

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.....8:00 a.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)

SAT Reconciliation.....4:15 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 STUDENTS AND STAFF • 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.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION • 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 the application form available at stmichaelw.ca/sacraments. 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 • 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, 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.

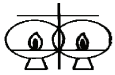
MUSIC IN THE LITURGY • Music plays an integral role in the liturgical life of the parish. Parishioners are invited to sing with the traditional choir (9:00 a.m.) or the contemporary choir (11:00 a.m.) on Sunday morning.

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.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD



MASS INTENTIONS

May 19 - 23, 2015

Tuesday

7:00pm +Eugene George – *Tim & Norah O’Leary*
 +Lisa Van Dam & Ken Fitzgerald – *Olga Fitzgerald*
 +Special Intentions of Jane & Des Hemming –
Monday Morning Gathering Group

Wednesday

12:15pm +Jack Costa – *Louis & Maria Pereira*

Thursday

8:00am +William Arnold – *Estate*

Friday

8:00am +Arleen Gorman – *Estate*

Saturday

5:00pm +Tom Millen – *The Millen Family*
 +Leslie Molnar – *Rita Molnar & Family*
 +Jerome Tonleu – *The Jemetio Family*

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2.1-11 1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13 John 20.19-23



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offering

May 2 & 3 – \$7,721.75
 May 9 & 10 – \$6,678.00

Please note: The Parish Office will be on a very skeleton crew from Friday, May 22nd until Monday, June 1st inclusive. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

2014 income tax receipts and 2015 envelopes are available for pick up in the Parish Office.

The dedication of the *Homeless Jesus Sculpture* by Timothy Schmalz will be on Saturday, May 23rd at the 5:00pm Mass.

Over 7,000 people have been killed by the earthquakes and resulting avalanches in Nepal since April 25th. There are many aid organizations collecting relief funds. The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace is one of these. It is easy to donate if you have access to the Internet. Go to devp.org and follow the links. You may also use the special white envelopes at the entrances of the church. Make cheques payable to “St. Michael” and refer to Nepal in the comment section. Donations will be accepted until this Sunday, May 17th.

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, May 23
5:00pm: Katie McElroy, Reney Puthran, Abraham Fernandez

Sunday, May 24
9:00am: Melissa, Rachel & Nathan Chinnick, Clara Thompson
11:00am: Claire Strong, Joel & Ryan Jobby

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, May 23
5:00pm: * Linus Wan
 1 Gerry Kraemer 2 Brenda Richey-Van Bakel

Sunday, May 24
9:00am: * Jason Higgins
 1 Suzanne Johnson 2 Linda Guacci
11:00am: * John Strong
 1 Sue Durance 2 Tessa Heffernan

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, May 23
5:00pm: Joanne Winter, Ken Adams, Gai Brown, Mary Pat Byrne

Sunday, May 24
9:00am: Helen Anne Hause, Eleanor Horrigan, Glen Loffree, Marta Mandich

11:00am: Robert & Jean Balahura, Bruce Fleming, Martina Smith, Julie Dreisinger, Lorna Kennedy



As you all know our Pastor Father Con will be leaving St. Michael’s the weekend of June 14th to assume a new position at St. Andrew’s Parish in Oakville. As a farewell to Father, please join us for cake and ice cream outside the main entrance of the church after all masses that weekend.

Save the date! The Social Justice Committee is hosting “Dinner & Dialogue - Refugees!” on Wednesday June 3rd at 6 pm. This will follow the popular format of the “Living Library and Lunch”. Speakers will each give a brief presentation about the issue and then engage in dialogue seated with attendees while enjoying a simple meal of soup, cheese, bread and goodies. Featured speakers will be announced soon. Pre-registration is required (so we know how much soup to make). There will be a sign-up sheet at the church the week before the event or contact Diane at 519-725-2226.



