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# 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.

Mass....7:00 p.m. (during the academic year)

Our worship space and Parish Centre are barrier free off of Hemlock Street.

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.

WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

<u>NEW TO THE PARISH</u> • 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.

<u>PARISH RECORDS</u> • 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 JPII 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.

<u>PASTORAL CARE TO THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPITAL</u> • 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.

<u>PARISH BULLETIN</u> • 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**



Nov. 22 - 26, 2016

7:00pm

- +Sharon Yoo Lou & Cindy
- +Sheilagh Sehl Estate
- +Gerry Tomasicchio
- +Special Intentions of Gilles & Helen Gelinas -Anthony & Magnell Robinson

#### Wednesday

12:15pm +John Hogan – Adele, Nancy & Kathy

Thursday

12:15pm +Tom Murawsky – Linda & Jim Wilson 7:00pm Student Holy Hour with Adoration

Friday

8:00am +Andrew & Charlotte Anstett - Your Family

Saturday

4:00pm +Reconciliation 5:00pm +Herb Finch – *Mabel* 

> +Frank & Anna Gruber – The Miller Family +Ernie Hollo – Mary Chrysler & Family

#### First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2.1-5 Romans 13.11-14 Matthew 24.37-44



## PARISH NEWS

#### **Sunday Offerings**

November 13

\$5,706.00 - Collection \$5,554.00 - Pre-Authorized

### Railing into the Sanctuary

Due to a number of 'close calls', as well as a recent incident of someone falling as they descended the steps of the sanctuary, we have installed a railing for safety purposes leading up to the pulpit. We encourage all Readers and Eucharistic Ministers - regardless of your age - to make use of this railing when entering and exiting the sanctuary. The last thing we want to see is someone being injured while serving the Church!

2016-17 SUNDAY MISSALS (\$3.50)and CHILDREN'S MISSALS (\$7.50) are available for purchase in the main vestibule.



Parishioners are invited to write the names of loved ones who have died in the past year in our Book of Remembrance where they will be

remembered at all masses during the month of November.

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." Can you lead others to make this request of our Lord and King? Give your life to Jesus and others are sure to hear, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com



In Canada today, more than one in four individuals suffers from respiratory disease. Medical evidence clearly shows that scented products are harmful to the health of sensitive individuals. In sufficient

concentrations, scented products harmful to those with allergies, environmental sensitivity or chronic heart or lung disease.

St. Michael's is dedicated to providing a healthy and comfortable worship environment for our parishioners. In considering the health needs and concerns of those sensitive and non-sensitive parishioners alike and to provide a healthy worship environment, we ask that you refrain from using scented products. We can achieve this goal only through ongoing efforts to protect sensitive individuals and to help parishioners adjust to having a scentfree worship environment.

Confirmation meeting for parents and children on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00pm in the church. If your child does not attend Sir Edgar Bauer or St. Nicholas schools contact Charlie Van Alphen at charlie@stmichaelw.ca or Ext. 32 in the Parish Office to register.



CWL members are reminded register by December 1st to attend our Annual Christmas Dinner to be held at Golf's Steak House on

Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> or contact Helen Baron at 519-884-7251 for more information.



### Thank you for being at the heart of the action!

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Development and Peace and for rallying to the cause of the world's most vulnerable people. When we act together, change is possible! We signed 215 Action Cards and 20 Membership Cards last week in solidarity with small family farmers in the Global South.



Thursday November 24, 6:30-9 pm: Showing of "Seed" movie followed by panel discussion at Princess Theatre in Waterloo. GREN is cohosting this event. Award winning documentary, SEED: The Untold Story, follows passionate seed keepers protecting our 12,000

year-old food legacy. In the last century, 94% of our seed varieties have disappeared. In a harrowing and heartening story, these reluctant heroes rekindle a lost connection to our most treasured resource and revive a culture connected to seeds. What a great connection to this fall's Development and Peace Action Card campaign focusing on small family farmers in the Global South.



St. Michael's Christmas Sharing Project begins November 26th and runs until December 11th. Please see the insert in the bulletin for more information.

