



St. Michael's Parish

29 Elliott St. Leamington, Ontario N8H3M4

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Weekend Liturgical Schedule

St. Michael's

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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.

FEBRUARY 23, 2020 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Homelessness for most is a very visible reality. Going into any major city, you see the homeless at every turn. In the streets, the alleys, stairwells and many other locations, the public can see people in their community in need.

In smaller towns like ours, the homeless population is referred to as **"the invisible homeless"**. We may not even be aware of the extent of homelessness within our own town because it is not always easy to see. Families are living out of their cars because they cannot afford rent. Their children go to school, both parents work and yet they cannot get ahead enough to keep a roof over their heads. We, like many communities, also have those who suffer from mental illness, addictions, abusive situations and domestic disputes. Up to a few months ago, I was not aware of the extent of homelessness within Leamington!

Last November, Mayor Hilda MacDonald spoke at our Knights of Columbus banquet about a project called **"Out of the Cold"**. Afterwards, I asked if I could sit in on their next meeting. We had a two hour discussion on the extensive plan that was being put into place to help deal with affordable housing; however this comes with a 2 year timeline to accomplish. So I asked the following question: **"What are we going to do for them now?"** After further discussion, I acquired a list from the many social service departments that were present and began reaching out into the community for assistance.

There are approximately 300 homeless individuals within our town so I set out to acquire 100 pieces each of the 30 item list that I was provided. To date, we have secured \$40,000 worth of product through many generous business donors, service groups and individuals. We can now at least keep our homeless more comfortable and dignified through the winter. This is a community issue and we are so proud of how well Leamington is stepping up to the plate in assisting our efforts.

There is much more work to do but we are heading in the right direction. If you would like additional information regarding this social justice effort please feel free to contact me at jvezina@dol.ca

I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:35-36

...Deacon John

Pastoral Team

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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!



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.



CONGRATULATIONS to
MANUEL AND MARIA CARDOSO
on the occasion of their 50th Wedding
Anniversary!



Please join us in the Parish Hall every Friday during Lent for our Fish Fry Fridays. Dinner will be available from 4:00-7:00pm.
Adults - \$14.00 / under 12 - \$5.00 / Family - \$30.00.
This will be followed by Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7:00pm in St. Michael's Church.



The Knights of Columbus Executive meeting for Tuesday will start **AFTER** the 7:00pm Mass.
Upcoming Events: ~ K. of C. pancake and sausage dinner on Shrove Tuesday (February 25) from 4-6:30pm by donation ~ Fish Fry Fridays every Friday during Lent in the Parish Hall.



EUCCHARISTIC 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?"

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

Feb. 23 Mrs. Chrisandra Skipper
Feb. 24 Rev. Ronaldo Tagnines
Feb. 25 Mrs. Kim Bornais
Feb. 26 ~Ash Wednesday~
Feb. 27 Rev. Pio D'Oria
Feb. 28 Deacon Steve Cartier
Feb. 29 Mrs. Maria Mollica



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 23, 2020
"Thus, should one regard us as servants of Christ."

Are you being called to serve the Lord and others in the consecrated life or priesthood?

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



MARCH 1, 2020 - 1st Sunday of Lent
First Reading (Genesis 2:7-9, 16-18, 25; 3:1-7)
Second Reading (Romans 5:12-19)
Gospel (Matthew 4:1-11)



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS February 24 to February 29

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| Mon. 8:00am | Joe Rodrigues, John Gomes and Maria Garcia Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Maksoud, John Maksoud Tess Pasquire |
| Tues. 7:00pm | Youssef, Mary Ann and Fr. Charbel Daher Manuel and Diamantina Rebelo Jamilie and Antoine Keirouz |
| Wed. 8:00am | Ercolina Vernaroli, Darlene Joseph A Special Intention Steve and Mary Casper |
| Wed. 7:00pm Ash Wednesday | Lora Perciballi Manuel and Diamantina Rebelo Domitilia Aminta |
| Thurs. 8:00am | Eduardo, Maria and Manuel Charamba George and Elizabeth Fox, Deceased Family Carmela Ingratta |
| Friday 8:00am | George and Salma Khoury, Deceased Family Abraham and Elizabeth Tuma, Deceased Family Rinaldo Santilli |
| Sat. 8:00am | Manuel Raposo, Deceased Family All Souls in Purgatory Joe, Antoinette and Tony Semaan |



