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APRIL 7, 2019 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I recently heard that the purpose of Lent was to allow us to have an encounter with Christ. During Lent we go into our own "desert" just like Jesus did. For 40 days Jesus sacrificed himself by being away from his family and friends. The scriptures tell us how Jesus suffered as the devil tempted him in a variety of ways. This time in the desert helped him prepare to die on the cross for us on Good Friday.

In small ways we also sacrifice during Lent by giving up something we love or try to do to better ourselves. At the end of Lent we encounter Christ in several ways during the Triduum. We are with Jesus as he washes our feet at the Last Supper. We kneel with Mary at the cross as Jesus dies and we especially encounter Jesus with Mary Magdalene and the other disciples on Easter Sunday discovering that he has truly risen!!

But I often wonder, should this encounter just end on Easter Sunday or should it be just the beginning of many encounters through our lives?

For myself the encounters that I continue to have with Christ is through the young people that I serve. This Lent has made me look at my encounters differently with my new role and responsibilities. Some things that I'm being asked to do are beyond my comfort level and that can be a bit scary. My prayer is that even in this uncertainty, Christ will reveal himself to me in ways that I've never expected.

How will you encounter Christ beyond Easter? Have you ever thought of being involved with your church family in a different way? Perhaps you can try some of the following:

- Become involved as a mentor to those couples preparing to baptize their child.
- Walking with our young people preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Teaching our children about Jesus by reading stories and preparing crafts at Sunday School or Vacation Bible School.
- Helping with our parish breakfasts.
- Journeying with families through family ministry events.

Today I challenge you to look beyond Easter to find ways where you can encounter Jesus. The best part is that sometimes the Holy Spirit will lead you down a path that you never imagined and in the end you discover that that is exactly where Jesus wanted to meet up with you.

Yours in Christ, Veronica Costa, Pastoral Minister

Weekend Liturgical Schedule

St. Michael's

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Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. - Spanish

Our Lady of the **Blessed Sacrament** 22 Middleton Line

Wheatley, ON

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Divine Mercy

Every Friday at 3:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

St. Michael's ½ hour before each Mass 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Saturdays

Bulletin Submissions

In writing or by email by Monday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday School

Every Sunday from September - June at the 10:00am Mass.

Pastoral Team

Rev. Tom Ferrera Ext 222 Parish Administrator

Rev. Steve Marsh Ext 223 Parochial Vicar www.FrSteve.ca

> Alex Litt John Vezina Deacons

Veronica Costa Ext 227 Pastoral Minister

Rev. Kazimierz Lorencowicz, C.S.M.A. Ext 225 Hispanic Ministry

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Catholic Women's League Mary Di Milo

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Office Staff

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Sacraments

Baptisms - Call office

First Reconciliation -Preparation begins in September

First Holy Communion -Preparation begins in September

Confirmation - Confirmation to begin in September

Marriage - Meeting with Clergy minimum six months in advance. Marriage classes Spring and Fall

Holy Orders - See clergy Sacrament of the Sick -Upon request

RCIA and RCIC - Call office

St. Michael's Parish Welcomes You To Our Churches!





Please join us Fridays during Lent in the Church Hall for our Lenten fish fries from **4:00 -7:00pm** prepared and served by the K. of C. and the C.W.L. Cost is \$12.00. Stations of the Cross will follow in the

Church at 7:00pm lead by **The Faith Study Group.** This will be followed by **The Beauty of Belief**, a short (approximately one half hour) video presentation by Sacred Heart Seminary with this week's guest speaker, **Dr. Patricia Cooney-Hathaway.**



HOW DO I BECOME CATHOLIC?

Many people have said that what drew them to the Catholic Church was the Eucharist. As we reflect on recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread, think for a moment whether there is

someone you could invite to Mass and to explore what else the Catholic faith might hold for them. For more information, contact **Fr. Tom at (519) 326-2643.**

Day of Confessions

This year's Diocesan Day of Confessions is being planned for Wednesday, April 10. This special opportunity helps us to set aside our old ways, to be renewed in heart and soul, and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. As Pope Francis reminds us, confession is where we encounter Jesus. Confession times in our parish are 8:30am to 8:00pm at St. Michael's and 2:00-3:00pm at OLBS. Our diocesan website (www.dol.ca) offers some excellent resources and information about Lent and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please also see the brochure in this bulletin.



UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR FR. STEVE'S CLASSES

Wed. April 17 - Ongoing Faith Formation ~We will then break for Easter~

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays from 9:00am-6:30pm at St. Michael's.

In the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the Heart of Jesus Christ. Saint John Paul II



Please pray for those in our Parish family who have recently passed away:

ANN IABUNSKI, who died in Oakville; sister in law of Don Bedore, **LIBERA INGRATTA**

A friendly reminder that the Day Chapel is a scent-free zone.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: APRIL 14, 2019
PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY:
First Reading (Isaiah 50:4-7)
Second Reading (Philippians 2:6-11)
Gospel (Luke 22:14-23.56)



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF April 8 – April 13

Mon. 8:00am	Antonio Resendes, Maria Medeiros, Antonio Raposo Fiorina Ingratta Manuel Avelar
Tues. 7:00pm	Brenda Testa Manuel Maurice and Deceased Family Antonio Murracas, Maria L. Carmo, Donna Lisette
Wed. 8:00am	Maria and Manuel Oliveira Maria & Manuel Jacinto Resendes, Dec. Family Jose Carreiro
Thurs. 8:00am	Elio Testani and Emilio Cervini Almerinda and Manuel Festa, Germana Demelo Joseph Raffoul
Friday 8:00am	Intentions of Ben and Precy Tuquero Michele and Fiorina Mastronardi Intentions of Paul and Kathy Dries
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Sat. 8:00am	Alessandrina and Sebastiano Battisti Sante Gualdieri Joe Oliveira, Deceased Demelo & Oliveira Fam.

