

St. Michael's Parish

29 Elliott St. Leamington, Ontario N8H3M4

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FEBRUARY 16, 2020 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Confirmations are now taking place so I wanted to share a bit more about this elusive Sacrament because I think it is often misunderstood.

Initially, Confirmation was given at the same time as Baptism. A person was Baptized, Confirmed and received their first Holy Communion all at once. These Sacraments were then separated; due in part to the rise in infant Baptism and because it also helped to distinguish their differences.

While Baptism washes away Original Sin and Personal Sin and consecrates a person as a child of God - Confirmation is given in order to further strengthen a person with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The 7 gifts are: Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety and Fear of the Lord. They are gifts that essentially give you all the tools needed for your Salvation.

We receive wisdom to know God's will when we pray, to know our faith and to be able to understand it. We are able to receive counsel and discernment through the Holy Spirit; strength and courage in fortitude; grace to grow in virtue in piety and the awe and reverence that the fear of the Lord brings. These gifts give us all we need to live out our faith. There is another important and often overlooked aspect to Confirmation - it is a missionary Sacrament as well. By receiving all the gifts we need for our own Salvation, we are given all the gifts we need to be true disciples.

So now we are also being commissioned to go out and to share that good news. Confirmation is not just about looking inward and saying "now I'm a full member of the Church," but to also go outward to make new disciples in order to share the love of Jesus and know that we have everything we need in order to do so.

Confirmation in the Scriptures is portrayed primarily through Pentecost—the descent of the Holy Spirit. When the Apostles and disciples received the Spirit, they went from hiding in the Upper Room to going out into the streets and proclaiming the Gospel - in spite of being continually arrested, beaten, and even martyred - and they did it all with joy!

This is the true meaning of Confirmation! It is not a graduation from the faith when we can tick off the final box saying "I have completed becoming Catholic," but rather it is the beginning where we can now truly *start being fully Catholic*.

With zeal and confidence, now is the time to go out, sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit - commissioned by Jesus Christ Himself! We are called to make disciples of all nations, to cure the sick, to release those in bondage, to open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf - to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the

.....Fr. Steve

<u>Schedule</u>

St. Michael's

29 Elliott Street Leamington, Ontario N8H 3M4 Phone: 519-326-2643 Fax: 519-326-2644 smp@dol.ca

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.- Spanish 6:00 pm.

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 ½ hour before each Mass 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Saturdays

Bulletin Submissions

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

Sunday School

Every Sunday from September - June at the 10:00am Mass.

Pastoral Team

Rev. Tom Ferrera Ext 222
Parish Administrator

Rev. Steve Marsh Ext 223
Parochial Vicar
www.FrSteve.ca

Alex Litt (retired)

John Vezina

Deacons

Rev. Kazimierz Lorencowicz, C.S.M.A. Ext 225 Hispanic Ministry

> Avery Fuerth Ext 251 Life Teen Co-ordinator

> Parish Advisory Chair Bill Cervini

Finance Committee Chair Pat Fox

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Catholic Women's League Mary Di Milo

St. Vincent de Paul Stephanie Heaton

Office Staff

Sandy Foldesi Ext 0
Secretary

Sacraments

Baptisms - Call office

First Reconciliation Preparation begins in September

First Holy Communion - Preparation begins in September

Confirmation - Confirmation to begin in September

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

Holy Orders - See clergy

Sacrament of the Sick -Upon request

RCIA and RCIC - Call office



THE CHURCHES OF ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH WELCOME YOU!



LONDON

Some questions have been asked regarding our preparedness for the Coronavirus. The local health authority has stated on their website that the risk to our area is very low. Be assured that the Diocese will continue to

monitor the situation and will issue directives if they are necessary. Reception of Holy Communion under both signs and the Sign of Peace should continue as normal.



Please note that the Parish Office will be closed for the Family Day Holiday on **Monday February 17th.**



HOW DO I BECOME CATHOLIC?

Come and see. Are you searching for a Church to call your own? Do you struggle with questions about life, death, suffering, hope, forgiveness, love, God? Sessions exploring these and other issues in relation to our Catholic faith are being held. Ask about inquiry meetings by contacting Fr. Tom at (519) 326-2643.

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

Feb. 16 Rev. Clare Coleman

Feb. 17 Rev. Adriano Barbiero

Feb. 18 Deacon Jose Viveiros

Feb. 19 Rev. Ross Bartley

Feb. 20 Rev. Mark Poulin

Feb. 21 Rev. Mark Maloney

Feb. 22 Deacon Larry Lamphier



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 16, 2020 "It is loyalty to do His will."

Are you considering following the will of God in the consecrated life or priesthood?

Contact the Vocation Office at 1-888-548-9649 or email vocations@dol.ca



Please bring in your palms from last year as soon as possible so that they can be burned for Ash Wednesday which is coming up shortly. They can be dropped off at the back of each of the churches.

FEBRUARY 23, 2020 - 7th Sunday Ordinary Time



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



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Michael's Church offers Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays 9:00am-6:30pm. On mornings with funeral Masses, Eucharistic Adoration will follow.

