

St. Michael's Parish

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Weekend Liturgical Schedule

St. Michael's

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> Saturday 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday

8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 3:00 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 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.

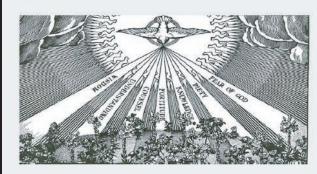
Sunday School

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

February 24, 2019 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Fr. Tom...

Last Sunday and this Sunday are very exciting days, because we are celebrating the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Many of our young parishioners, like us, will be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and be able to access within them God's gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, piety and fear of the Lord!



When we are baptized, we are made temples where the Holy Spirit dwells and are given "the power to live and act under the prompting of the Holy Spirit through the gifts of the Holy Spirit".

"Although all baptized Christians have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit, usually the full life-changing power of the Spirit's presence is first shown when a Christian undergoes a spiritual awakening and begins to seriously live his or her faith.... It may happen suddenly or gradually, but the end result is the same: a Christian begins to seek God's presence, desires to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and in so doing, opens himself or herself to be used by the Holy Spirit."

I have always appreciated the advice given by Cardinal Mercier (1851-1926) who once wrote:

I am going to reveal to you the secret of sanctity and happiness.

Every day for five minutes control your imagination and close your eyes to the things of sense and your ears to all the noises of the world, in order to enter into yourself. Then, in the sanctity of your baptized soul (which is the temple of the Holy Spirit), speak to that Divine Spirit, saying to Him:

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do. Give me your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and accept all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know Your Will.

If you do this, your life will flow along happily, serenely, and full of consolation, even in the midst of trials. Grace will be proportioned to the trial, giving you strength to carry it, and you will arrive at the Gate of Paradise laden with merit. This submission to the Holy Spirit is the secret of sanctity.

Pastoral Team

Rev. Tom Ferrera Ext 222
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Parochial Vicar
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> St. Vincent de Paul Carol Lesinky

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

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keepsake brick is available with a contribution of \$500. Your name and/or message will be etched on the brick.

All funds for this initiative will go directly to the building loan and will support any future capital projects for the parish. Please pick up a brochure at the back of the church or at the office.



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.



MARIAN PILGRIMAGE- May 5-14, 2019

Join us on a pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain & Lourdes with 206 Tours and Fr. Tom. Anyone interested in this great opportunity can visit and register online at www.pilgrimages.com/ frferrera. From the time you arrive, you are

greeted with the life of St. Anthony of Padua (Patron Saint of Lost Things.) Then you are on your way to Fatima, home to the three shepherd children who witnessed the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 100 years ago! Continue through the life of

100 years ago! Continue through the life of St. Teresa of Avila, and end in Lourdes. Whether you come for prayer at the Grotto or in the Basilica, or if you come to immerse yourself in the famous Healing Baths - Lourdes is the place for true miracles.

The South Essex Community Council will be holding it's annual Chilifest on Wednesday, February 27 at the Leamington Portuguese Club from 11:00am-1:30pm. Funds raised will help with the replacement costs of the accessible buses of Erie Shore Community Transit. Over 2 dozen chilies and soups, buns, veggies and desserts will be served. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance available at SECC's offices or \$10.00 at the door the day of the event.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: MARCH 3, 2019 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

First Reading (Sirach 27:4-7)
Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:54-58)
Gospel (Luke 6:39-45)



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF February 25 - March 2

Mon. 8:00am	Paul Bering Carmen DiCiocco Manuel and Margarida Pavao
Tues. 7:00pm	Lora Perciballi Nicola Amicone Lucrezia Barraco
Wed. 8:00am	Ercolina Vernaroli George and Elizabeth Fox Teresa Carducci
Thurs. 8:00am	Alain Gaudreault, Dec. Gaudreault & Gignac Families William Coco Rosa Farias
Friday 8:00am	Jaime Rodrigues Elizabeth Bedore Manuel Farias, Odete and Joe Oliveira
Sat. 8:00am	The Intentions of Fr. Kazimierz Lorencowicz Lucrezia Barraco All Souls in Purgatory

The Leamington Ministerial Association Prays for: FAITH EVERLASTING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



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

FR. JOHN VAN DAMME ALLAN SIMPSON



St. Michael's Vocations Committee is seeking your participation as a **POWER** OF PRAYER PARTNER. We are creating a contact system to include as

many parishioners as possible. When a prayer request is made, you would receive a phone call or email on behalf of the person needing prayer. Will you join us in this prayer ministry? Please contact Cecile at 519-326-6365 cmfoulon@cogeco.ca or Peggy at 519-322-2762 peggybarrette@gmail.com.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Michael's Church offers Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays 9:00am-6:30pm.

