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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

<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.

<u>PARISH RECORDS</u> • 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 JPII 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.

<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.

<u>PARISH BULLETIN</u> • 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 September 12 - 16, 2017

Tuesday

6:30pm

Rosary

7:00pm + Magdalena Schroth – *The Schroth Family*

+Anne Jakab-Vyboh - Glenn & Rosanna Davis & Family

+Norma Sangoi - Maureen Rodrigue

Wednesday

12:15pm +Margaret Bogan - Tony

Thursday

12:15pm

+Bill Lobsinger - Monday Morning Small Faith

Group

7:30pm

Adoration

Friday

8:00am

+Father Ted Hughes – Gordon Lam & Therese Lee

<u>Saturday</u>

5:00pm

+Joe Jordan – Lou & Family

+George Chrysler Sr. - The Family

+Ron Herzog - Shirley & Charles Herzog

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27.30-28.7 Romans 14.7-9 Matthew 18.21-35



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Offerings

July 23 – 6,130.00 July 30 – \$6,697.00 August 6 - \$5,000.00 August 13 - \$11,191.00 August 20 – \$4,647.00 August 27 – \$5,840.00

September 3 – \$6,612.00



SUNDAY SUNDAES ARE BACK! JOIN US FOR SUNDAES THIS WEEKEND AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH AFTER ALL MASSES

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE! Come and see Father Dave and fellow parishioners strut their stuff in fashions from Tweed & Hickory and Moores Clothing for Men with accessories from Jewelry Secrets. Tearing up the asphalt...and the runway in support of our newly paved parking lot on Thursday, September 28th at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre. Come on out for a fun evening. Everyone welcome! Tickets are \$20. and will be sold after all masses and are also available from the parish office during office hours.

Sunday 7:00pm Mass Returns This Weekend: Although this Mass caters to our Waterloo student community, all are welcome! For those who are sensitive to smoke, please do note that there will be incense used in our worship at this 7:00pm Mass throughout the year.



Our Annual Spaghetti Supper will take place on Sunday October 29th. Tickets will be on sale in October. Make sure you save the date!

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, September 16

5:00pm: Alex Winter, Noah Van Alphen, Reney Puthran

Sunday, September 17

9:00am: Clara Thompson, Mark Pawliszyn,

Elizabeth Swart

11:00am: Anson Chan, Ryanne & Charlotte Tapuska

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, September 16 5:00pm: * Abraham Fernandez

1 Tom Connor 2 Stephen Pacheco

Sunday, September 17

9:00am: * Dave Swart

1 Diana Knoll 2 Veronica Zarin

11:00am: * Cat MacEachern

1 Sofia Argueta 2 Marta Mandich

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saturday, September 16

5:00pm: Gai Brown, Paul Gladding

Ken Adams, Joan Fernandez

Sunday, September 17

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

Tony & Pam De Leo

11:00am: Julie Dreisinger, Gerdy Frantzke,

Paul Song & Grace Gao, Rohan & Jacintha Jayasundera

Vacation Bible School a Success!

A thank you is in order for our many dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers who made our first ever VBS a big success! We had over 30 children participating in a week of fun while learning about our faith. Your efforts are very much appreciated by the participants and the parish, and we look forward to doing it again in the summer of 2018!



Altar Servers Needed!

Are you in grade 4 or above? We want to train you to become an altar server! It's a great opportunity to serve the church and help Fr. Dave in this important way. It

also means that you get a front row seat at Mass! If you are interested, talk to Father Dave after Mass, or contact the office to let us know. A training session will be held at the end of September.



We are looking for volunteers to visit our long term care and retirement facilities this fall. We especially need volunteers for Tuesdays at Court at Laurelwood. These visits provide a

social connection to those who are no longer able to attend Mass but are still parishioners. The commitment is usually weekdays but we do visit and offer some services on Saturdays. Training will be provided. If you are interested in becoming involved in this very rewarding ministry, please call the parish office.



Exercise classes for those 55+ begin again on Mondays and Fridays. First class is Monday, September 11th from 10:00-11:00am.



