St. Michael's Parish

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Weekend Liturgical Schedule

St. Michael's

Phone: 519-326-2643 Fax: 519-326-2644

(No Masses)

St. Joseph's

310 Sherk St. Leamington, ON

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Italian/English
10:30 a.m. - Family
12:00 NOON Portuguese/English
3:00 p.m. - Spanish
7:00 p.m. - Youth

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 2:30 p.m. Followed by Divine Mercy -3:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

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

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

22 Middleton Line Wheatley, ON

Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Lent—February 21, 2016

During Lent this year - the Year of Mercy - we as a parish community have an excellent opportunity to live out the corporal works of mercy. This opportunity is provided for us by the Refugee Committee of our parish. Under the leadership of Mr. Frank Moauro, this group of parishioners are working hard to sponsor a family from the Middle East. We have all seen on T.V. the desperate situation that these people are dealing with at home. There are hundreds of thousands of people being displaced from their homeland and they have lost everything.

The corporal works of mercy include the following:

- To feed the hungry
- To give drink to the thirsty
- To clothe the naked
- To shelter the homeless
- To visit the sick
- To visit the imprisoned
- To bury the dead

As you can see the corporal works of mercy respond well to works of the refugee committee. I realized that some have expressed concerns and have questions about it - why we would be sponsoring a family. For the next few weeks starting today the refugee committee will have information in the bulletin responding to these questions and concerns.

This is a great Lenten project and I ask you to consider making a donation to help these brothers and sisters of ours. If you would like to make a donation in order to help with this project, please put your donation in a white envelope marked refugee family and place it in the collection basket.

Thank You!

.....Fr. Clare

Pastoral Team

Rev. Patrick W. Fuerth Ext 25
Pastor

Rev. Christopher Pietraszko Ext 26 Rev. Danny Santos Ext 27 Associate Pastors

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Sacraments

Baptisms - Call office
First Reconciliation Preparation begins in January
First Holy Communion Preparation begins in March
Confirmation - Preparation
begins 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



IMMIGRATION FACTS AND MYTHS:

WEEKLY INFORMATION TO HELP US WELCOME OUR REFUGEE FAMILY

MYTH #1: NEWCOMERS DON'T NEED HELP.



Fact: Newcomers may face isolation and may feel anxious when they arrive in Canada.

Fact: The financial challenges and employment barriers faced by many newcomers affect their health and access to key determinations of health such as housing, education, and healthy food. Immigrants' health is generally better than that of the Canadian-born since only applicants who pass a thorough medical exam can be granted permanent resident status, but it tends to decline as their years in Canada increase.

MORE INFORMATION NEXT WEEK

Come and See Weekend: March 4 - 6, 2016

St. Peter's Seminary, London invites men 17 - 45 years old to a discernment retreat for considering a call to the priesthood. This weekend offers a firsthand experience of seminarian life, provides spiritual help for discernment, and an opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty. For more information or to register, please

contact vocations@dol.ca or 1-888-548-9649



ALL DAY CONFESSION

Pope Francis has said: "Do not be afraid to ask God's forgiveness! He never tires of forgiving us, like a father who loves us."

This year, once again, we will provide the opportunity for all Catholics to ask for God's forgiveness through the sacrament of reconciliation. On **Wednesday, March 9** the sacrament of penance (confession) will be celebrated throughout the entire day by every priest in every parish in the diocese. In our parish the schedule for the Day of Confessions is as follows:

St. Joseph's Church 9:00am -9:00pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Today in the Gospel we will hear the words of Christ: "Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." To repent means to be converted, and conversion is the starting point of every spiritual journey, and is a prerequisite for entry into the kingdom of God.

First Reading (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) Second Reading (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) Gospel (Luke 13:1-9)

Mass for the Intentions Week

| St. Joseph's February 22-February 27 | | |
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| Mon. 8:00am | Mary Hudders Maria C. Freitas Gerard Raes | |
| Tues 8:00am | Joe Rodrigues, Joao and Maria Gomes Intentions of Gignac family and Alain Gaudreault Joe Gebriel and Deceased Family Members | |
| Wed. 8:00am | NO MORNING MASS | |
| 7:00pm | Tony and Salim Keirouz Armando and Lourdes Rebelo Intentions of Fr. Pat | |
| Thurs 8:00am | George and Salma Khouri and Deceased Fam. Mem. Joao and Maria Costa Antonio and Cecilia Branco & Deceased Fam. Mem. | |
| Fri 8:00am | Ercolina Vernaroli Darlene Joseph Antoinetta Radovini | |
| Sat. 8:00am | George and Elizabeth Fox Cecilia and Antonio Branco and Dec. Family Mem. All Souls in Purgatory | |
| New Beginnings February 25 | | |
| Thurs. | Maurice Lamotte | |

| 10:00am Lucilia Coimbra | Thurs. 10:00am | Maurice Lamotte Lucilia Coimbra |
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Mennonite Home