2:15pm Jaime Rodrigues
Pete Boutros

The Leamington Ministerial Association
Prays for: CALVARY/ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN



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EASTER MEMORIAL

As we prepare for Easter, we once again remember in a special way all those family members and friends who have died in the hope of sharing in the Lord's triumph over death. To have your loved one's name as part of the

Memorial, please come to the office or drop a donation along with the names and your phone number in an envelope in the collection basket before Monday, April 15. An insert with the names will be added to the bulletin on Easter Sunday. A special intention will also be added to the liturgies. Proceeds will go directly to offset the cost of flowers and decorating the Church.

Please pray for the Intentions of our Brothers and Sisters working in the Diocese of London:

Apr. 07 ~ Rev. Jose Seminati

Apr. 08 ~ Ursuline Sr.'s of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus

Apr. 09 ~ Most Rev. Donald Theriault

Apr. 10 ~ Deacon Joseph Ryu

Apr. 11 ~ Rev. Leo Walsh

Apr. 12 ~ Rev. Leonard Desjardins

Apr. 06 ~ Mrs. Virginia Eade



April 11



If you have never used **FORMED** before, simply go to smp.formed.org and sign up for free.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK "CONVINCED"- WHY WOULD ANYONE BECOME **CATHOLIC?**

Why would intelligent, successful people give up careers, alienate friends, and cause havoc to their families...to become Catholic? As he was considering his own move into the Church, Donald Johnson traveled around the country to get answers from some of today's most prolific Catholic converts. Watch on formed.org.

KIDS' KORNER - "YOUNG GEORGE AND THE DRAGON"

Young George sketches a fire-breathing dragon flying above a castle, but what starts as an innocent drawing turns serious when George enters into the world he drew, and he must defeat the evil creature of his own making.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH BRICK CAMPAIGN

Celebrate a memory in a permanent way at St. Michael's with a keepsake brick in our beautiful Celebration Pathway. Each keepsake brick is available with a contribution of \$500. Your name and/or message will be etched on the brick. All funds for this initiative will go directly to the building loan and will support any future capital projects for the parish. Please pick up a brochure at the back of the church or at the office.



Congratulations PAUL AND KATHY DRIES on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary! May God continue to bless them in the years to come as they carry out their marriage commitment.

The April Ultreya for Windsor/Essex County is being held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Windsor, Ontario on Friday, April 12th at 7:30pm. If you have made a Cursillo Weekend, please come and share in a faith-filled evening. All Cursillistas are WELCOME!

Diocese of London ORDINATION BREAKFAST & MASS: May 4, 2019 - for young men 14 and up. An opportunity to participate at the ordination of a priest and have breakfast with the Bishops, priests and seminarians. A great father-son event!

"PRAY, INFORM, CELEBRATE & INVITE"

"Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call"

~Memberships are still available at the church office or from Romana Sobotka at (519) 398-9619.

Note: If your address has changed or if you know of another member who has moved, please contact Romana. ~Please pray for a few of our members who are sick or in

- the hospital at this time.
- ~CWL Meeting is this week, Wednesday, April 10 at **6:30pm** in the upstairs Conference room. Hope to see you there!
- ~CWL Annual Banquet Wednesday, May 8, 2019. Banquet Tickets will be sold at the upcoming weekend Masses on April 13/14, as well as the 2 weekend Masses after Easter.

"It is not the body's posture, but the heart's attitude that counts when we pray." Billy Graham

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STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Our next meeting for those interested in attending the Steubenville Youth Conference are invited to join us on Friday, April 12 from 7:30-8:30pm in the Sun Room located next to the Parish Hall. For more information about Steubenville, contact Mary Vezina at (519) 322-5964 or vezinafamily@hotmail.com. You can also contact Veronica at (519) 326-2643 or vcosta@dol.ca.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT ~ Families are invited to join us for a movie night on Wednesday, May 1 from 6:30-8:30pm. The featured film for the evening is "JUMANJI". Come and find out how working together can help us accomplish great things. Admission is free. Popcorn and refreshments will be served.



Thank You Thank you to everyone who donated items for our upcoming Youth COR weekend. We truly appreciate your continued generosity and we ask that you continue to for your Kindness pray for our young people!

Holy Baptism



In the month of March, we welcomed the following children through the waters of baptism: BRADLEY JOHNSTON ~ BLAKE JOHNSTON AMIRA ARGENOL HERNANDEZ MILA AMARAL ~ BLAKE PERALTA GABRIELLA SANDER ~ HUNTER WIGFIELD AMIRA DRESSER

May we be gifted in unity to serve God and all peoples in authentic love.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY: 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY: 10:30am Children's Service

3:00pm Solemn Good Friday Service

HOLY SATURDAY: 8:00pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY: 8:00am Mass at St. Michael's

10:00am Mass St. Michael's 10:30am OLBS Wheatley 12:00 noon St. Michael's 3:00pm Spanish Mass St. Michael's



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