St. Michael's Parish

29 Elliott St. Leamington, Ontario N8H3M4

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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.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Reconciliation

St. Michael's 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturdays Or call for an Appointment

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday January 15, 2017

Greetings! Please welcome Fr. John Pirt, your new Pastor, who will soon arrive at St. Michael's. Fr. Danny will be staying on as Parochial Vicar, and I am now retired.

I want to thank everyone for your kind remarks and gifts at our "Farewell Mass" last week. Thanks especially to all the women who brought goodies for the reception and the warm welcome you gave our guests from Tecumseh and my family members.

A number of priests and deacons were also present, and it was so good to see them, notably two of the sons of our parish: Fr. Albert Williams and Fr. Tony DelCiancio. I am grateful to the CWL, the choir and musicians, the Altar Servers, and the K of C for your participation and to Simone and Veronica for the memorable DVD of my time with you. I will never forget any of you. It was good to install our "time capsule" that evening, memorabilia that goes back to the building of the original church in 1922.

We have begun the custom of **ADORATION**, **EACH FRIDAY TO SATURDAY MORNING**. Please devote time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to pray especially for new vocations to the priesthood.

The Supreme Council of the K of C highly promotes the practice for their members to come to Adoration, especially for fathers to introduce their sons to this beautiful Eucharistic devotion, and to take responsibility for an hour of prayer during the night. A sign-up sheet is at the main doors of the Church and two or more may sign up for the same time period. We cannot leave the Blessed Sacrament exposed without people present. The Elliott Street doors to St. Peter's Chapel will be open all night and that's a good place to park.

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Pastoral Team

Rev. Patrick W. Fuerth 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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Peggy Barrette
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Kim Teskey Ext 51

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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.
Marriage classes Spring and Fall

Holy Orders - See clergy
Sacrament of the Sick Upon request
RCIA and RCIC - Call office

Also, K of C members are encouraged to develop daily FAMILY PRAYER in your homes. To quote the Council: "There is something very powerful about praying together as a family. Jesus reminded us that where two or three are gathered together in his name, there he is in the midst of them (see Mt. 18:20). Jesus also revealed to us that our children possess guardian angels who always bring their prayers before the face of the Father (see Matthew 18:10). Prayer needs to become a regular habit in the daily life of each family. Prayer is thanksgiving and praise of God, as well as a means of asking for forgiveness, supplication and invocation. In all of their forms, prayer may unite the entire family. "In prayer everyone should be present: the living and those who have died, and also those yet to come into the world. Families should pray for all of their members." (Pope Francis, Letter to Families, 2016).

Two things dominate the readings at Mass: First, John's dramatic call to behold the Lamb of God; second, that we do a good personal stock-taking during this first month of the new year. Look where we are going, and make the practical resolutions that might raise the quality of our lives. The Baptist urges us to ask what are we fundamentally about and then seek to reset our lives. St. Paul reminds us that we are "called to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

An honest stock-taking of our spirituality may unveil the selfish, ego-centric motives that often direct our lives. To rise above these we need to recognize something outside of and larger than ourselves, the God who cares for us and for the whole human community. Can we listen to John's call to restore what is broken, and Jesus' call, to bring light to the world? Do we see that it is with our cooperation that the Lamb can remove the "sin of the world?"

Facing such truths is always difficult. It calls us to not just drift along with this world's evil always taking the line of least resistance. Discipleship is urgent and costly, but it is also possible and is the way towards the deeper joy and fulfilment that our soul is longing for. If we properly hear the Baptist as he witnesses to Christ, our response will be a stock-taking that goes to the root of our being. It may even reveal to us the truth that sets us free.

We remember in prayer all the sick and bereaved in our parish at daily Mass. All the best!

Again, with heartfelt thanks!

....Fr. Patrick

LEAMINGTON Blood Donor Clinic Leamington Kinsmen Recreation Complex Wednesday, February 1st 1:00pm – 7:00pm

New Donors & Walk Ins Welcome!

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

As Jesus begins his public ministry, Jesus calls followers by issuing the command to "Come after me." The gospel suggests that following Jesus is our way to walk in the light which reveals the kingdom of heaven at hand.