February 25

| Thurs. 1:00pm | Albertina Santos Cistina Fontes and Joao Cordeiro Antonio and Cecilia Branco and Souls in Purgatory |
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| | Antonio and Cecilia Branco and Souls in Purgatory |



Every Friday during Lent there will be Adoration of the Eucharist from 2:30-7:00pm with Stations of the Cross to follow at 7:00pm.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From **February 10 to March 20, 2016**, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 days for Life—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during this 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Windsor Regional Hospital Metropolitan Campus. Just one hour out of your day to pray for an end to abortion!



Please pray for those in our parish and families who recently passed away: **Anna Garcia**, who died in Portugal, aunt of Maria and Adelia Borges & Cecilia Rodrigues of our Parish;

Ercole Mastronardi of our Parish



MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

The marriage preparation course is coming up: Friday April 8th-7pm to 10:00pm AND Saturday April 9th-9am to 6:00pm (includes Mass at 5:00pm)

You must attend both dates.

They take place at **HOLY NAME OF JESUS** PARISH, 146 Talbot Street, Essex, Ontario.

You must register for this course in advance Please call St. Michael's Church office at (519) 326-2643 ext. 10 for more information or Holy Name Church at (519) 776-8483

ORDER YOUR CHURCH PEW - WHILE THEY LAST!

St. Michael's is selling pews from the church. 4 foot pew - \$200.00 / 6 foot pew - \$300.00 A deposit is required to hold your order. Please call the office for more details. (519) 326-2643 ext. 10

MARCH ULTREYA

All Cursillistas are invited to the March Ultreya being held on March 11, 2016 at Our Lady of Assumption Parish, 711 McEwan Street, Windsor, Ont. If you have made a Cursillo weekend please come and join us beginning at 7:30pm.

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

This week the Leamington Ministerial Association prays for: Leamington Evangelical Mennonite

World Day of Prayer 2016 - for Christian Women

We will join our neighbours in celebrating World Day of Prayer at: North Leamington United Mennonite Church on Friday,

March 4th at 2:00pm. Please join us! 625 Rd. 6 Leamington (west of Hwy 77)

AGOTTAWANNA TEEN GROUP — NEW TIME



All teens in grades 8-12 are invited to join us on Sunday evenings. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, February 28 with a youth event starting at 5:00 pm at St. Joseph's in the trailer and ending with Mass at 7 pm.



LENTEN CARNIVAL ~ All youth in JK to grades 8 are invited to our Lenten Carnival where we learn more about Lent and Easter. The cost is \$5 per family to cover the cost of

supplies and snacks. The evening will consist of crafts, games and much, much, more. Registration forms are found at the back of each church and must be returned so that we may know how many people to expect. This event will be held on Tuesday, February 23 from 6:30 to 8 pm at Ecole St. Michel. Financial assistance is available upon request. For more information contact Veronica at 519-326-2643 ext 28 or Mary Vezina at 519-322-5964, or Barb Colaizzi at 519-999-1575. Hope to see you there!



Goal \$9,000,000

St. Michael's Parish is looking for young people ages 9-30 to be involved in our Good Friday service. Practices will be held at St. Joseph's Church on Thursday's, March 3, March 10, & March 17 from 6:30—7:30pm.

Please note that Veronica will be away on a medical leave from Feb. 10 to approximately Mar. 6. If you have any questions regarding youth ministry programming, please contact Mary Vezina at 519-322-5964 or Barb Colaizzi at 519-999-1575.



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The St. Michael's Photo **Directories** have arrived! If you had your picture taken for the Directory, your copy is available to be picked up at the office.

PHOTO DIRECTORIES!

Offertory Collection

February 14, 2016 **409** Regular Envelopes \$ 6708.00 Loose: 757.00 Total: \$ 7465.00 Average: 16.40

Collection Team #3

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