

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/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 • 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.stmichaelw.ca and follow the link to JP II Student Centre 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, in nursing homes, in hospitals or in prison. Anointing of the Sick is celebrated in the parish church, 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS INTENTIONS

March 21 - 25, 2017

Tuesday

7:00pm

+Mike Sharratt – *Prayer Shawl Group*
 +Marianne Haberstroh – *The Draper Family*
 +Special Intentions of Pauline Quinn – *Suzanne Perry*

+Vincent Nolan
 +Paul Grobe
 +Doreen Galvin

Wednesday

12:15pm

+Gail Hause – *Eleanor Horrigan & Linda Guacci*

7:00pm

Evening Prayer

Thursday

12:15pm

+William Arnold – *Estate*

7:00pm

Student Holy Hour with Adoration

Friday

8:00am

+Lucy Chun – *Eleanor Horrigan*

6:30pm

+Mass

7:00pm

Stations of the Cross with Adoration until 8:30pm

Saturday

5:00pm

+Joe Brick – *Lou Jordan*
 +Helen Gunn – *Gerard & Kate Runstedler & John & Juli Chinnick*
 +Frank & Anna Gruber – *The Miller Family*

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5.8-14 John 9.1-41



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offerings

March 5 – \$5,557.00 PAG – \$635.00

Pre-Authorized Giving

As always, we are so appreciative of the financial support that you provide on a weekly basis. Your faithful use of contribution envelopes keep the lights on, and helps us to continue the important pastoral outreach work that we as a Catholic parish are called to do.

Instead of envelopes, many of our parishioners have opted to contribute to the work of the parish through our *Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)* program, meaning that your usual weekly or monthly offering is simply debited from your bank account. In addition to being a convenient giving option, it also helps the parish to better predict our contribution stream, helping us to more accurately budget for the programs that we offer. It also reduces the amount of administration work for the parish, and gives you the freedom of not having to think about those weekly envelopes! We encourage you to give some thought to switching to *PAG* for your offering, and if this option seems right for your family, you can find green *PAG* forms at the doors of the church to fill out or visit <http://stmichaelw.ca/pre-authorized-giving>. Bring your form back next Sunday or to the office during regular hours. And again, we thank you so much for all of the generous support that you offer to your parish, in whatever way you are able!

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, March 25

5:00pm: Gabriel Pregelj, Alessia Ovcacik, Tyler Malizia

Sunday, March 26

9:00am: Marcus Meyer, Nonso Moneme, Clara Thompson

11:00am: Joel & Ryan Jobby, Anson Chan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, March 25

5:00pm: * Tessa Heffernan-Hendel
 1 Teresa Palmer 2 Stefan Pregelj

Sunday, March 26

9:00am: * Gilles Gelinas
 1 Linda Guacci 2 Marty Bell

11:00am: * Sofia Argueta

 1 Sylvia Daudu 2 Ronn Madarbux

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, March 25

5:00pm: Joan Fernandez, Paul Gladding,
 Ken Adams, Gai Brown

Sunday, March 26

9:00am: Annabel MacDonald, Bonnie Schroth,
 Tony & Pam De Leo, Helen Anne Hause

11:00am: Bruce Fleming, Gerdy Frantzke,

 Grace Gao & Paul Song,
 Martin & Diane Jones, Lorna Kennedy

Lighthouse Catholic Media: Week #4

Seven Last Sayings of Christ

Spoken as He suffered the agony of the cross, the seven last sayings of Christ recorded in the gospels have been the subject of prayer and inquiry by Christians for two thousand years. In this revealing presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn unlocks for us the deeper significance of Our Lord's last words, carefully chosen so that we might better understand the immense love of God for every person and His plan of salvation. Learn how Jesus' words are as profound and gripping today as when He uttered them on that first Good Friday.



Grief Support Group

St. Michael's is offering a 6 week grief support program to assist people after the death of a loved one or a significant loss. The group will meet every Wednesday evening, from 7-9pm beginning May 3rd. The program will follow the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counseling. There is no fee but you must register. To register or for more information please contact the parish office.

Ministry of the Week – Adult Funeral Servers

At St. Michael's parish we celebrate approximately twenty five funerals a year in the church. The funeral Ministry at St. Michael's needs volunteers for Adult Servers who assist the priest during the funeral service in the church. We require 3 servers at any funeral Mass and a volunteer can indicate times or days of availability.