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Saturday, November 26

5:00pm: Gabriel Pregelj, Alex Winter, Noah Van Alphen

Sunday, November 27

9:00am: Madeline & Elizabeth Swart, Mark Pawliszyn

11:00am: Logan & Autumn Ball, Cecilia Frantzke

### **MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Saturday, November 26

5:00pm: \* Tom Connor

1 Patrick Dietrich 2 Katherine Bergman

Sunday, November 27 9:00am: \* Gilles Gelinas

1 Suzanne Johnson 2 Diana Knoll

11:00am: \* Sylvia Daudu

1 Stephen Pacheco 2 Fidelia Otokhina

#### **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

Saturday, November 26

5:00pm: Gai Brown, Mike Lahn,

Lynn West, Joanne Winter

Sunday, November 27

9:00am: Tony & Pam De Leo, Laura Haffner,

Helen Anne Hause, Michelle Borho-Harris

11:00am: Bob & Jean Balahura, Julie Dreisinger,

Kathy Shaw, Lorna Kennedy, Rohan & Jacintha Jayasundera

St. Nicholas School is collecting clean, gently-worn winter coats, mitts, hats and scarves for their 4th annual Mountain of Love clothing drive. These items will be distributed to children in other schools within



the Waterloo Catholic District School Board. Let's keep everyone warm this winter! You can deliver your donations to St. Nicholas School (517 Laurelwood Dr.) or place them in the donation bin at the Hemlock St. entrance. Remember CLEAN and GENTLY-WORN. Please have all your donations in by November 27th.

Fair Trade items will be available to order on December 3/4 with delivery on Dec. 17/18<sup>th</sup>. Fair Trade items support cooperative farmers, enabling them to support their families and their communities



with dignity and adequate resources. Fair Trade items also make great stocking stuffers and hostess gifts here in our

community.



Waterloo Knights of Columbus NEW TOYS FOR NEEDY KIDS will be having a concert by the Noteworthy Singers "Christmas Joy" on Thursday, December 8th at Waterloo Pentecostal Assembly at 2:00pm. Please bring a new unwrapped toy OR a cash/cheque donation. We hope to see you there.

Please join us on Friday, December 2 for an evening of Christmas music delivered by the 11:30 Mass Choir of St Louis Church and John Miller. Tickets available at the door: 1 pc fish and chip dinner \$10.00, 2 pc dinner \$12.00. 6:00pm start.



Christmas Pageant

Christmas pageant sign up is this weekend November 19 / 20 after all masses in the main vestibule. Children grade one and up can sign up.

Roles will be assigned on Sunday November 27 after 11am mass.

## 38th Advent Novena at St. Agnes Church at 6:30am beginning December 2nd. See the bulletin boards for more information.





St. David Grade 8 Student and Parent Information Night on Thursday, December 1st from 6:30-8:00pm (Information Booths in Foyer 6:15-6:30pm). Any

students who live within the St. David Boundary and are planning to attend grade 9 in September 2017 are invited. Come with your parents and see all of the wonderful programs and facilities that we offer.

#### PART-TIME YOUTH COORDINATOR POSITION

St. Anne's Parish is looking for a part-time Youth Coordinator. Anyone who enjoys working with youth with the passion to build the faith for our future generations is invited to apply. This position entails frequent evening and weekend work. Please talk to or call Father Ray at 519-745-5302 for more information.

#### MISSION & EXPOSITION OF RELICS November 26 – 30

St. Mark's Parish invites all to partake in an opportunity for spiritual renewal as we lead into the holy season of Advent. Join us for a series of talks with Fr. Carlos Martins, one of the world's foremost experts on relics and their importance in the life of the Church. Fr. Martins will celebrate Mass and give a talk according to the following schedule: Nov. 26 at 5pm; Nov. 27 at 9:30 & 11:30am; Nov. 28 at 10:30am & 7:00pm; Nov. 29 at 10:30am & 7:00pm; Nov. 30 at 10:30am. Then, at 7:00pm on Wednesday, Father invites you to the parish hall for a teaching and exposition of over 150 sacred relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among them will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of what is believed to be the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. Please do not miss this opportunity.

Sharing Fair: A unique gift sale that makes a world of a difference. Sale of handcrafted goods give honour and dignified employment to women in developing countries, thus providing food and other necessities for the families. 100% of the profits are returned to the village in which the goods were made where a \$2 purchase will provide a meal for a family. Goods are received from 18 countries. A variety of these unique high quality items will be available for purchase at St. Joseph's Parish Hall on Saturday Nov. 26th 4-6:30pm & Sunday Nov. 27th 9:30am-1:00pm and St. John's Parish/Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday Dec.3rd 5:30-8:30pm & Sunday Dec. 4th 10:00am-2:00pm.

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