

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 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.

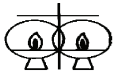
MUSIC IN THE LITURGY • Music plays an integral role in the liturgical life of the parish. Parishioners are invited to sing with the traditional choir (9:00 a.m.) or the contemporary choir (11:00 a.m.) on Sunday morning.

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 December 1 - 5, 2015

Tuesday

6:00pm +Reconciliation
7:00pm +Special Intentions of Cecilia & Simon Szeto –
The Szeto Family
 +Special Intentions of Bob & Jean Rodgers –
Glen & Yvette Loffree

Wednesday

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

Thursday

12:15pm +Andrew Pereira – *Louis & Maria Pereira*

Friday

8:00am +Arleen Gorman – *Estate*
7:00pm +Stella Hertert – *Gerry & Denise Dolf*

Saturday

9:00am +Manuel Almudevar – *The Family*
4:00pm Reconciliation
5:00pm +William Arnold – *Estate*
 +Bernard Adlys – *Sonia & Family*
 +Jim & Genevieve Logel – *The Family*

Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5.1-9 Philipians 1.3-6, 8-11 Luke 3.1-6



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offering

November 21 & 22 – \$7,914.00

ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH AT 7:00PM WE WILL HAVE FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS WITH MASS, HOLY HOUR AND RECONCILIATION. ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH AT 9:00AM WE WILL HAVE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY WITH MASS.

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

Meetings for Sacraments in 2016:

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.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



On Christmas Eve at **4:30pm** there will be a Christmas Pageant followed by Mass. Children, grade one and up, can **sign up** this weekend at the main entrance of the Church.

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, December 5

5:00pm: Alex & Max Winter, Katie Kuepfer

Sunday, December 6

9:00am: Nonso Moneme, Kieran Meyer,
Clara Thompson

11:00am: Cristy Argueta, Autumn Ball, Anson Chan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, December 5

5:00pm: * Kathleen McCauley

₁ Brenda Richey-Van Bakel ₂ Tom Connor

Sunday, December 6

9:00am: * Diana Knoll

₁ Katherine Bergman ₂ Dave Swart

11:00am: * Jason Higgins

₁ Krista Nolan ₂ Denise Dolf

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, December 5

5:00pm: Ken Adams, Joanne Winter,
Paul Gladding, Mike Lahn

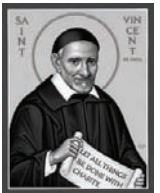
Sunday, December 6

9:00am: Pam & Tony De Leo,
Eleanor Horrigan, Marta Mandich

11:00am: Jacintha & Rohan Jayasundera,
Susan Frantzke, Jeannie Krulicki,
Kathy Shaw, Denise McClanahan

7:00pm: Jean & Bob Balahura

As in recent years our **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be giving retail gift cards to families in need in our community this Christmas season. We are relying on your generosity in next Sunday's donations to assist with funding of this project. Look for the SSVP donation boxes at all church entrances next Sunday.



St. Michael's Catholic Women's League

Attention All Snowbirds: CWL Members may pay for their 2016 membership fee early. You may place your \$30, name, address, email and telephone number in an envelope marked CWL in the collection. New members may use the yellow forms at the entrances of the church.

The **CWL Annual Christmas Dinner** will be held at Golf's Steak House on Tuesday, December 8th at 6:00pm. This year we wish to work with the House of Friendship to provide articles for one of their communities within our parish boundaries. Sunnydale Community Centre is in desperate need of face soap, laundry detergent, baby wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes (all sizes), Size 5 diapers, nut free school snacks, rice and cans of tuna. CWL members are asked to bring some of these necessities if possible. There will be a special box set-up. Thank you.

The **St. Michael's Christmas Sharing Project** begins today. Please read today's bulletin insert for more information. The Social Justice Committee says "Thank you for your continued generosity to those in our community who need help, especially at this time of year".



St. Michael's Refugee Sponsorship: The government is indeed fast-tracking many of our applications. Our latest newcomers, Zuhair, his daughter Sultani and son Marduna from Iraq arrived on November 18th. They are so happy to be in Canada and to be reunited with family and friends. One of their biggest joys is the freedom to attend mass again, denied to them for over a year during their stay in Turkey. *Next, two brothers, Syrians, in exile in Greece, are overjoyed that they will be arriving on Dec. 10th.* Please pray for all refugees everywhere (there are 60 million refugees and displaced people around the world) that they may find the help and safety that they need and that world governments find a way to end the conflicts that destroy so many lives. **Thank you to those people who have donated household items. If you have good used furniture, dishes, household items that you can donate to help the families resettle, please call Diane at 519-616-2227. Did you know that refugees such as the people that St. Michael's is assisting are given permanent resident status immediately upon arrival in Canada and are entitled to work, go to school and receive health care? They are no longer refugees but simply newcomers to Canada.**

St Teresa Parish, Kitchener's Christmas Craft and Bake Sale, is being held on Saturday, November 28th after the 5pm Mass and Sunday, November 29 after the 10am Mass. We will have a 50-50 draw, bake table, Penny Sale, raffle table, quilts table, new and gently used table and bottle draw. We will also have Oktoberfest sausage, hotdogs with sauerkraut and fried onions after 5pm Mass and ham and eggs after 10am Mass along with beverages and desserts after both Mass. Everyone is welcome.

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.)

Annual Carmelite Christmas Bazaar at the Carmel of St. Joseph from the First Sunday of Advent to December 23rd from 8:00am to 8:00pm. Homemade jams, jellies, loaves, honey, Christmas cards, articles, crafts. All are welcome to come and visit our Chapel.

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

Christmas is a wonderful season of the year. Family and friends gather, homes are decorated with lights and trees, gifts, cards, and greetings are exchanged. The song "I'll Be Home for Christmas" is in the air. But you realize that someone will not 'be home for Christmas' this year. This will be a very different Christmas for you - "A Not So Jolly Christmas." Join us on Monday, December 14th, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Francis Church, where we will come together to find ways to survive the season. Dr. Bill Webster's video will be used along with other materials from our Bereavement Support Program. For more info please call Barbara Diemert, 519-744-8955 or bdciemert@rogers.com



Blessing and Opening of the Door of Mercy

As the extra-ordinary Holy Year of Mercy begins join Bishop Crosby and parishioners from across the Diocese for the celebration of the blessing and opening of the *Door of Mercy* at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton on **Sunday, December 13th at 7:00pm.** The celebration will begin in McNally Hall (basement of the Cathedral Basilica) and then move to the doors for the blessing and opening, and then into the Cathedral for the rest of the celebration of the Word.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS

Kitchener K of C presents Christmas, the birth of Christ. Please see the bulletin boards for more information.

Waterloo K of C presents "Friday Fish & Sing Song" on December 4th. 1 pc. Fish Dinner, \$10, 2 pc. \$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". See the bulletin boards for more information.

2015-2016 St. Jerome's University Anniversary Lectures — "Illuminating Hearts and Minds" Join us on Friday, December 4, for "Breaking the Cycle of Violence and Creating Deeply Caring Communities." **Barbara Coloroso**, internationally recognized speaker on parenting and bullying, will explore the social conditions of violence, the role of reconciliatory justice and the power of forgiveness to create compassionate communities. **Location:** C. L. Siegfried Hall, St. Jerome's University **Time:** 7:30p.m. | Doors open at 6:45p.m. Free of Charge | Wheelchair Accessible | Refreshments | No Registration Required

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