Women are breaking the chains of sexual violence in the **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)**.

This week, we meet with **Cécile Kazadi**, a woman from the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**, who explains why community radio is an essential tool for women denouncing sexual violence. "Thanks to RCK radio, our lives have changed a lot. We are now aware of our rights." This year, why not **share year-round** by joining the monthly donor program? Find more information at devp.org/shareyearround

50th Fact: Development and Peace has been working with the Congolese Catholic Church to encourage **citizen participation** and ensure a **fair electoral process** since the first democratic elections in the DRC in 2006.

UW Students for Life and Laurier LifeLink will both be hosting free screenings of the award-winning documentary *Hush* this upcoming week. *Hush* explores how abortion increases one's subsequent risk of breast cancer, premature birth, and psychological suffering. UW Students for Life will be showing *Hush* on Monday, March 20th at 7 pm in MC 4045, while Laurier LifeLink will be showing the documentary on Thursday, March 23rd at 7 pm in BA 111. Please attend if you're available and invite your friends and family as well. Any questions contact Josie (UW) at uwstudentsforlife@gmail.com or Christine (Laurier) at laurierlifelink@gmail.com

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 24th** please call **905-664-5212** or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org

Development and Peace **Solidarity Quilt:** As part of D & P's 50th anniversary celebration, a giant solidarity quilt is being created in dioceses all across Canada by our members and partners in the Global South. Each diocese is creating a square, and a pilgrimage will take the pieces across the country from west to east and east to west. The quilt will be assembled in the centre of the country. The pieces of the quilt will be on display at St. Jerome's University, Notre Dame Chapel, on March 23. Mass will be at 7pm followed by a reception. On March 29th, the quilt will be here at St. Michael's beginning with evening prayer at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.



New to Waterloo! K of C Bingo Thursday Nights, Doors open 6:00pm. Bingo starts at 7:00pm at 145 Dearborn Pl. Cash prizes, Food and Fun

K of C Fish Fry Friday Nights at Columbus Conference Centre, 145 Dearborn Pl. For reservations call 519-884-2060



Taize – We are blessed to be able to join other Christians to pray for Christian unity and worldwide needs. The next service will be on Sunday, March 26 at 7:30pm at Church of the Good Shepherd, 116 Queen St. N., Kitchener 519-743-3845.



EASTER FUN DAY Fun Easter Egg-Tivities!!!

Sunday, March 26th at Noon in the Parish Centre for children ages 0-10. Pre-registration is required before Monday, March 20th through the Parish Office parish@stmichaelw.ca or 519-884-9311 Ext. 0 (please state child's age and gender). You can also register on the sign-up sheets in the main vestibule after Masses this weekend.



"Thine is the Glory" Concert

On Sunday March 26th, celebrate the power and glory of Easter with the Wayne Gilpin Singers in the Notre Dame Chapel at St. Jerome's University (290 Westmount Rd., N.). "Thine is the Glory" concert will feature the performance of sacred music of the season. The concert begins at 2:00pm and parking is available. All are welcome to attend with a freewill offering and all proceeds will be donated to the Notre Dame Chapel renovations. For info, contact Martha Fauteux 519-884-8110 x28220 mfauteux@uwaterloo.ca

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Observing Lent as a couple is an excellent way to deepen both your spiritual and marital bond. Talk about each of your Lenten resolutions and then assist each other to achieve it. Challenge each other to keep to your resolve, pray for each other on your 40 day journey, and take up activities as a couple that will deepen your faith. Take the three Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving into your relationship and journey the path together. Consider 40 acts of kindness toward each other for the 40 days of Lent. When you focus on achieving goals together, it strengthens your relationship bond as a couple and with God – a win-win Lenten season.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Lent is the perfect time to focus on our faith journey. Help your children look beyond giving something up, to the deeper meaning of Lent. Remind them that Lent is about looking forward to Christ's resurrection, which opens us to the joy of eternity. During Lent help your children reflect on what Christ's coming meant for us - he taught us how to live good and holy lives; he showed us what it means to be faithful to a promise; he gave us the gift of salvation and the hope of eternity; he reminded us that God has a plan for each of us. Pray together, attend the Stations of the Cross; read the bible, commit to fasting as a family (perhaps from arguing with siblings or speaking back to parents), give alms as a family unit. When you take your task of helping your children understand Lent and its purpose to heart, everyone benefits!

"But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation at 905-528-7988 or www.hamiltonvocations.com

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