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# St. Michael's Catholic Church

St. Michael's Parish Offices - 240 Hemlock Street, Waterloo, ON N2L 3R5

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE Tuesday to Thursday** MON Morning Prayer.....8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. TUE Mass.....7:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon WED Mass......12:15 p.m. Mass......8:00 a.m. THUR LORD'S DAY LITURGY SCHEDULE FRI Mass.....8:00 a.m. Mass.....5:00 p.m. SAT Mass.....9:00 a.m. SUN SAT Reconciliation......4:15 p.m.

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

Mass...11:00 a.m.

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

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<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.

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.

<u>MINISTRY TO PARISH SCHOOLS</u> • 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 • 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.

<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.

<u>MUSIC IN THE LITURGY</u> • 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**

#### MASS INTENTIONS November 25 - 29, 2014

**Monday** 

**8:00am** Morning Prayer

Tuesday

**7:00pm** +Michael Brick – *Linda Guacci* 

+Andrew Anstett - Charlotte Anstett & Family

Wednesday

**12:15pm** +Helen Tilley – *Louis & Maria Pereira* 

**Thursday** 

**8:00am** +Real Alarie – *Mario Cremasco* 

<u>Friday</u>

**8:00am** +Donna Jutzi – *John & Helen Anne Hause* 

+Herbert Finch – *Mabel* 

<u>Saturday</u>

**5:00pm** +Jimmy Scharlach – *Doug & Dolly Huehn* 

+Donna Jutzi-Wally, Pat, Tim & Teresa Henhoeffer

+Bill Freiburger – Ralph Freiburger

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8 1 Corinthians 1.3-9 Mark 13.33-37



#### PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offering

November 15 & 16 – \$11,430.00

THE ALTAR SOCIETY IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH THE LAUNDERING OF LINENS, ALTAR SERVER GOWNS ETC. IF YOU HAVE TIME TO VOLUNTEER IN ONE MONTH INCREMENTS PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

#### **Meetings for Sacraments in 2015:**

Confirmation – November 12 & 13, 2014

First Communion – November 19 & 20, 2014

First Reconciliation – January 28, 2015

See the parish website for more information.

『Fa-La-La-La!』

**Save the date!** Mark Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> **3** PM on your calendars for the simple joy of Christmas Sing-Along! More details to come.

We need help: On Christmas Eve for the Family Mass at 4.30pm, we need help with our parking lot and assisting families to find parking in the University parking lots. It means being here at 3:45pm until the Mass is finished. Hot drinks, a warming spot, and an early visit with Santa will be provided. Call the parish office if you can help.

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Saturday, November 29

5:00 pm: Alex Winter, Katie McElroy, Katie Kuepfer

Sunday, November 30

9:00 am: Marcus, Quinn & Kieran Meyer, Nonso Moneme

**11:00 am:** Aidan Fitzgerald, Don Klein, Samantha & Hailey Terpstra

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, November 29

5:00 pm: \* Veronica Zarin

<sup>1</sup> Kelly Melanson <sup>2</sup> Mark Spanjers

Sunday, November 30

9:00 am: \* Linda Guacci

<sup>1</sup> Katherine Bergman <sup>2</sup> Katie Haffner

11:00 am: \* Mike Neeb

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7:00pm: \* Jenny Reid

#### MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, November 29

**5:00 pm:** Ken Adams, Paul Gladding, Gai Brown, Tracey Kuepfer

Sunday, November 30

9:00 am: Betty Lou Borho, Laura Haffner,

Tony & Pam De Leo

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

Bruce Fleming, Gerdy Frantzke, Martina Smith

7:00pm: Diane & Martin Jones



#### St. Michael's Catholic Women's League



St. Michael's Catholic Women's League invites all members to join each other for a Christmas Dinner at Golf's Steak House on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Please RSVP by December 2<sup>nd</sup> by contacting Helen Baron at 519-884-7251, ahbaron@bell.net Hope to see you there!

Attention Snowbirds: CWL members may pay for their 2015 membership early by dropping off the \$30 membership fee, together with your name, address, email address and phone number, in an envelope marked "CWL" in the collection basket. New members may use the yellow form at church entrances. Thank You!



Are you in Grade 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 and like to sing? Do you love Christmas? If you do, we are looking for you to sing in our Children's Christmas Choir on Christmas Eve at the 4:30pm mass. Practises begin this Sunday, November 23rd after the 11:00am mass and continue each Sunday until Christmas. For more information contact Sarah at macfarlane.s@gmail.com



Do you have eye glasses that you are no longer using? Donate them to be refurbished and then redistributed to those in need. Place them in the labeled box in the main vestibule.



36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ADVENT NOVENA INVITATION TO PREPARE WELL CHRISTMAS: Nine daily Masses at 6:30am at St. AGNES Church, 75 Bluevale St. N., Waterloo, Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Note exception: Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Mass is at 9:00am and 11am.

