St. Michael's Parish

29 Elliott St. Leamington, Ontario N8H3M4

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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December 10, 2017

From the Desk of Fr. John:

Advent Reflections on the Sunday Readings

Just a reminder that we will gather for about an hour and preview and discuss the upcoming Sunday Readings. We plan on holding these both in the morning and in the evening. The evening gatherings will be held after the 7:00pm Tuesday evening Masses on Dec. 12th and Dec. 19th. The daytime gatherings will be held after the Wednesday morning Masses on Dec. 13th and Dec. 20th. I am certain that reflecting on the readings of the coming Sunday would be an excellent way to enter fully into the Season of Advent and even if you have not come to the first two, I would encourage you to consider taking advantage of this opportunity. We will be meeting in the Conference Room

Communal Celebration of Confession

Our communal Celebration of the Sacrament of Confession took place this past week, but there will be a communal celebration taking place this coming Wednesday, Dec. 13th at 7:00pm in Essex at Holy Name of Jesus Parish. Those wishing to receive this sacrament of God's Mercy during Advent should consider taking advantage of the opportunity!

First Confessions

Over the past few weeks, a number of our young people in Grade Two have made their First Confessions and the final group will be making their First Confession this coming Saturday. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Christmas Masses

It is hard to believe that we are only two weeks away from Christmas! Just to remind you of the Christmas schedule at St Michael's - Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm (in both the Church and the Parish Hall); 7:00 pm and Midnight. On Christmas Day, the Masses are at 8:00am and 10:00am. The Mass at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Wheatley will be on Christmas Eve at 7:00pm.

Have a great week,

Fr. John

RCIA and RCIC - Call office

Weekend Liturgical Schedule

St. Michael's

29 Elliott Street Leamington, Ontario N8H 3M4 Phone: 519-326-2643 Fax: 519-326-2644 After hours emergency: 226-315-1932

> Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 3:30 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 8:30 a.m. -9:30 a.m. Saturdays Or call for an Appointment

Bulletin Submissions

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

Pastoral Team

Rev. John M. Pirt Ext 25 Pastor

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> Alex Litt John Vezina

Deacons

Veronica Costa Ext 28 Youth Co-ordinator Simone Seres Ext 26 Pastoral Minister Rev. Eduardo Barrera

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Sacraments

Baptisms - Call office First Reconciliation -Preparation begins in September First Holy Communion -

Preparation begins in February

Confirmation - Preparation begins in November

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

Sacrament of the Sick -Upon request

Holy Orders - See clergy





The last Divine Mercy of the year will be on **Friday, December 15th**. It will resume again in the New Year on

Friday, January 5th, 2018.

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

St. Michael's Church:

December 24th - 5:00pm (upper and lower level) ~7:00pm~ Midnight Mass.

December 25th - 8:00am and 10:00am **Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament:**

December 24th - 7:00pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY

St. Michael's Church:

December 31st - 5:00pm

January 1st - 8:00am and 10:00am

Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament:

January 1st - 10:30am





The Knights of Columbus/CWL Lottery

Calendars will be available for purchase after Masses this weekend for **\$20.00**. They are also available at the Church Office.

The Knights will also be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" signs for \$10.00. Get yours early before they sell out!

DECEMBER 1ST LOTTERY WINNER
ROSE NICKELS



ST. MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL

This year we will be collecting donations in memory of loved ones to offset the cost of **both** decorating the church and for flowers during the Christmas season. The names of your loved ones will be published in the bulletin on **December 24th.** Please bring in your donations to the Church office **before December 20th.**



GIVING TREE- OUR LADY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Giving Tree has now been set up in Wheatley.
Gifts will be delivered to those in need on

December 16th.

Thank you for your generosity



PLEASE NOTE

As we approach the end of the year, we want to remind those of you who wish to make a donation to St. Michael's and have it count for their 2017 tax year, to please make that donation as soon as possible. The cut off date is **Wednesday**, **December 27th at 4:00pm.**

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



ANNA HORVATH



Friday

PAILY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11-DECEMBER 16 ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Mon. Robert Marijanovich 8:00am Judy Carder Gilda Costa	Mon. 8:00am	Robert Marijanovich Judy Carder Gilda Costa
		Gilda Costa

Tues.	NO MORNING MASS
7:00pm	Filomena and John Cervini Pasquale and Elvira Serafini Tom and Mary Nohra, Mary Ann Whittle

