
 +Jean McClanahan – *Denise, David & Katie*

First Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26.4-10 Romans 10.8-13 Luke 4.1-13

Sunday Offerings

February 24 – \$6,078.00 PAG – \$968.00

Thank you for your generosity

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



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 –

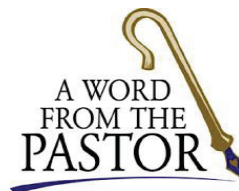
12 Confessors. Make sure to be part of our Day of Mercy.

Next Weekend is our *“Catholic Café”*

March 9/10, 2019 - 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!



Lent begins this Wednesday with the Distribution of Ashes and it is a day of Fast and Abstinence. During Lent consider making daily Mass a part of your Lenten journey. During the Fridays of Lent, it is a Catholic tradition to celebrate the Stations of the Cross. Join us at 7:00p.m.

THREE PILLARS OF LENT

PRAY—Break the bond of busyness and embrace silence and solitude. Consider a Holy Hour on Tuesday evenings before the Blessed Sacrament. Beginning in Lent, watch also for a weekly reflection called **“Sunday Matters”** which will provide some questions to help all fully reflect on the Sunday readings. Watch for more details on the home page of the parish website (stmichaelw.ca).

FAST—Think about what you eat and drink, and why. Remember thoughtful self-denial cleanses both the body and spirit. Make Fridays during Lent “meatless” as a simple way to recall Christ's passion and death.

GIVE ALMS—Share what you have with a generous spirit. Acts of justice and compassion bless both giver and recipient. Consider a donation to Development and Peace (Share Lent), or to aide with our Kenyan Mission. As a parish, we will also be participating in a special project in union with our St Vincent de Paul Society called *North of 60 KW* – which seeks to aide St Paul Parish in Baker Lake, Nunavut. Watch for details and ways to help this Lent.

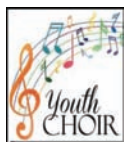
As our parish continues to get busier, and more requests arrive for items to be included in our bulletin, as mentioned last week, we will no longer be including the names of liturgical ministers in our weekly bulletin. We ask those involved to please keep their schedules handy, or contact ministry co-ordinators for a new copy. We are working on some improvements to our website and in time we will be having a section on the website where ministry schedules will be accessible on line.



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!!

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 – join us on *Monday, March 4, 2019 at 7:00pm in the St. Kateri Room (Children's Ministry space right beside main sanctuary of church).*



YOUTH CHOIR (Grade 3 – Grade 12)

Our next practice will take place in the choir loft on Thursday, March 7th from 6-7pm. New members are always 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.



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING

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



SHARE LENT

(DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE)

Thanks to donations received annually by Catholics during the annual Share Lent appeal, Development and Peace can support over 162 projects in 37 countries around the world!

Use the calendar found in today's bulletin or with the mobile app to

pray, learn, think and act in solidarity with the 68.5 million refugees and forced migrants. Prepare to make a donation on Solidarity Weekend on April 6/7. This Lenten season, let's create a culture of encounter and share the journey!



Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Time: 7-8:30pm (doors open at 6:30pm)

Place: St. Michael Parish Centre

If you have, or are, experiencing grief from the loss of a loved one, we invite you to join guest speaker, Courtney Harris, an Accredited Music Therapist. Music Therapy is proven to help decrease the feeling of isolation, encourages positive connections and promotes relaxation. There is no charge, although seating is limited. Please **register by March 6, 2019** by contacting Kathy Shaw – shawbing@rogers.com or call 519-886-2117. At registration you will be asked to provide the name of a song (and artist if you know) that you can relate to or prefer.



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 in the Parish Centre on March 9th/10th.

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to St. Joseph, March 11th to March 19th. 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

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2019? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 9th at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30pm. Please refer to the poster at the main entrance for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com



The Prayer Shaw Ministry meets on Wednesday, March 13th at 1:00pm in the Resource Centre (lower level).

We appreciate donations of yarn and money to support our ministry. New Members welcome!

SUNDAY HOMILIES ON LINE

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

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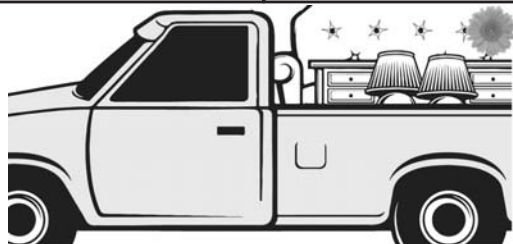
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