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



The staff at St. Michael's would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas! May you rejoice in the miracle, the gift and the promise of Christmas.

Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all around the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.



2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The envelopes are now at the back of both Churches. If you do not see yours, please call the office at 519-326-2643 and we will make sure that you receive them. Automatic withdrawals are also available so that you don't have to worry about preparing an envelope each week. Please call the office for more information.

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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

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

Gospel (Luke 2:41-52)

*****CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE*****

Christmas Eve:

~4 p.m. (St. Michael's)
~6 p.m. (St. Michael's)
~7 p.m. (OLBS)
~8 p.m. (St. Michael's)
~Midnight (St. Michael's)

Christmas Day:

~8 a.m. (St. Michael's)
~10 a.m. (St. Michael's)
~3 p.m. Spanish Mass
(St. Michael's)

Solemnity of Mary (Dec 31/Jan 1)

Regular Sunday Schedule

~5 pm (St. Michael's)
~8 pm (St. Michael's)
~10 am (St. Michael's)
~10:30 am (OLBS)

CONFESSIONS

**1/2 Hour Before All Masses and
Saturday Mornings 8:30am-9:30am**

****Please note the office will be closed the week of
December 24 and will re-open January 2 at 8 a.m.****



**DAILY MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK OF
December 24 - December 29**

Mon. Dec. 24	SEE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Tues. Dec. 25	SEE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Wed. Dec. 26	NO MASS TODAY
Thurs. Dec. 27	NO MASS TODAY
Friday Dec. 28	NO MASS TODAY
Sat. Dec. 29 8:00am	Fiorina Ingratta Inez Furtado Maria Carmo

*The Leamington Ministerial Association
Prays for: **LEAMINGTON UNITED CHURCH***

The Leamington Area Ecumenical Refugee Committee is desperately in need of a home to rent for a family of 10. Please call Sister Elaine at **(519) 322-0945** for more information or if you can be of assistance.

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

Dec. 23 Rev. Michael Ryan
Dec. 26 Rev. Seejo John
Dec. 27 Mrs. Julie de Gouw
Dec. 28 Rev. Martin Johnston
Dec. 29 Ministers to the Deaf and Hard



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Michael's Church has Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 9:00am to 6:30pm.

**"When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much
Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host
you understand how much Jesus loves you now."
Saint Teresa of Calcutta**

A friendly reminder that the Day Chapel is a scent-free zone. There have been concerns about the issue of incense and strong perfumes, so the Day Chapel has been designated a scent-free zone.



DIVINE MERCY

Divine Mercy will resume again in the New Year beginning **Friday, January 4th.**



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

THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY- It's nearly Christmas and this week's **FORMED Pick of the Week** is a fast-paced look at the true story of Christmas! Explore the beautiful truth about Mary and Joseph's marriage, Jesus's miraculous conception, the journey to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem and more! The Story of the Nativity clears away misunderstandings about Jesus's origins and is invaluable for learning more about the truth of Christmas.



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

MERRY CHRISTMAS! May God fill your life to overflowing with the Joy and Peace that only Jesus gives.

~2019 CWL memberships are available at the office. Cost is \$25. Your membership gift is a brown scapular.

~2019 beautiful Religious calendars for sale at the office for \$5.00 (a wonderful way to know all the Feast days of the Saints).



HOW DO I BECOME CATHOLIC?

The preparations for Christmas include buying or making gifts for those whom we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given to us - His Son, Jesus. Invite someone who is not Catholic to attend Mass with you at Christmas. For information about the RCIA, contact **Fr. Tom at (519) 326-2643**.

2018 INCOME TAX YEAR

As we approach the end of 2018, we want to remind those of you who wish to make a donation to St. Michael's for this tax year to please make that donation as soon as possible. It must be received no later than **January 7, 2019** and dated by the end of this year if you are making a donation by cheque.

MAY WE BE GIFTED IN UNITY TO SERVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLES IN AUTHENTIC LOVE



The Knights of Columbus invites everyone to join them on Christmas Day as they go Christmas carolling at the Sun Parlour Home at 10:30 am.



MARIAN PILGRIMAGE- May 5-14, 2019

Join us on a pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain & Lourdes with 206 Tours and Fr. Tom. Anyone interested in this great opportunity can visit and register online at www.pilgrimages.com/frferrera.

From the time you arrive, you are greeted with the life of St. Anthony of Padua (Patron Saint of Lost Things.) Then you are on your way to Fatima, home to the three shepherd children who witnessed the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 100 years ago! Continue through the life of St. Teresa of Avila, and end in Lourdes. Whether you come for prayer at the Grotto or in the Basilica, or if you come to immerse yourself in the famous Healing Baths - Lourdes is the place for true miracles.

VERONICA'S CORNER



CONFIRMATION MEETINGS

The next set of Confirmation meetings begin on Tuesday **January 8 from 7:30-9:00pm** in the Church Hall. Parents are asked to attend this meeting.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday school is taking a bit of a break for the Christmas holidays so that volunteers can spend time with their families. The program will resume on **Sunday, January 6 at the 10:00am Mass**. We are also looking for a few more adults to help with this program to help our children with the crafts, etc. If you are interested, please contact the office.

KEEPING CONNECTED PARENT/TEEN WORKSHOP

It's easy for families to get disconnected as kids grow and other demands pull families apart. The Keep Connected program provides an opportunity to draw them back together and give them skills to use over the coming year. The program is designed for parents and their 10-14 year old youth. Child care for younger children will also be provided. This program will begin **February 21st**. More details to come in the next couple of weeks.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

There will be a family movie night on Wednesday, **January 16 from 6:30-8:30pm** in St. Michael's Church Hall. Refreshments will be served and the feature film will be **"Back to the Future."**

PARISH BREAKFAST

There will be a parish breakfast on Sunday, **January 13 from 9:00am-12:00pm** in the Church hall. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, pancakes, coffee, juice and tea. The cost is by donation and proceeds will go towards those young people attending the Steubenville Conference this summer.



Are you looking for a New Year's Resolution? St. Michael's Parish is always looking for some good volunteers to help with the different ministries. We currently need volunteers for Sunday School, Youth and Family Commission and visitors to the hospital. If you are interested in becoming involved, please call the Church office.

Collection for Sunday – December 9, 2018

370 Regular Sunday:	\$7626.75
Loose:	\$1338.30
Total :	\$8965.05

Average per Envelope:	\$20.18
Toonie Sunday	\$1660.75
World Mission	\$40.00
Christmas	\$90.00
Pledges this week:	\$502.00

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