

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 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.jp2waterloo.ca 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, 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS INTENTIONS

March 6 – 10, 2018

Tuesday

6:30pm Rosary
7:00pm +William Arnold – *Estate*
+Special Intentions of Melissa Tran

Wednesday

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

Thursday

12:15pm +Helen Tilley – *Louis & Maria Pereira*
7:00pm Student Holy Hour with Adoration

Friday

8:00am +Bazil Byrne – *Margaret Harte & Family*
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday

5:00pm +Jeannette Pullin – *The Moser Family*

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23++
Ephesians 2.4-10
John 3.14-21



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offerings

February 25 – \$6,155.00 PAG – \$783.00

During Lent....don't forget Evening Prayer on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm (cancelled this week due to our Penitential Service) and Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:00pm.



Stations of the Cross and Musical Reflections with John B. Miller & Friends on Friday, March 23rd at 7:00pm. See the posters at all church entrances for more information. If you attended Advent Reflections, you know

that this is a wonderful way to prepare for the Easter Season. If you didn't, come on out and Prepare for the Way of the Lord.

Penance Services in Waterloo This Week

There are many opportunities in the city this week to encounter our Lord's forgiveness through the healing Sacrament of Reconciliation. They are:

Mon, March 5th – St. Louis Church
Tue, March 6th – St. Agnes Church
Wed, March 7th – St. Michael's Church
Thu, March 8th – Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Each service will start at 7:30pm. For more reconciliation times throughout the K-W area, please visit our website at www.stmichaelw.ca

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, March 10

5:00pm: Gabriel Pregelj, Alessia Ovcacik,
Reney Puthran

Sunday, March 11

9:00am: Rachel & Nathan Chinnick, Don Klein

11:00am: Oshana & Sargon Putros, Ryan Leamen

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, March 10

5:00pm: * Teresa Palmer
1 Patrick Dietrich 2 Pat Corman

Sunday, March 11

9:00am: * Peter Michels
1 Katherine Bergman 2 Marta Mandich

11:00am: * Kishanie Jayasundera
1 John Strong 2 Stephen Pacheco

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, March 10

5:00pm: Alicia Smith, Ken Adams,
Gai Brown, Joan Fernandez

Sunday, March 11

9:00am: Tony & Pam De Leo, Glen Loffree,
Marta Mandich, Chris McKenzie

11:00am: Rohan & Jacintha Jayasundera,
Doug Haennel, Dorothy Krauskopf,
Jeannie Krulicki, Theresa Leung,
Bruce Fleming



Coffee Sunday Next Weekend!

Please join us in the Parish Centre after 9:00 & 11:00am masses for some goodies and social time with fellow parishioners. If you require assistance, please ask an usher.

The Social Justice Committee meets next Thursday, March 8th at 7 pm in the St. Michael Room. A special welcome to our new members!



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. This program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. The sessions will be held April 25 - May 30, on Wednesday evenings, from 7-8:30pm at St. Michael's. There is no fee but you must register by April 10th. To register, or for more information, please contact the parish office.

Join the "Call for Conscience" in Hamilton Diocese

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. **The Diocese of Hamilton wants to protect the rights of all healthcare workers.** Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, write a letter (samples available on their website) to your Provincial Member of Parliament and consider adding your email address to the Conscience Coalitions network to receive future information. We all need to join the "Call for Conscience" taking place between February 6 and March 31st.



The Africa Committee would like to THANK everyone who supported the Child Sponsorship campaign last fall. Two cheques were sent to the NDCO from St. Michael's - the majority of the funds in December 2017 and the balance a few weeks ago in 2018. In total, parishioners and friends of St. Michael's and St. Jerome's donated \$66,647.00 for the direct support of 120 children - elementary, secondary and post secondary. In late November, Sister Rose sent a list of the children and their school fees anticipated for 2018. This eliminated a lot of guesswork and we feel that the sponsored children are well looked after for the coming year. In addition, Sir Edgar Bauer School has been sponsoring 6 NDCO students for the last few years. As well, St. Michael's contributed \$8,000.00 towards the general needs of the NDCO. So "thank you - asante" to everyone.

One of the major challenges of this project is communication. Internet service at the NDCO home and office is very poor which is frustrating for us here as we try to get updates and information on the project and the children. It is also frustrating and time-consuming for the NDCO as they struggle to supply us with the information we ask for. So we ask for your patience and understanding. Sister Rose is in Nairobi this weekend and has promised to take advantage of better internet connections to answer all our questions.



Blood donors are urgently needed the week of March 12th - 17th. Canadian Blood Services will be here in the main vestibule after the 7:00pm Mass next weekend, March 11th to answer any questions about blood donation and book you an appointment to donate blood if you are able. Please consider donating blood and giving the Gift of Life.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2018? You are invited to the Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 10th** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at **1:30 pm**. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster at the main entrance of the church for information on how to register for the celebration.

PLEASE NOTE: The **Lecture in Catholic Experience** with Douglas Cardinal is cancelled on Friday, March 16th due to illness.

New in 2018!
The ABC's of Mother Teresa:
 If you really want to love God,
 love one another.



The **Waterloo Regional Police Male Chorus** will be performing at St. Michael's on **April 20th at 7:30pm** - less than 7 weeks. Tickets (\$20) are on sale this weekend and again next weekend March 10-11. This is

THE major fundraiser for the St. Michael's Refugee Fund. Please support this very worthy cause by "Filling a Pew" with your family and friends. There will also be a Silent Auction at 6:30pm to add to the fun for everyone. If you would like to be a sponsor, donate a silent auction item or just get more information, please call Diane at 519-725-2226.



Waterloo Knights of Columbus 5135 Good Friday Fish Fry, Friday, March 30th. 1 piece dinner \$12.00, 2 piece dinner \$14.00 tax included. Sittings at 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00 and 7:30PM. Dinner includes Fish, Chips, Tartar Sauce, Roll, Coleslaw, Coffee and Dessert. Tickets are available at the club. No reservations.

Marriage Tip

We all know that positive reinforcement works best with children, but did you know it has a very positive influence on your married relationship as well? Do you compliment your spouse every day? Do you remember the magical words please and thank you when interacting? Do you take a little time out of your busy day just to touch base and let your spouse know they are on your mind? Do you share at least one meal each day? Try each of these throughout the season of Lent and see their benefits come to light.

Parenting Tip

Lent is a time of preparation which allows us to fully celebrate the joy of the Resurrection and reflect on the gift of salvation. Help your children, no matter their ages, to understand that Lent is more than just "giving something up". Lent is a time for prayerful reflection which allows us to properly celebrate and understand the gifts of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life given to us through Christ's passion, death and resurrection. Pray as a family, talk about what these gifts mean and teach about the symbols of Lent, since all of these lead us to the joy of Easter. Instead of dreading Lent, you can help our children rejoice in its ability to bring us closer to God.

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, 905-528-7988 x2246 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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