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

Feb. 24 Rev. Ronaldo Tagnines

Feb. 25 Rev. Joseph Quinn

Feb. 26 Mrs. Maria Mollica

Feb. 27 Rev. Pio D'Oria

Feb. 28 Deacon Steve Cartier **Mar. 1** Mrs. Mary-Catherine Bishop

Mar. 2 Rev. John Pirt





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MAY WE BE GIFTED IN UNITY TO SERVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLES IN AUTHENTIC LOVE



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DISTRICT EUCHRE

Thursday, February 28-St. Michael's Leamington Thursday, March 14-St. Anthony's Leamington Thursday, March 28-Columbus Club Harrow Dinner is at 6:00pm. Card playing starts at 6:45pm. \$10.00 for the dinner ~ \$2.00 for card playing. Feel free to contact Anthony Semaan at 519-322-1617 or Paul Peltier at 519-903-5409 if interested. The deadline to register is 2 days prior to the event.



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

Upcoming Events:

- ~Wednesday, February 27 at 6:30pm. General Meeting. ~Friday, March 1 World Day of Prayer/Reception at LakePoint Church @ 1:00 pm.
- ~Friday, March 8 Fish Fries begin Baked goods and assistance will be greatly appreciated. Call Mary at 326-8253.
- ~Saturday, March 9 Lenten Retreat Day from 9:15 12:30 in the Conference room following the 8:00 am Mass at St. Michael's Church.
- ~The CWL will be providing **bursaries** for students belonging to St. Michael's Parish who will be pursuing post secondary education. If interested contact Barb Gaspard at 519-562-4264.
- ~Thank you to the ladies who presented the crosses to the Communion and Confirmation candidates, recently.
- ~A special thank you to all the ladies who helped in any way to make the Portuguese Donut Sale a success!
 - "Life is a series of moments... moments that define you, stretch you, challenge you and make you grow."

 Charmaine Hammond

VERONICA'S CORNER



South County Youth COR ~ All teens in Grades 10 and up are invited to attend an amazing retreat weekend April 5-7. Registration forms can be found at the back of each church and in Campus Ministry at Cardinal Carter. For more information, contact Veronica at 519-326-2643 or at vcosta@dol.ca.



STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

There will be an information meeting for young people in Grades 8-12 interested in attending the Steubenville Toronto Conference this summer. Come and find out more about this

amazing conference on **Thursday**, **February 28** at **7:00pm** in the Sun Room (lower level of Church). For more information **contact Veronica at 519-326-2643 or vcosta@dol.ca**



Youth Ministry Party - All youth and their families are invited to join us on Wednesday,
February 27th from 6:30-8:00pm for a pizza party and activities. There is no cost for the evening. We do ask that you please RSVP to Veronica at 519-326-2643 or at vcosta@dol.ca if you plan on attending so that pizza may be ordered.

Teen Bowling and Pizza Party - All teens in Grades 8-12 are invited to join us for bowling on Sunday, March 3 at 4:00pm at Empire Lanes in Ruthven. After bowling we will come back to the Church for pizza. The cost is \$15 per person to cover the cost of bowling. The parish will pay for the pizza. RSVP to Veronica if you plan on attending.



PANCAKE SUPPER AND BINGO NIGHT

Everyone is invited to join us for a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, March 5 from 6:00 to 7:30pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. The cost is by

donation and proceeds will go towards those young people attending the Steubenville Conference this summer.

Following the supper, we will play Bingo!

A March Ultreya for Windsor/Essex County is being held at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Essex, Ontario **On Friday, March 8 at 7:00pm.**

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

All Cursillistas are Welcome!

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