Grief Support Group

St. Michael's is offering a 6 week grief support program to assist people after the death of a loved one or a significant loss. The group will meet

every Thursday. This is our second program offering this year. The program will follow the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counseling. The sessions will be held either from 3:30-5:00pm or 7:00-8:30pm. There is no fee but you must register. When registering please indicate if either time will work for you, and if not, the time that does work. We will do our best to accommodate everyone's availability. To register or for more information please contact the parish office.



ST. MICHAEL'S CWL WILL HOLD THEIR MONTHLY MEETING OCTOBER 12TH FOLLOWING 7PM MASS. WE INVITE ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH TO JOIN US FOR A

FUN NIGHT AND A GAME OF CWL TRIVIAL PURSUIT.



There will be a Prayer Shawl Wednesday, September 13th from 1-

3pm in the St. Kateri Room. New members are always welcome! If you know of anyone that would need a prayer shawl please call the Parish Office.



The Social Justice Committee will meet on Thursday, September 14th at 7pm in the St. Michael Room. There is going to be a lot of activity this year - fundraising for the next refugee sponsorship, Christmas Sharing project,

Development and Peace activities and more. So if you want to get involved, please join us. For more information call Diane at 519-616-2227.

St. Michael MONDAY MORNING GATHERING will begin a new season SEPTEMBER 18th at 9:30AM in the St. Michael Room, lower church. Please, join us as we reflect on sacred scripture and share our faith experience.



The Friends of God Program for those 3 to 5 years of age will begin on Sunday, October 1st during the 11:00am mass. Registration will be on Sunday, September 17th & 24th after

the 11:00am mass in the main vestibule. There are only 15 spots and registration is on a first come, first serve Volunteers aged 18+ are required and high school students are also welcome to volunteer. The program is dependent upon adult volunteers. Please see Megan at registration if interested in helping out.

Children's Liturgy for children in Grades 1 to 4 will start Sunday, September 24th at the 11:00am mass. No registration is required for this program. Look forward to seeing everyone! Anyone interested in volunteering can contact the office.

VOLUNTEER SCREENING WILL BE REQUIRED.



As this is being written, Sister Joyce Kwamboka Nyakwama (SSND - Superior of the Province of Africa) and Sister Teresia Mamwacha (SSND -

teacher and staff member of the Notre Dame Children Outreach project in Kenya) have applied for visas to come to visit us here in Waterloo in late September. Sister Joyce will stay one week and Sister Teresia about 3 weeks. They will be speaking at the local parishes and schools that support the NDCO in Nyalieng'a parish in Kenya. If you are aware of any organizations or groups that would be of interest to them, or if you would like to host a dinner, please contact the parish office.

The Africa Project Committee will be meeting in the Resource Centre on Tuesday, September 12th at 7:30pm. On the agenda will be the upcoming visits (September) by two School Sisters of Notre Dame plus the Harambee Child Sponsorship program in October. The committee would really welcome some new members. Please consider joining us. For more information contact the office.



Refugee Update: As you may remember, the St. Michael's sponsored Syrian family was waiting to be reunited with their father/husband who is

presently living in Germany. Good news! He has had his interview, security check and medical exam and hopefully will join us here in Waterloo sometime this fall after more than 2.5 years apart from his family. Thanks to all of you who have donated to the St. Michael's Refugee Fund following the appeal in June, the Office of Refugees at the Diocese of Hamilton has given its approval for St. Michael's to sponsor Nur's sister and her family, from Myanmar but currently living in a refugee camp in Bangladesh. The Rohingya people and their struggles have been in the news the last few weeks. Please keep them in your prayers. Fundraising continues this fall. Thank you all for your compassion and support.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." The community that gathers needs leadership; consider the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. Contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation at 905–528–7988 or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com

An Invitation to the New Alpha Film Series

Are you feeling stuck in your faith? Do you have questions? Do you think there must be more to life than this? If your response to any of these questions is yes, come see what Alpha about. For more information https://www.alphacanada.org/resources/alpha-film-series/ The New Alpha Film Series begins at Our Lady of Lourdes on Monday, September 25th for 10 weeks with a meal, DVD lesson and group discussions each week. There is no cost but a freewill offering will be taken for the food cost. Register by Monday, September 18th at Our Lady of Lourdes office at 519-886-0342.

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