

# St. Michael's Parish

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## Pastoral Team

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Veronica Costa Ext 28, Youth Co-ordinator

Simone Seres Ext 29, Pastoral Minister

**prepare the way...**



# ADVENT



## O Come all ye Faithful...

And celebrate the Feast of our Lord's Birth at Christmas and the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, at New Year's in St. Joseph's Church and Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament:

**Thurs. Dec. 24:** **4:00pm** (with Children's Pageant) St. Joseph's  
**7:00pm** at St. Joseph's  
**Midnight** at St. Joseph's  
**Midnight** at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Wheatley.  
**Friday Dec. 25:** **9:00am** (English-Italian) at St. Joseph's  
**10:30am** at St. Joseph's  
**Noon** (English-Portuguese) at St. Joseph's  
**Thurs. Dec. 31:** **5:00pm** at St. Joseph's  
**Friday Jan. 01:** **10:30am** at St. Joseph's  
**10:30am** at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament  
**Noon** (English-Portuguese) at St. Joseph's



Please pray for those in our parish and families who passed away this past week:

**ALDINA CARVALHO** of our Parish

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### ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

Are you **9-20 years old** and have received your First Holy Communion?



Then you are eligible to be an altar server. We are looking for young people to be altar servers for our Sunday liturgies. All of us are called to be part of the Masses. What a wonderful way to learn more about our liturgies, God, and at the same time help us. There will be training sessions for those who are interested in becoming altar

servers. In the summer we honour our altar servers with a day trip to play laser tag. If you are interested and need more information, please contact **Simone Seres** at 519-326-2643

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

*As we assemble to celebrate the Eucharist on the feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth, let us remember that together we form the family of the People of God. It reminds us that we have a common Father and that we are brothers and sisters in Christ.*

**First Reading (Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28)**

**Second Reading (John 3:1-2, 21-24)**

**Gospel (Luke 2:41-52)**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**St. Joseph's** December 21- December 26

Mon. 8:00am	Jose Bento, Louie and Gloria Daponte Joaquim Mirao Joao Simas and Deceased Family Members
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Tues 8:00am	Fayez Zakaria Dec. Family Members of Salvatore & Enza Ligotina Steve and Mary Casper
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Wed 8:00am	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>
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7:00pm	Theresa Cappelli Manuel Duarte, Maria Jose and Mariano Duarte Weber Dorego, Francisco and Lourdes Cardoso
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Thurs 8:00am	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b> <b>SEE CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE</b>
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Fri 8:00am	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b> <b>SEE CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE</b>
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Sat. 8:00am	Ferdinand Impens Joe Pimentel Custodio Afonso
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New Beginnings

December 21

Mon 10:00am	Jose Carvalho Gerard Derikx Amancio Freitas
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### CWL

#### Let Jesus Take Over Our Life

A Blessed Christmas to All!

It is not too late to renew your membership for 2016 or to become a new member. Call Peggy for more info. at 519-322-2762.

We are always accepting used eyeglasses and cancelled postage stamps, as well as yarn donations in any amount.

Please leave items in the church foyer.

Would you like to help make prayer shawls and lap blankets for donation to the sick of our parish? We welcome your talent.

### RETRouvaille

Rediscover Your Marriage—Retrouvaille simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential info.

about, or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on **January 15-17th, 2016** call (519) 243-0687 or email [retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!  
FROM ALL OF THE STAFF  
AT  
ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH**



**MEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE:** January 16, 2016 with Patrick Sullivan-Author, Speaker, EWTN.  
The Men of Faith Conference provides a venue for like-minded men to come together to strengthen their faith and to discuss the challenges of being a man living out his faith in today's society. Dynamic speakers are invited to speak, each session followed by Q & A's to spark discussion. Comradery and masculine fellowship are encouraged through frequent breaks and a lunch enjoyed by all participants.  
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# Veronica's Corner



**YAGOTTAWANNA DEFEND FOR TEENS**  
Families and teens in grades 8-12 are invited to join us on Sunday evenings. Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, January 10** starting with a youth gathering at 4 pm at St. Joseph's in the trailer and ending with Mass at 7 pm.



## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in our Catholic schools shortly. If you are in public school and wish to receive this sacrament, please contact Veronica at 519-326-2643 ext. 28.

**SHEPHERDS NEEDED** - We are still in need of a few more shepherds for our annual Christmas pageant which will be held on Christmas Eve at 4 pm. Our last rehearsal will be held at St. Joseph's Church on **Tuesday, December 22 beginning at 6:30 pm**. For more information contact Veronica at 326-2643 ext. 28



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Our Children's Liturgy program (also known as Sunday School) will **not** be held on December 27th. The program will resume on **Sunday, January 3rd**. This program is geared for children ages 2 1/2 years old to grade 2 and is held in the trailer at St. Joseph's at the 10:30 am Mass. A great way for the family to experience church together.

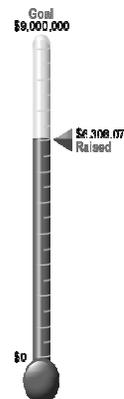
**SMYL YOUTH MINISTRY** - Our next youth ministry program for those in grades 3-8 will resume on **Tuesday, January 12 from 6:30 to 8 pm at Ecole St. Michel** with a New Year's Party! Hope to see you there!



**CALLING ALL FACEBOOK USERS!** Check out St. Michael's Parish facebook page at [www.facebook.com/St.MichaelsParish](http://www.facebook.com/St.MichaelsParish). Don't forget to press the "like" button!!



*Thank you to all those teens and families that helped out with the gift-wrapping booth to support Community Living and to those who delivered packages to the shuts ins. May God bless you.*



### Offertory Collection December 13, 2015

453 Regular Envelopes	\$ 7686.63
Loose	903.37
<b>Total</b>	<b>8590.00</b>
Average	\$16.96

**Collection Team # 3**

Thank you for your generous support!

To date we have received **716** (1-5yr ) Pledges totalling: **\$ 6,341,878.01**  
Building Fund Total: **\$ 4,704,248.59**  
Pledged Dollars since last report: **14,575.00**

### 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 the **2015 TAX** year, to please make that donation as soon as **possible**. **The cut off date is DEC. 27TH**. You can drop it off at the office or drop it off in with the Sunday collection.

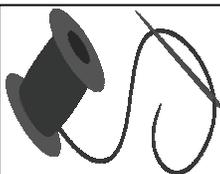


**Please Note:** The office will be **CLOSED THURSDAY DECEMBER 24th** at 12 noon for the Christmas Holidays and will be open again on **TUESDAY DECEMBER 29th**.



### DIVINE MERCY

The last Divine Mercy before Christmas will be on Friday, December 18th and will resume after Christmas on Friday, January 8th, 2016



### ATTENTION SEWERS:

We are in need of help sewing Baptism stoles. If you can help us in any way with this please contact Simone at the office at St. Michael's.

## Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School

**Grade 8 Open House  
Monday, January 11, 2016 at 6:30 pm**

Cardinal Carter

**All Grade 8 parents and students WELCOME**

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