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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

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.

<u>MARRIAGE</u> • 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 • 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.

<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.

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

Nov. 24 - 28, 2015

Tuesday

6:00pm

+Reconciliation

7:00pm

+Special Intentions of Barb Gehl – Frances Klein

+Special Intentions of Father Michael King –

Frances Klein

Wednesday

12:15pm +Andrew Anstett – *Charlotte Anstett & Family*

<u>Thursday</u>

12:15pm +Michael Eckenswiller – *Leslie Molnar*

<u>Friday</u>

8:00am

+Maureen Doyle – Eleanor Horrigan

<u>Saturday</u>

4:00pm 5:00pm Reconciliation

+Frank & Anna Gruber – The Miller Family

+Herb Finch - Mabel

+Deceased Members of the Jordan & Smith Families – *Joe & Lou Jordan*

First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33.14-16 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2 Luke 21.25-28, 34-36



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offering

November 14 & 15 – \$11,138.00

Students interested in the John Paul II Student Centre are invited to visit the parish website at www.stmichaelw.ca to find more information.

This is the final weekend to order Timothy Schmalz's "Homeless Jesus" \$60.00 (regular \$94.00) and "Joy to the World" \$50.00 (regular \$75.00). Samples are available for viewing at the main entrance. Please record all required information legibly on the order form. Cheques must accompany the order and can be made payable to "St. Michael Church" with "statues" in the memo line and placed in the box beside the samples. These are great Christmas gift ideas!

Meetings for Sacraments in 2016:

First Communion – November 25, 2015 @ 7:00pm First Reconciliation – January 11, 2016 @ 7:00pm If your child does not attend Sir Edgar Bauer or St. Nicholas Schools please contact Charlie Van Alphen at Ext. 32 to register your child.

Discernment Gathering

If you are interested in learning more about vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life please join our monthly Discernment Gatherings: Mass, Holy Hour, Discussion, and Lunch. Next gathering is on Saturday December 5th at St. Michael's from 9am-Noon. More details at www.HamiltonVocations.com

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, November 28

5:00pm: Rachel & Nathan Chinnick, Tyler Malizia

Sunday, November 29

9:00am: Marcus & Claire Meyer, Reney Puthran

11:00am: Samantha & Rylee Terpstra, Neme Okonkwo

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, November 28 5:00pm: * Darcel Kirvan

1 Sue Durance 2 Abraham Fernandez

Sunday, November 29

9:00am: * Michael Prudencio-Brunello

¹ Cristina Prudencio-Brunello ² Jose Prudencio

11:00am: * Veronica Zarin

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MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, November 28

5:00pm: Gai Brown, Mary Pat Hergott, George Farrell, Angela Tiedemann

Sunday, November 29

9:00am: Betty Lou Borho, Michelle Borho-Harris,

Laura Haffner, Helen Anne Hause

11:00am: Jean & Bob Balahura,

Julie Dreisinger, Bruce Fleming, Gerdy Frantzke, Dorothy Krauskopf



THANK YOU! DANKE! MERCI! MUCHAS GRACIAS! GRAZIE! OBRIGADA!



The 2015 St. Michael's Spaghetti Dinner was a great success once again this year. We raised a total of \$1,303.00 that will be donated to the *St. Michael's Africa Committee* (as requested a portion of this money will be also donated to the *Refugee Fund*). Gratitude and thanks to the many wonderful volunteers who made this event so successful...we could not do it without you and hope you all know how much you are appreciated!

Special thanks to those who donated great door prizes for our raffles this year! Everyone left with a full stomach and a door prize! Thanks again to everyone who supported St. Michael's 2015 Spaghetti Dinner.



St. Michael's Catholic Women's League

Members are reminded there will be sign-up sheets to attend our Annual Christmas Dinner to be held at Golf's Steak House on Tuesday, December 8th. Or contact Helen Baron at 519-884 7251 for more information.

Coping with the Holidays...When you have lost a loved one. Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Christina Walton, Grief Counsellor. Where? Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton When? Sunday, November 29th Time? 1:30 – 3:00pm. The event is FREE of charge. Please call to reserve a seat 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. (If you haven't registered you are still free to attend.)

