

December 3, 2017

From the Desk of Fr. John:

Communal Celebration of Confession

The communal Celebration of the Sacrament of Confession is this coming Wednesday, Dec. 6th at 7:00pm. It will begin with a short examination of conscience and be followed by individual reception of the sacrament. We will have a number of neighbouring priests available that evening. It is my hope that those wishing to receive this sacrament of God's Mercy during Advent will consider taking advantage of the opportunity!

Advent Reflections on the Sunday Readings

A number of parishioners gathered this past week to reflect on the readings of this weekend. I would invite you to consider joining us this coming Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning to prepare for the Second Sunday of Advent. 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 I encourage you to consider taking advantage of this opportunity. We gather on Tuesday after the evening Mass and on Wednesday after the morning Mass. We will be meeting in the Conference Room

Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas

This year, with the 25th of December falling on Monday, it could be a bit confusing around here. Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent are Saturday evening at 5:00pm and Sunday morning at 8:00am and 10:00am at St. Michael's and at 10:30am at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. Christmas Masses are celebrated later on the same Sunday at 5:00pm (in both St. Michael's Church and Hall); at 7:00pm (in St. Michael's Church and in Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church) and at Midnight. On Christmas Day (Monday), Masses will only be in St. Michael's Church at 8:00am and 10:00am. Just a reminder that the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the Feast of Christmas are two separate Holy Days of Obligation!

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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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

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



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!



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.

GIVING TREE-ST. MICHAEL'S

A Giving Tree has been set up at St. Michael's Church. The



Giving Tree items are given to the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** to help local families at Christmas and throughout the year. Many of the items needed this year are toiletries and gift cards. We ask that you take an item off the tree and return it unwrapped prior to **December 10th** so that items may be sorted and distributed to families in need.

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 and Christmas Spirit!



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours at St. Michael's are: Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm Closed between 12:00-1:00pm



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4-DECEMBER 9 ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Mon. 8:00am	JoAnne Hussey Paul Zeiter Antonio and Natalina Grossi
Tues.	NO MORNING MASS
7:00pm	Living and Deceased Members of the K. of C. Living and Deceased Members of the C.W.L. Ted Wahby and Deceased Family Members Beato Mastronardi and Deceased Family
Wed. 8:00am	Antonio Bernardes, Ana and Jose Gomes Dominic and Mary O'Connell Deceased Family of John and Maria Reis
Thurs. 8:00am	Maria Carmo, Antonio Murracas, Palmiro & Antonio Barbosa Maurice Juliao and Deceased Family Members Lourdes Marcagao and Mario Meca
Friday 8:00am	Youssef and Marian Najim Fernando DeSousa Tony and John Oliveira and Deceased Family
Sat. 8:00am	Maria and Peter Holzberger and Deceased Family Ghidsar and Linda Tannous Isaac Andary

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

Dec. 04 Miss Janet Loo, Liturgical Facilitator, Music Director

Dec. 05 Rev. Dwayne Adam

Dec. 06 Rev. Mr. Robert Weaver

Dec. 07 Deacon Lyle Lalonge

Dec. 08 Rev. Bernard Pinsonneault, CSB

This week the Leamington Ministerial Association Prays for:

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

With John the Baptist's unkempt appearance and fiery, apocalyptic preaching, he gathered crowds of those acknowledging their sins and seeking forgiveness. In the first of perhaps many theological quandaries created by the presence of John the Baptist, he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

First Reading (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11) Second Reading (2 Peter 3:8-14) Gospel (Mark 1:1-8)

RETROUVAILLE

Is your marriage going down the right road...or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages.

Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille weekend program for couples, contact the registration team: Debbie or Darcy @ 1-800-705-6356, 1015@retrouvaille.com or visit our website: SaveOurMarriage.ca

A December Ultreya for Windsor/Essex County is being held at St. John Vianney, 385 Dieppe Street, Windsor, Ontario On Friday, December 8th at 7:30pm.

If you have made a Cursillo Weekend, please come and share in a Faith-filled evening. **ALL CURSILLISTAS ARE WELCOME!**

Mass for the Deceased in Resurrection Mausoleum,

Heavenly Rest Cemetery.

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 @ 4:30pm

For all those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Presider: Fr. Chris Bourdeau

For information - Contact Mary Heath at 519-969-4836.

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND LOURDES

Join Fr. Matt Kucharski on a Marian Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes (plus Lisbon, Santarem, Santiago, Oviedo, Montserrat and Barcelona) **April 23rd to May 4, 2018.**

PRESENTATION, QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 219 Sacred Heart Drive, LaSalle, Ontario

Following the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, December 10th.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

"COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?"



BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Wednesday, December 6th, 2017

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

NEW DONORS AND WALK-INS WELCOME!



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

All ladies are welcome to our potluck dinner and white elephant sale on Monday December 4th at 6pm in the church hall. Please bring a dish of your favourite food and a wrapped gift for the auction. (Remember your purse, so that you can have fun

buying gifts at the auction). All proceeds will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for needy families at Christmas.

Advent Retreat - Sat. Dec. 9th from 8:30 to10:30am Please contact Claudia Zioutis to register at 519-322-1927 or claudiazioutis@outlook.com.

Wednesday Dec.6 @ 7pm - Communal Reconciliation Service at St. Michael's Church (7 priests will be available for confession)

VERONICA'S CORNER





SMYL - Triple "C" Night

All youth in Grades 3-8 are invited to join us for an evening of "cookies, crafts, and caroling" on **Tuesday, December 5th** from 6:30-8:00pm in St. Michael's Church Hall.



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 7th, 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.**



THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who supported our young people by attending the pasta dinner. It was greatly appreciated. Our next fundraiser will be a breakfast In January.

Offertory Collection-November 26, 2017



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