WEDDING SATURDAY FEBRUARY 29

St. Michael's Church 1:00pm
**CHRISTOPHER KILLOP AND
AMANDA WIGFIELD**

SSVP Food Pantry needs for February:

- Crackers/Saltines
- Cookies
- Jam
- Canned Fruit

*Please check best before dates.

SSVP North of 60 is looking for used hand saw blades. If you have any hand saw blades to donate please call SSVP at
(226) 340-7233 to arrange for a drop off.

Thank you for your support of Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and SSVP North of 60.

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.



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

VICTOR RIVEST, MICHAEL LIVESEY

Please note that the chapel area of the church is a scent-free zone to accommodate those who are sensitive to fragrances.

MARRIAGE ANNULMENT

Are you hoping to get married in the Catholic Church or to have a new union blessed? Are you simply looking for some closure after a painful divorce? If so, consider applying for a Declaration of Nullity (annulment) from the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of London. The process is free of charge. We are here to help - feel free to call us at **519-439-1553 or toll free at 866-603-4317**



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



Mark your Calendars:

March 2 - March 30 – **40 Days for Life**

Campaign to end abortion.

March 6 – **World Day of Prayer** at Knox

Presbyterian Church at 2:00 pm.

March 11 - General Meeting

March 27 - **Stations of the Cross** – led by CWL members.

~A special **THANKS** to all the Portuguese ladies who baked and brought in items for the reception after the Anointing/Healing Mass and to the members who helped set up/serve.

~**VOLUNTEERS** are still needed to make dessert, help prepare meals and set up /clean up for **ALPHA** meals on March 3rd and March 16th. Call Mary Di Milo at 519-326-8253 if you can assist in any way.

~The Inn (Women's Shelter) in Windsor is very grateful for all the clothes items recently donated.

They were overwhelmed with the generosity!

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY CIRCLE

"God's Work, Our Hands"

To request a prayer shawl, to knit or crochet with us, to request wool and/or patterns or for more information about the Prayer Shawl Ministry Circle at St. Michael's Parish,

please call Sandy at 519-326-2643 or smp@dol.ca

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



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.



PRAY TO END ABORTION

The spring 40 Days For Life campaign at the Metropolitan Hospital begins on February 26. 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.



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!



Congratulations to all of the youth who received the Sacrament of Confirmation! May the gifts of the Holy Spirit be used to build up God's Kingdom.



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!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION RETREAT 2020

March 20 and March 21, 2020

****At Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Essex****

(PLEASE NOTE - no longer at St. Michael's)

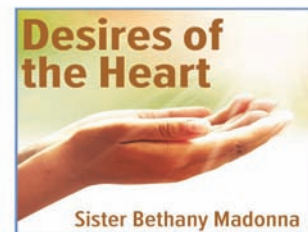
Starts on the Friday at 6:45pm—10:00pm and on Saturday 8:30am—6:00pm

To RSVP please contact Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Essex at 519-776-8483. Fee: \$100.00 per couple

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Desires of the Heart
by Sister Bethany Madonna



Sr. Bethany Madonna, vocations director for the Sisters of Life, shares how God not only wants us to know him, but also to give us the desires of our heart and gifts that bring purpose, meaning, and hope.

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Collection for February 16, 2020

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| 335 Regular Sunday: | \$6434.50 |
| Loose: | <u>2031.55</u> |
| Total: | \$8466.05 |
| Building Fund - last week: | \$135.00 |
| Building Fund - this week: | \$250.00 |
| Initial Envelope: | \$10.00 |
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