

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)

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.

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/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 & 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 JP II 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.

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.

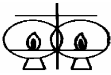
MUSIC IN THE LITURGY • Music plays an integral role in the liturgical life of the parish. Parishioners are invited to sing with the traditional choir (9:00 a.m.) or the contemporary choir (11:00 a.m.) on Sunday morning.

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS Nov. 29 – Dec. 3, 2016

Tuesday

7:00pm

- + Sheilagh Sehl – *Estate*
- +Special Intentions of Nancy Barker – *Gary Chrysler*
- +Special Intentions of Larry & Diane Waldock – *Anthony & Magnell Robinson*

Wednesday

12:15pm

- +Lloyd Mears – *Aunt Linda*

Thursday

12:15pm

- +William Arnold – *Estate*

7:00pm

- Student Holy Hour with Adoration

Friday

8:00am

- +Theresa Alarie – *Martin & Diane Jones*

6:30pm

- +For University Students – *JPIISC*

Saturday

9:00am

- +Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life – *Diocese of Hamilton Vocations Office*

9:30-10:30am Holy Hour of Adoration

4:00pm

- +Reconciliation

5:00pm

- +Bernard Adlys – *Sonia & Family*
- +Jim & Genevieve Logel – *Your Children*
- +Emmanuel Zalevich & Tadeusz Pioch – *Pioch & Zalevich Families*

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11.1-10 Romans 15.4-9 Matthew 3.1-12



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offerings

November 20

\$5,494.70 – Collection \$622.00 – 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) are available for purchase in the main vestibule.



Christmas pageant roles will be assigned this weekend after the 11am mass.



CWL members are reminded to register by December 1st to attend our Annual Christmas Dinner to be held at Golf's Steak House on Tuesday, December 6th or contact Helen Baron at 519-884-7251 for more information.



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 may be 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 scent-free worship environment.



St. Michael's **Christmas Sharing Project** begins this weekend. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3! Choose a recipient; purchase a **new** gift and return it before Sunday December 11th. Thank you for supporting this project. It means so much to the recipients!

Society of St Vincent de Paul – We would like to express our appreciation to the **Christmas Assistance Project** the parishioners of St. Michael's for your continued support, which allows us together to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. **Our final collection for 2016 is next weekend, December 3 and 4.** Your generosity assists us with the funding of our Christmas Project, so that we can provide extra help to those less fortunate in our parish area. SSVP donation envelopes are at our boxes so that you can identify your donation and obtain a tax receipt.



Fair Trade items will be available to order next weekend with delivery on Dec. 17/18th. 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.



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

Discernment Gatherings If you feel called by God to explore the call to the priesthood or religious life, please join our **Discernment Gathering on Saturday, December 3rd** in the JPIISC. For more information or to contact **Father King, Vocation Director**, please visit www.HamiltonVocations.com

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, December 3
5:00pm: Gabriel Pregelj, Alex Winter, Tyler Malizia
Sunday, December 4
9:00am: Marcus, Quinn & Kieran Meyer
11:00am: RYANNE & CHARLOTTE TAPUSKA, ANSON CHAN

MINISTERS OF THE WORD


Saturday, December 3
5:00pm: * Shari Guinta
 1 Judy Shulist 2 Brenda Richey-Van Bakel
Sunday, December 4
9:00am: * Dave Swart
 1 Veronica Zarin 2 Denise Dolf
11:00am: * Jason Higgins
 1 John Strong 2 Krista Nolan


MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, December 3
5:00pm: Paul Gladding, John Miller, Alicia Smith, Veronica Zarin, Ken Adams
Sunday, December 4
9:00am: Martin & Diane Jones, Glen Loffree, Annabel MacDonald, Eleanor Horrigan
11:00am: Dorothy Krauskopf, Jeannie Krulicki, Denise McClanahan, Magnell Robinson, Jeanette Rousseau, Martina Smith, Susan Frantzke

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.



 **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.

 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.

Prayer Vigil - Thursday, December 1st from 9:00-10:00am in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

PASSION PLAY AUDITIONS

Wednesday, December 7th, 2016
 2:45 - 4:00 pm
 St. David's HS Drama Room

Sunday, January 8th, 2017
 1:00 - 2:30 pm
 St. Jerome's University,
 Notre Dame Chapel AND 3:00 -
 4:00 pm St. Michael's Church



Come prepared to sing a cappella and to do a short reading. Music is chosen from contemporary sources (Godspell, Jesus Christ Superstar, Christian Rock). Students must be in High School, College or University. Contact linda.barrzettoburns@gmail.com

2016-2017 Lectures in Catholic Experience at St. Jerome's University

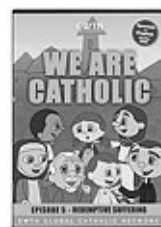
Join us on **FRIDAY, December 9**, when **Shane Claiborne**, Executive Director of Red Letter Christians, will reflect on the scandal of God's inclusive love in a world that is starved for grace. With ancient stories of the early Christians, contemporary stories of ordinary radicals, stories from the streets of Philadelphia and the war zone of Iraq, Mr. Claiborne will invite us to re-imagine what it means to be the Body of Christ alive in the world.

Location: Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), St. Jerome's University

Time: 7:30p.m. | Doors open at 6:45pm.
 Free of Charge | Free Parking | Wheelchair Accessible | Refreshments Served

Please join us on Saturday, December 10th from 9:00am – 2:00pm at St. Anne's Parish, Kitchener, for a life-changing day entitled, "Our Hearts are Restless"!

We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and powerful talks and testimonies by Marcel Dion of Magnificat Ministries. Come experience the truly transforming power of Jesus Christ in preparation for Christmas! No registration fee. Refreshments will be provided. Bring a bag-lunch. A free will offering will be taken. All are welcome. Bring a friend!



CALLING ALL PARENTS: Help enrich your children's Catholic faith by tuning into EWTN's **"Faith Factory"** on weekdays (4:00–5:00pm) and on Saturdays from 9:00–10:30am on television or the internet at ewtn.com/kids to catch all the action.

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you to ministerial service, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation at 905-528-7988 or e-mail mking@hamiltondiocese.com

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