

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

MON Morning Prayer.....8:00 a.m.
TUE Mass.....7:00 p.m.
WED Mass.....12:15 p.m.
THUR Mass.....8:00 a.m.
FRI Mass.....8:00 a.m.
SAT Reconciliation.....4:15 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 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.

MARRIAGE • 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.

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 2 - 6, 2014

Monday

8:00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday

7:00pm +Donna Jutzi – *St. Michael's CWL*
+Bill Arnold – *Louis & Maria Pereira*

Wednesday

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

Thursday

8:00am +John Fejedelem – *Glenn & Rosanna Davis & Family*

Friday

8:00am +Arleen Gorman – *Estate*

Saturday

5:00pm +Bob Laurette – *Marg & Family*
+Kenneth Fitzgerald & Lisa Van Dam – *The Fitzgerald & Van Dam Families*
+Mark Logel – *Genevieve Logel & Family*

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3.8-14

Mark 1.1-8



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offering

November 22 & 23 – \$10,614.19

Meeting for First Reconciliation in 2015 is January 28, 2015. If you have missed First Communion and Confirmation meetings please contact Charlie Van Alphen.

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.

SSVP Christmas Project: The Society of St Vincent de Paul wishes to express our appreciation to the parishioners of St. Michael's for your continued support through which you help us to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love and respect. **Our final collection for 2014 is next weekend, December 6 and 7.** Your generosity will assist in funding our Christmas Project -- providing extra help to those less fortunate in our parish area. Tax receipts will be issued for identified donations.

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, December 6

5:00 pm: Abraham Fernandez,
Katie McElroy, Katie Kuepfer

Sunday, December 7

9:00 am: Marcus, Quinn & Kieran Meyer
11:00 am: Sofia & Cristy Argueta, Don Klein

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, December 6

5:00 pm: * Stephen Pacheco
1 Kathleen McCauley 2 Kathleen Doyle

Sunday, December 7

9:00 am: * Teresa Palmer
1 Tessa Heffernan 2 Diane Knoll
11:00 am: * Greg Smith
1 Gerry Kraemer 2 Judy Shulist
7:00pm: * Jeremy Adams

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, December 6

5:00 pm: Mike Lahn, Joan Fernandez,
Janine Russell, John Miller

Sunday, December 7

9:00 am: Helen Anne Hause, Eleanor Horrigan,
Glen Loffree, Tom Mandich
11:00 am: Susan Frantzke, Jeannie Krulicki,
Rohan & Jacintha Jayasundera,
Gabrielle Smith, Jeanette Rousseau
7:00pm: Magnell Robinson, Veronica Zarin



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 9th at 6PM. Please RSVP by December 2nd by contacting Helen Baron at 519-884-7251 or 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.



Who said there is no such thing as a free lunch? This Sunday, November 30th, 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.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

On Christmas Eve at the 4:30pm Christmas Mass for Families it is our custom to have a Christmas pageant. Children, grade one and up, can **sign up** this weekend and next at the main entrance of the Church.

♪ SING JOY! ♪

On **Sunday, December 14th at 3 PM**, you are invited to enjoy the **simple joy of Christmas Sing-Along** at the Parish Centre. Choirs of St. Michael's and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes, together with special guests and performances, will be there to get you to sing your heart out! Still need Christmas presents? Come and browse through our donated new gift items and pick what you need and pay what you can! No parking headaches! Meet Santa and Elf with no line-ups! Sweets and cookies and beverages! Free-will donation supports the Good Hearted Women Singers and their work with local Aboriginal communities. Take the whole family! Come and enjoy a fabulous time!



36th ANNUAL ADVENT NOVENA - AN INVITATION TO PREPARE WELL FOR CHRISTMAS:

Nine daily Masses at 6:30am at **St. AGNES Church, 75 Bluevale St. N., Waterloo, Friday, December 5th to Saturday, December 13th**. Note exception: Sunday, Dec. 7th 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!



This Sunday, November 30th following the 11am Mass, families are invited to join us in the St. Kateri Room for an Advent Crafting and Cookies party.

A U D I T I O N S !

Youth ages 14-30 are invited to audition for St. Michael's Dramatization of the Passion of our Lord.

AUDITIONS:

December 5th at St. David High School, 2:45pm in the Drama Room

December 7th at St. Michael's Church 2:30



Please come prepared with a song of your choice (sung a capella), and you will be asked to do a cold reading of the gospel. Practices will be Sundays from February 9th to the final performance on April 18th.

We need actors, musicians, singers, stage crew, and help with marketing.

If you would like to help or audition, please email Linda Barretto-Burns at linda.barrettoburns@gmail.com

Discernment Retreats in December

Have you thought about the priesthood or religious life? If you 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.

The 9th 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.



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/wy

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