# St. Michael's Parish 29 Elliott St. Leamington, Ontario N8H3M4 www.smp.dol.ca

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 12, 2017

It is with great joy that we welcome Fr. John Pirt, our new pastor, to our parish community. As Fr. John is busy this week moving in and unable to write something for the bulletin we will let Pope Francis fill us in on the importance

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

2016).

share the full joy of Easter.

Marriage classes Spring and Fall

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

> Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - Family 3:00 p.m. - Spanish 7:00 p.m. - Youth

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 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturdays Or call for an Appointment

**Bulletin Submissions** 

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

of Lent.

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive (cf. Homily, 8 January

Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and alms giving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. I would now like to consider the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. Lk 16:19-31). Let us find inspiration in this meaningful story, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion. Dear friends, Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in the word, in the sacraments and in our neighbour. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need. I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favour the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and

From the Vatican, 18 October 2016

Feast of Saint Luc the Evangelist

**FRANCIS** 

#### **Pastoral Team**

Rev. John M. Pirt Ext 25 Pastor

Rev. Danny Santos Ext 27 Rev. Eduardo Barrera, F.M.M. Ext 26 **Associate Pastors** 

Rev. Hugo Santa Cruz, F.M.M. Hispanic Ministry

> **Alex Litt** John Vezina Deacons

Veronica Costa Ext 28 Youth Co-ordinator

Simone Seres Ext 29 **Pastoral Minister** 

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**Knights of Columbus** Martin Saris

Catholic Women's League Mary Lapos/Sr. Elaine Cole St. Vincent de Paul Deacon Alex Litt

#### Office Staff

Beth Impens Ext 21 Business Manager Sandy Foldesi Ext 10 Secretary

#### 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.



#### Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board Kindergarten Registration

www.catholicboard.ca

Tuesday, February 21st to Friday, March 3rd, For your added convenience, the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board invites you to attend an Open House/Evening Registration at your local Catholic School

On Wednesday February 22nd from 5-7:00pm. Requirements: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Health Card and Immunization Record.

**Junior Kindergarten:** Children must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2017

**Senior Kindergarten:** Children must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2017



#### **RCIA**

Have you or someone you know expressed an interest in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Have you ever wondered what makes Catholicism different than other faiths? Have you ever considered becoming Catholic?

Perhaps everyone in your family is baptized but you are not and would like to be? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please contact Simone at St. Michael's Parish. (519) 326-2643 ext. 29.



#### Marriage Preparation Retreat

"Living a Joy-Filled Marriage"
The spring session will be held at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Essex on April 28th and 29th
—Cost \$100 per couple.

To R.S.V.P. contact Holy Name at **519-776-8483** or come in to St. Michael's Church office for a registration form.



LOTTERY TICKETS (with calendars attached) are still available at the Church office and for home delivery, call Don Bedore at 519-326 -2305.

There are still 12 draws to go with over **\$8,500** in prizes still to be won.. All proceeds to go to the Church Building Fund.

David Tonks was the February winner.

#### **ULTREYA**

A March Ultreya for Windsor/Essex County is being held at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Essex, Ontario on Friday March 3, 2017 at 7:00pm.

If you have made a Cursillo Weekend please come and share in a Faith-filled evening.

ALL CURSILLISTAS ARE WELCOME!

#### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

God commands Israel to be holy as God is holy. Jesus commands disciples to be perfect as God is perfect. We are holy and perfect when we learn from the Son how to be daughters and sons of the same Father.

First Reading (Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18) Second Reading (1 Corinthians 3:16-23) Gospel (Matthew 5:38-48)



Intentions Week	
St. Michael's February 13-February 18	
Mon. 8:00am	Antonio, Ana and Jose Bernardes Hinid Zeiter and Maria Kayrouz Deceased Family Members of Gus Mattei
Tues 8:00am	Deceased Members of the Lee Family Gerard Derikx Boula and Jamila Mikhail
Wed. 8:00am	NO MORNING MASS
7:00pm	Manuel Bairos and Maria & Agostino Bairos Eduardo G. Araujo and Edward B. Araujo For all Living and Deceased Priests of the World
Thurs. 8:00am	NO MORNING MASS
Friday 8:00am	Maria Gloria Soares and Maria Freitas Manuel, Merces and Alberto Aguiar Pasquale and Marianna Colasanti
Sat 8:00am	Tom and Mary Zeiter and Deceased Family Adele Wahby and Deceased Family Luigi Abbruzzese, Guglielmo Fanano, Emilia Carlesimo
Leamington Court February 16	
Thurs. 10:00am	Alfredo, Gilberta and Jose Carlos Jose and Ines Furtado and Parents
Erie Glen Manor February 16	
Thurs. 2:00pm	Vera Furmanek Mary Hudders

#### **Healing Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church**

4401 Mount Royal Drive, Windsor

Friday February 17, 2017 at 11:00am.