St. Michael's
Catholic Women's League



Catholic Women's League
June Dinner Social

The Catholic Women's League will be celebrating another year of joy and fulfilment with a Dinner Social on **Monday, June 8th**. The 4-course dinner starts at 6 PM: Members \$15, non-members \$20. Sign-ups available after mass on May 30th and May 31st. To attend the dinner social, you **must** sign-up and prepay by May 31st. Please see poster near entrances for details.

St. Michael's is proud to participate in the baby bottle campaign in support of Marillac Place. Please support this important cause by filling it with your spare change (bills and cheques are never refused!) and **return it to the church on Father's Day weekend, June 20/21**. Marillac Place relies heavily on the donations from our community to keep its doors open. Thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile organization.



Our Lady of Good Counsel Award

St. Michael's Parish along with St. Michael's CWL is pleased to offer the Our Lady of Good Counsel Award. This award is awarded to a graduating high school student who is an active member of St. Michael's Parish and who has demonstrated strong Christian volunteerism and leadership. Application forms are available on the church website. All applications must be submitted to the church office no later than June 15th, 2015.



All are invited to the 1st annual talent show "Sounds of Joy" celebrating the musical talents of high school students from the seven Catholic School Boards in the Diocese of Hamilton. Join us at the Hamilton Convention Centre on Tuesday May 26, 2015, beginning at 6:30pm. For tickets visit: www.hamiltondiocese.com or call the Chancery Office: 905-528-7988.

Summer Camp Ideas.....

C.Y.O. Camp Brébeuf is getting ready for another amazing summer of camping. See www.campbrebeuf.ca for more information on programs and registration forms. Financial assistance may be given to families in need.



Looking for something for the kids to do this summer? Why not enrol them in "A Wilderness Adventure through the Sacraments, Jesus in My Heart" Vacation Bible School July 6-10th at St. Agnes Parish for children JK-Grade 5. See the posters on the bulletin boards for more information.

The Family Accompanies the Dying with Love COLF Message on the Occasion of the NATIONAL WEEK FOR LIFE AND THE FAMILY May 11-17 2015

Each year the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops designates one week as a special time for prayer and reflection on life and the family. In light of the recent judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada relative to the issue of assisted suicide, it is appropriate that we turn our attention to the call of the family to draw near to the dying, and, indeed, to any who suffer, and accompany them with love. Experience has shown that, among those who approach the end of life, the greatest fear is not that of suffering but of being alone. Nothing can alleviate that anxiety better than the loving presence of family members.

For many people today, life is valuable only to the extent that it is useful. This can lead to the abandonment of the weak. Too often forgotten is human life's intrinsic dignity, which nothing – not even illness – can diminish. This truth must be handed on and honoured in the family, above all in the way we share love with one another.

As followers of the Lord Jesus, we are called to imitate Him in His self-giving love. It is God's intention that the family be the privileged place where we encounter this unconditional love, especially in the selfless love of a mother and a father. Through our union with Christ in prayer and the sacraments, our weaknesses are healed by his mercy and we are enabled to become the loving individuals that God calls us to be.

As Pope Francis reminded the people of the Philippines during his visit to that country in January of this year: "In the family we learn how to love, to forgive, to be generous and open, not closed and selfish. We learn to move beyond our own needs, to encounter others and share our lives with them. That is why it is so important to pray as a family! That is why families are so important in God's plan for the Church!"

During this year's National Week for Life and the Family, let us all reflect on the wonderful role which has been entrusted to the family. Let us ask ourselves how we can better reflect God's unconditional love, whether in the context of our own day to day family life or as we strive to support the families with whom we are in contact. Let us be guided by the immortal words of Saint John Paul II: "As the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world in which we live."

PENTECOST VIGIL

On Sat. May 23 join us at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, at 7:30pm for our Pentecost Vigil. Like the Apostles, let us gather in a darkened room, and pray that the Holy Spirit come upon us. Listen as salvation history is revealed to us in the Scriptures. And pray that we are open to the Spirit's gifts in our lives. For more information see www.stfranciskw.ca or call 519-745-7301.

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