You are welcome to attend your own church on this day. Make this Advent a special time of preparation for Christmas by joining your Twin-City friends who have been keeping this Advent tradition for many years. Bring along a friend! Everyone is welcome! Plenty of time to get to work afterwards!

On Friday December 5<sup>th</sup>, come out and join the Waterloo Knights of Columbus for a wonderful Fish Fry dinner and an evening of traditional Advent music and Christmas Carols featuring the St. Louis Parish Choir. Dinner including a plated dessert is \$10. for a 1 pc fish n' chips and \$12.50 for a 2 pc fish n' chips. Doors open at 5:30PM dinner and the show start at 6:00PM. A free will offering will be taken in support of the St Louis parish community. Tickets are available from members of the K of C and at the K of C Hall, 145 Dearborn Pl. For more info please call 519-884-2060.

ST. TERESA'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER will be held at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira on Friday, December 5th. The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. Those who have purchased take-out tickets can pick their meals up at 5:30 p.m. There will be a limited number of tickets available. They can be ordered through the Parish Office Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by calling 519-669-3387 or after Masses. Ticket prices are: adults \$16.00; children 6-12 years \$8.00 and children 5 & under are free. There will be door prizes! Last chance to purchase tickets is Wednesday, December 3rd. All are welcome! Don't miss out on this delicious Christmas dinner.

2014-2015 Lectures in Catholic Experience at St. Jerome's University — "Building a Culture of Encounter" Join us on Friday, December 5th, when Bruce Alexander, psychologist and professor emeritus at Simon Fraser University, B.C., will present this year's Ignatian lecture entitled, "For the sake of the earth, let's deal with our collective malaise.." Given that Pope Francis is preparing an encyclical on the environment, this is a great opportunity to think about how we can develop the collective energy we need to respond to environmental Location: C. L. Siegfried Hall, St. Jerome's University **Time**: 7:30p.m. | Doors open at 6:45p.m. \*\*\*NOTE on parking: Free parking is available at Renison University College & St. Paul's University College. Free Admission | Wheelchair Accessible | Refreshments |

#### **Discernment Retreats in December**

No Registration Required

Have you thought about the priesthood or religious life? If vou would like to learn how to listen to God's call in your own life, and how to follow that call in your own vocational discernment, then this retreat is for you. Open to people 18 year old and older: December 5-7 (for women) and December 12-14 (for men). To register or to find out more visit www.HamiltonVocations.com and click on the "Discernment Retreat" tab.

His Excellency Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI invites you to join him at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sunday December 7th at 7 p.m. for an Advent Hymn Festival for Peace. A freewill collection will be taken for the Good Shepherd's Annual Christmas Dinner. Come and sing for joy!

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, December 7<sup>th</sup>

**Time?** 1:30 – 3:00 pm

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 9<sup>th</sup> Annual WHITE MASS will be celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Matthew Ustrzycki on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Friday December 12th 7:00pm at St. Gabriel's Parish, Burlington. This special Mass is an opportunity to pray for our healthcare professionals, chaplains, clergy, and all caregivers. Everyone is welcome to attend! For more information, call 905-335-6902.

St. David's Blog: Coffee House was hosted on Oct 16th showcasing the amazing talents of our singers & musicians. \* We invite you to see the musical production of GODSPELL on Nov 19, 20 & 21 at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased online at https://ticketscene.ca/events/11750 or at the school for \$10/student, \$12/adult. \* We also invite you to see the engineering skills of our students at the First Lego League Robotics Competition hosted by St David's on Sat, Nov 22nd. \* GRADE 8 students & parents are invited to our Information Night on Thurs Dec 4th at 6:30pm. \* Our athletes in volleyball, football, basketball, soccer, golf, tennis, cross-country, hockey, field hockey, wrestling & curling are representing the school proudly.

# World Youth Day 2016 Krakow

The Diocese of Hamilton is organizing a group to attend the World Youth Day experience from July

19 - August 2, 2016. Cost: \$2400.00 incl. tax. Contact the office for more info or see www.hamiltondiocese.com/wyd



Who said there is no such thing as a free lunch? On November 30<sup>th</sup>, the Social Justice Committee invites you to attend the Living Library and Lunch event in the Parish Centre,

from 12:30 to 1:45 pm. A free lunch of soup, buns, cheese, beverages and goodies will be provided. Guest speakers from local social agencies supported by the 2014 St. Michael's Christmas Sharing Project will speak briefly and then join attendees for food and conversation. If you are interested in learning more about Anna Kaljas Homes, Out of the Cold (St. Louis parish), the Weejeendimin Native Resource Centre and HUGO (new this year), this is your opportunity! For more information, please see the bulletin boards, this week's bulletin insert or call Diane at 519-725-2226.

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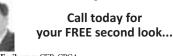
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