There will be no luncheon due to construction.



HEALING MASS AT IMMACULATE HEART PARISH, Windsor, Ontario. 2153 Parkwood Avenue at Tecumseh Rd. E. To be celebrated on **First Friday, March 3, at** 

**7:00pm.** Teams are available to pray with you after Mass. Elevator accessible.

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



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

#### HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH IN ESSEX -PARISH MISSION WITH PADRE FELIPE SCOTT

Topic: "Spiritual Life"
February 19-22nd at 7:00pm
146 Talbot Street South, Essex.
Everyone is Welcome!

#### **Daily TV Mass Available Online**

The National Catholic Broadcasting Council has made Daily TV Mass available online at www.dailytvmass.com for those who cannot get to Mass.

#### **Upcoming Events at Marie Rose Place**

318-320 Randolph St. Windsor, Ontario. (519) 253-1383

Thursday, February 16th 1-4:00pm

**A MODERN WITNESS TO THE GOSPEL: THOMAS MERTON.** Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk of the Abbey of Gethsemane, was a poet, mystic, social activist and student of comparative religion. "In his own lifetime Thomas Merton became a hugely popular spiritual writer. In the decades since his death in 1968 that popularity has remained

steady." (Robert Ellsberg) Come join us as we explore the life and wisdom of Thomas Merton.

Facilitators: Joe Quinn and Janine Rocheleau Suggested Offering: \$15.00 including refreshments.



#### **VOCATIONS INFORMATION**

#### THE VOCATION OF MARRIAGE

When the Catholic Church teaches that marriage is a Christian vocation, it is saying that the couples relationship is MORE than simply THEIR choice to enter a union which

is a social and legal institution. In addition to these things, marriage involves a call from God and a response from a man and woman who promise to build with the help of divine grace, a lifelong, intimate and sacramental partnership of love and life. Those who are called to the married life should be ready to learn what their vocation means and to acquire the virtues and skills needed. The call to marriage is a particular way of living the universal call to holiness given to every Christian in the sacrament of Baptism. "The love of husband and wife becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love which God loves."

This week the Leamington Ministerial Association prays for:

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St. Anthony's Parish Maronite



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

Welcome Fr. John! Thank you to all who generously brought baked goods, helped bake apple pies and helped with selling at all the masses this past weekend.

Join us for a day of reflection as we begin Lent - Diocesan Retreat on Sat. Mar. 4 from 10am-3pm, Corpus Christi Church, Windsor \$8 for lunch. Call Mary 519-326-1484 to register by Feb.16 (we will carpool).

Please pray for our confirmation candidates. They will receive a cross from the CWL at their rehearsals this week.

# Veronica's Corner



## SMYL YOUTH PROGRAM - WHO WANTS TO BE A CATHOLIC

**MILLIONAIRE?** All youth in grades 3-8 are invited to join us for a fun evening on Tuesday February 21st from 6:30-8:00pm in

St. Michael's Church Hall. Come out and test yourself!
Prizes to be won!



#### YAGOTTAWANNA FOR TEENS

Teens and their families are invited to our "Drive by Prayer" event on Sunday, February 12th starting at 4:00pm in St. Michael's Church parking lot. Come and help us bring good cheer to others as we deliver letters to those in our

community. Following the deliveries, we will return to the church for a meal and end with the 7:00pm Mass.



SOUTH COUNTY YOUTH COR ~ All youth ages 16-21 or in grade 11 are invited to the next Youth COR being held at Holy Name of Jesus in Essex the weekend of March 31 to April 2. The cost is \$35 and registration forms are found at the back of each church and at Cardinal Carter in Campus Ministry. For more information,

contact Veronica at 519-326-2643 ext. 28.



## STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE FOR TEENS

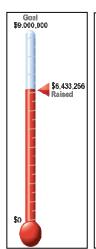
St. Michael's Parish is planning to attend the Toronto Steubenville Conference this summer. If you are a teen in grade 8-12 and are interested in attending an amazing conference, please contact Veronica at 519-326-2643 ext. 28.



#### **CONFIRMATION CEREMONIES**

Please join us in celebrating with our young people as they receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, February 18th at the 5:00pm Mass and on Sunday, February 19th at 12:00pm at St. Michael's Church.





#### Offertory Collection-February 5, 2017

388 Regular Sunday
Loose: 906.55
TOTAL: \$7466.00
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