Wed.	Weber, Francisco and Maria Madalena Dorego
8:00am	Deceased Family of Salvatore and Enza Ligotino
	Antonio and Maria Mariano and Deceased Family

Thurs.	Fr. Patrick Fuerth
	Intentions of Eduardo Orantes, Dustin Potter, Yves Morin
	Paul Catalano and Anne Pringle

8:00am	Ercolina Vernaroli
8:00am	Sarkis and Yvette Tannous Frank Moauro Sr. and Ida Moauro Edward. B. Araujo and Eduardo Gomes Araujo

Dr. Elmer and Kathleen Wahby

SUN PA	RLOR HOME DECEMBER 14
Thurs. 10:00am	Luis and Almedina Pimentel Jenny Guardado, Isabel Reis and Antonio Andre Manuel Mauca

FRANKLIN NURSING HOME

2:15pm	Adele Wahby Raya Youssef
	Luigino Mastronardi

DECEMBER 14

This week the Leamington Ministerial Association
Prays for:

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John preaches that God has revealed himself to his people through the incarnation of his Word, Jesus the Christ, and John has been called to witness to this revelation as "standing among you whom do not recognize".

First Reading (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11) Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24) Gospel (John 1:6-8, 19-28)

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FAMILY SERVICES WINDSOR-ESSEX

The Wellness Program is a program designed to enhance the wellness process that anyone can use to manage life. It is designed to provide tools to respond to daily challenges such as sadness, stress, feeling bad, or experiencing challenges in managing past or current life events. The program consists of 90 minute sessions for 4 weeks covering topics such as: Sense of Self/Boundaries and Communication/Feelings, Anxiety and Stress/Depression and Anger.

Location: Leamington & Area Family Health Team Address: 197 Talbot Street West, Learnington.

Schedule: Tuesday, January 9, January 16, January 23, January 30. All times are from 2:00-3:30pm.

Program is free of charge and no registration is required. Ouestions? Call **519-966-5010** and ask for Customer Care.

A Christmas Invitation to those who will be alone (or those who will go without) Christmas Day.

Please join us for our annual CHRISTMAS DINNER December 25th at 12:00pm.

The Church of St. John the Evangelist (Anglican) 60 Erie Street North, Leamington

Call 519-326-3111 to register by December 20th. A special invitation to shut-ins:

If you are unable to join us, we will be pleased to deliver your meal to the Leamington, Kingsville and Wheatley area only. There is no cost or obligation.



Next Leamington Blood Donor Clinic **JANUARY 3, 2018**

Leamington Kinsmen Recreation Complex 1:00-7:00pm

WALK-INS WELCOME!



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

Thank you to all who helped make the potluck/white elephant sale a success. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all and beautiful donated gifts were auctioned to raise \$1400.00 for The St. Vincent de Paul Society for needy families at Christmas.

Thank you to Claudia for planning the retreat and to all those who participated in our Advent retreat on Saturday. May your spirituality deepen over this Holy season.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday January 3rd, 2018 in the Conference Room at 6:30pm.

VERONICA'S CORNER





CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We are looking for young people to become involved with this year's Christmas Pageant which will be held on December 24th at 5:00pm. Rehearsals will be held at St. Michael's Church at **6:30pm as follows:** Thursdays on December 14th and 21st and on Friday December 22nd.



"PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS" **CONCERT**

Everyone is invited to join us for a special Christmas Concert on Friday, December 15th starting at 7:00pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. Come and prepare your heart for the Christmas season by singing Christmas songs. Free admission. Snacks will be served.



DELIVERING SHUT-IN BASKETS

All teens and their families are invited to join us as we bring gift baskets to our shut-ins on Sunday, December 17th starting at 2:00pm. We will first gather in St. Michael's Church hall. For more information, contact Veronica at 519-326-2643.

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

Dec. 10 Mrs. Christine Coyle, Coordinator of Youth Min.

Dec. 11 Rev. Steve Wlusek

Dec. 12 Ms. Suzanne Walton, Pastoral Minister

Dec. 13 Mrs. Jean Beneteau, Pastoral Minister

Dec. 14 Mrs. Marguerite Hewer, Pastoral Minister

Dec. 15 Rev. Jan Pochwala

Dec. 16 Deacon Brian McDonald



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday's from 9:00am-6:30pm (if there is a funeral that day, the time will be adjusted accordingly)

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