The 2015 **St. Michael's Christmas Sharing Project** launches on the weekend of November 28-29th at all masses. The social agencies being supported by the parish this year are



Kaljas Homes, HUGO, and the Weejeendimin Native resource Centre. Sir Edgar Bauer School continues to support Marillac Place. St. Nicholas School is assisting St. John's Kitchen. On November 29th, you are invited to attend a free lunch at 12:30pm in the Parish Centre. Guests from Kaljas Homes, HUGO and the Weejeendimin Native Resource Centre will be present at this "Living Library and Lunch" event to share their knowledge and answer all your questions. Get to know the people our parish supports! For more information, see the parish bulletin board.



The Social Justice Committee is pleased to announce that Anowar arrived safely from Malaysia. He is living with his aunt, uncle, grandmother and many cousins in Kitchener. He is enrolled in high school, he is so happy and has

started to put on a little weight. Already his english is improving. Another family is arriving in Kitchener on November 18th. Zuhair, his daughter and son fled Iraq because of ISIS, found refuge in Turkey and are being reunited with family here. They are Catholic and you will have the opportunity to meet them sometime in the future. Please pray that they have safe travel. Other families from Iraq and Syria (that St. Michael's sponsors) have had their interviews and have been approved to come to Canada but travel dates have not been announced. Other families are just waiting for their interview. Because of the new government priority on refugees from Syria and Iraq, it is anticipated that most of our sponsored families will be arriving within the next 6 months. If you have any furniture or other household goods (in excellent condition) that you would like to donate to help the families re-settle, please call Diane 519-616-2227.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH IS HOSTING A CONCERT OF SONGS TO PREPARE FOR ADVENT AND THE BIRTH OF JESUS – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND – 7:00 P.M. A free-will concert presented by John B. Miller & Friends to support the "Notre Dame Outreach Project" which supports over 200 orphaned children in Kenya in their education and life skills. The concert will offer a peace-filled time of preparation for this busy time for families and individuals. Sister Gloria Adoga, SSND from Kenya will share a brief presentation of the work in Kenya. The concert will be followed by refreshments and a time to speak with Sister Gloria.

"The purpose of the Divine Office is to sanctify the day and all human activity." – Apostolic Constitution, Canticum Laudis. The Liturgy of the Hours is the richest single prayer resource of the Christian Church, with prayers, psalms and readings for each of the Hours, changing each day and through the seasons. Learn to pray the Liturgy of the Hours by visiting http://www.universalis.com/today.html

Global Climate March — This year hundreds of thousands of us — a massive coalition of environmental, social justice, faith, labour, community, student and indigenous groups, as well as families and concerned citizens — are building an unprecedented global mobilization in support of climate justice. On November 29th, people from across Waterloo Region will join with voices from around the world to show our support for ambitious and real action against climate change at the 2015 Paris Climate Conference.

Come together with neighbours and friends at Waterloo Public Square on November 29th at 2pm to send a powerful message of encouragement and hope in support of decisive action at this historic conference.

St. David Grade 8 Student and Parent Information Night on Thursday, December 3rd 6:30 to 8:00pm (Information Booths in Foyer 6:15 to 6:30pm). Any students who live within the St. David Boundary and are planning to attend grade 9 in September 2016 are invited. Come with your parents and see all of the wonderful programs and facilities that we offer.



Advent Novena will be held at St. Agnes Church and begins on Friday, December 4th until Saturday, December 12th at

6:30am. There is a freewill offering breakfast with proceeds going to St. Vincent de Paul following mass on December 12th. This is another wonderful way to prepare during Advent.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS

Kitchener K of C presents Christmas, the birth of Christ on Sunday, November 29th at 2:30pm at Waterloo Pentecostal Assembly. Please see the bulletin boards for more information.

Waterloo K of C presents "Friday Fish & Sing Song" featuring Our Lady of Lourdes Choir, led by Bruce Cameron on December 4th. Tickets available at the hall, limited seating. 1 pc Fish Dinner, \$10.00, 2 pc Fish Dinner \$12.50. Dinner and Show start at 6:00pm. Contact Martin at 519-884-2060 for tickets.

The **Waterloo K of C** invites you to join the NoteWorthy Singers for "Christmas Joy" - a Christmas concert in support of the toy drive on Thursday, December 10th at 1:30pm at Waterloo Pentecostal Church, 395 King St., Waterloo. Admission: a new unwrapped child's toy or cash/cheque donation. (payable to New Toys for Needy Kids).

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

On Christmas Eve at <u>4:30pm</u> there will be a Christmas Pageant followed by Mass.

Children, grade one and up, can **sign up** this weekend and next at the main entrance of the Church.



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