First Reading (Isaiah 9:1-4) Second Reading (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17-18) Gospel (Matthew 4:12-23)



St. Michael's January 16 - 21st	
Mon. 8:00am	Antonio and Cecilia Branco and Deceased Family John and Dennis Oliveira Souls in Purgatory
Tues 8:00am	Paul Zeiter John Pacheco Da Silva and Deceased Family Paul Richard Farias and Souls in Purgatory
Wed. 8:00am	NO MORNING MASS
7:00pm	Diego Mastronardi Manuel and Maria C. Freitas & Fred Freitas Alberino, Maria Vincenza and Gino Mastronardi
Thurs. 8:00am	NO MORNING MASS
Friday 8:00am	Mabel Sweet John Gomes and Deceased Family Antonio Anastacio
Sat 8:00am	Oscar and Theresa Michaud and Mike Bauer Paul Robillard Peggy Meehan
Leamin	gton Court January 19
Thurs. 10:00am	Antonio Cristofari Gilda Melo
	en Manor January 19
Thurs. 2:00pm	NO MASS DUE TO FLU OUTBREAK

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

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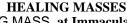


CARDINAL CARTER OPEN HOUSE

Everyone is invited to Cardinal Carder Catholic Secondary School Grade 8 Open House on Monday January 16th at **6:30pm.** Stop by to see our new school plans for September 2017.

...... RETROUVAILLE

A Lifeline for Marriage—Retrouvaille (pronounced retrovi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. For confidential information about or to register for the February 10th-12th weekend at Holy Family Retreat House in Oxley, please call 1-800-705-6356 or email 1015@retrouvaille.org or visit the website at www.retrouvaillewindsor.com or facebook.com/retrouvaillewindsor/essex county.





HEALING MASS at Immaculate Heart Parish, Windsor, ON 2153 Parkwood Ave. at Tecumseh Rd. E. It will be celebrated on First Friday February 3, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Teams are available to pray with you after Mass. Elevator accessible.



THEME FOR 2017/2018: INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT, WOMEN RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL.

'And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit" Acts 13:52.

Our Mission statement: The Catholic

Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling it's members to holiness through

service to the people of God.

All Catholic women ages 16-116 are invited to join in our goal of Faith, Fun and Fulfillment.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

January 25 -Essex County President's meeting hosted by St. Michael's Council.

March 3rd—World Day of Prayer.

March 4th—CWL Diocesan Lenten retreat, Windsor (more details to follow).

Sunday January 29th—CWL Sunday (more details to follow).

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HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION YET?

St. Michael's Church is looking for volunteers to help with our Sunday School, Youth Ministry (especially our teen group), Training will be provided and this is a great way to give back to your community. If you are interested in any of these programs or other ministries, please contact Veronica at 519-326-2643 ext. 28.

SMYL YOUTH PROGRAM

All youth in grades 3-8 are invited to join us for our next youth meeting on Tuesday January 24 from 6:30 to 8:00pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. The theme for the evening is

'Being a Hero."



YAGOTTAWANNA FOR TEENS

All teens in grades 8-12 are invited to join us on **Sunday January 22nd** starting with the 7:00pm Mass at St. Michael's Church followed by a youth

gathering until 9:30pm in St. Michael's Church Hall.



✓ CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

For those who are in public school or high school who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in February, you are asked to attend preparation classes. Classes will be held beginning on Thursday, January 19th at 7:00pm (for 4 weeks) in St. Michael's Church Conference Room. For more information, contact Veronica at 519-326-2643 ext. 28.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION **PROGRAM**—We are looking for some adults to help with



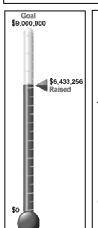
the Confirmation program to help with the ceremony and to help prepare our young people for this important sacrament. Please contact Veronica at 519-326-2643 ext. 28 for more information.



PARISH SURVEY

The Youth and Family Commission has developed a parish survey which will be distributed the weekend of January 22nd at all of the Masses. We would really love to hear

your input on how to better help our youth and families. Please complete the survey and return it to the parish office.



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