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS February 17 to February 22

Mon. 8:00am	Giovanni Sera Manuel, Merces and Alberto Aguiar Maria Dos Anjos Tavares
Tues. 7:00pm	Inez Furtado, Alfred and Gilberta Fortuna Deceased Malkoun and Jabbour Families Rocco Ricci
Wed. 8:00am	Antonio Gaudenzio-Barbosa, Deceased Family Carmela Ingratta Georges Boutros
Thurs. 8:00am	Tony and Cecilia Branco, Souls in Purgatory Maria and Antonio Mariano, Deceased Family Vincenzina Mastronardi
Friday 8:00am	Maria da Gloria Soares and Maria Freitas Maria C. Andrade Rinaldo Santilli
Sat. 8:00am	Souray Geagea Carmela Ingratta Salime Kantati and Rosa Piorro

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February 19

Wed. 10:00am Giovanni Sera Anibel Cardoso, Jose Medeiros, De Cecilia Cardoso, Lourdes Medeiros	eceased Fam.
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ROSEWOOD/ERIE GLEN

February 20

10:00am	For the Intentions of Gaspare Adragna Pete Boutros Carmelia Mendonca
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Please pray for those in our Parish Family who have recently passed away:

DENISE DROUIN

OPEN MASS AT ST. PETER'S SEMINARY

St. Peter's Seminary invites all to attend Mass in the St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel on March 1st at 11:00am
1040 Waterloo St. London



PRAY TO END ABORTION

The spring 40 Days For Life campaign at the Metropolitan Hospital begins on February 26. Pro-life supporters will be on the sidewalk along Tecumseh Road East holding a sign saying "Pray to End Abortion"; a peaceful

reminder that abortions are taking place in this hospital. Local vigil participants will be carpooling from St Michael's parking lot at 9:00am every Monday morning from March 2 to March 30 inclusive. We will spend 2 hours (10am-12pm) praying in front of the Metropolitan Hospital on Tecumseh Road. Connect with us at St. Michael's or join us at the Met.

For more information please call Henrietta O'Neill (519) 322-1062.



Mass Streamed Online

Did you know that Mass is live-streamed every weekend in the Diocese of London courtesy of St. George Parish in London? Mass is available at:

www.youtube.com/user/sgtvlondon.

There is even an archive of past Masses, homilies, and special liturgical events. Online viewing is a great option for those who are unable to attend Mass in person due to illness, infirmity, travel, or any other reason. If you know someone who is "interested" in the Catholic Church but not quite ready to make the leap, this may be an easy introduction.



Dates to Remember:

Ash Wednesday – February 26 Lenten Fish Fries begin – Friday, February 28 Stations of the Cross – Friday March 27 –

CWL will lead

100th **Annual Diocesan Convention** in Chatham – April 27-29

Thank you to the CWL members who gave out Communion and Confirmation Crosses to all the young candidates recently.

A HUGE THANK YOU to each and every one who has helped in any way thus far with the ALPHA meals. Please consider volunteering to help for the next Mondays on our schedule. More help is always needed to prepare and/or serve meals, provide dessert, clean up, etc. for any of the following Mondays — February 17, March 2nd/16th/23rd. If you can help in any way it would be greatly appreciated! Call Mary Di Milo at 519-326-8253

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the TIME; they have the HEART." Elizabeth Andrew



Income tax receipts are now available in the back of both Churches beginning this weekend. Please stop by before or after Mass to pick up your copy.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY CIRCLE "God's Work, Our Hands"

"It is to those who have the most need of us that we ought to show our love more especially." - St. Francis de Sales.

As Catholics, praying for others is a natural expression of the love we have for one another, as well as our hope and faith in God. Please continue to pray for all of the recipients of our prayer shawls - that they may feel comforted by God's steadfast love. May they feel the healing, peace and love of God offered through our prayers for them.

If you would like to request a prayer shawl for a loved one, please call the **Parish office at 519-326-2643** and we will have one blessed for you by one of our priests.

"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." Saint Teresa of Calcutta.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Windsor/Essex is hosting a "Leap Year" dinner and dance on February 29th at 6:00pm. Dinner is at 6:45pm at the Colombian Centre in McGregor. Tickets are available by calling Stephanie at 519-329-0613.



LIFE TEEN MASS AND EDGE YOUTH

PROGRAM - Every Sunday evening beginning with the 6:00pm Life Teen Mass. After Mass join us for the Edge Youth Program for those youth in Grades 6 through 8 from 7:00-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. Come see for yourself what all the excitement is about!

Come and See Discernment Weekend

St. Peter's Seminary is holding a discernment retreat
February 28 – March 1 and invites men 17 years of age and
older who are considering a call to the priesthood. This
weekend offers a firsthand experience of the life of a
seminarian, spiritual helps for discernment, and an
opportunity to meet current seminarians and
faculty. Contact Fr. Danny Santos, Director of Vocations, at
vocations@dol.ca for more information or to register visit
www.dolpriest.ca/registration.



A March Ultreya for Windsor/Essex County is being held at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Essex at 7:00pm on Friday, March 6th. If you have made a Cursillo Weekend, please come and share in a faith-filled evening.

All Cursillistas are WELCOME!

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Lectio: Peter

Peter and the Keys -The Primacy of the Church



Dr. Tim Gray takes us back to the Old Testament and the significance of the imagery the keys had in the kingdom of King David. From there we can see how Jesus was restoring and perfecting his Church in giving Peter the "keys of the kingdom."

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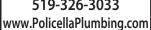






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