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Weekend Liturgical Schedule

St. Michael's

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(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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 24, 2016

One of the corporal works of mercy is to welcome the stranger. Canada's Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program has been in existence since 1979 when Canadians first welcomed refugees from the wars in South-East Asia. In the decades since, the program grew to respond to numerous refugee crises around the world. This year, Canada will welcome thousands of refugees from Syria and Iraq.

As we celebrate the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pope Francis has called for "every parish, every religious community, every monastery, every sanctuary... to host a family" of refugees. Some years ago, a refugee family sponsored by a parish in our diocese commented:

"These people received us in this great country while we are of a different culture, colour, faith and everything else except being all human beings. They have become our Papa and Mama and grandparents for our children..."

The parish leaders and volunteers were asked why they chose to sponsor a refugee family. They responded that they wanted a witness to their Christian faith by helping others.

St. Michael's Refugee Ministry

Our parish has a long history of sponsoring families who are less fortunate than us whether it is people from the Congo, Philippines, Asia and so on. We at St. Michael's are a generous community both with our time and money. Our Refugee Committee recently applied to sponsor a Chaldean family of six from Iraq who were persecuted for their faith and fled to a refugee camp in Lebanon. The Diocese of London is leading this initiative with larger parishes such as ours and has assisted us with Citizenship and Immigration compliances. They cover half of the income support costs for one year and St. Michael's covers the other half. We are responsible for all of the Settlement Costs (food, shelter, clothing, furniture, etc.). What that means is that for a family of 6 our share for the year will be in the vicinity of \$35,000.

Our committee has arranged a number of fund raisers to be held during the year and will have the assistance of the parishioners of St. Anthony's Maronite Church and Holy Name of Jesus Church in Essex. We have already received financial support from our local schools, the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus who are planning fundraisers to assist the family.

Pastoral Team

Rev. Patrick W. Fuerth Ext 25
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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.

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

Marriage classes Spring and Fall

All that the refugees and immigrants want is a chance to rebuild their lives and become meaningful citizens of a peaceful society. It is a proven fact that newcomers to our country flourish in education, business ventures, religious, community and volunteer work. This is what made Canada and this is how our parish continues to expand.

We therefore call upon everyone in the parish to assist our committee by making a donation to this worthy cause. Please place your donation in a plain envelope and write REFUGEE on the memo line of your cheque (tax receipts will be given). If you cannot help financially at this time, please pray for the success of our efforts or call the office and offer your time.

Frank Moauro

Chairperson - St. Michael's Refugee Committee



PHOTO DIRECTORIES! ******

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.



Our Patroness, Our Lady Of Good Counsel

The St. Michaels CWL Executive are honoured to affirm our commitment for another vear of service.

Have you sent in the 'Pornography Hurts' card? No postage is required.

Please support our Valentine Raffle for the next 2 weekends, ALL proceeds for St. Michaels Refugee Committee. It's not too late for new or renewing members -\$25 - contact Romana at 519-398-9619

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PLEASE NOTE—MASS CHANGE! ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7TH, THERE WILL BE A CONFIRMATION MASS AT 12:30PM AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH. BECAUSE OF THIS, THE PORTUGUESE MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED WITH THE REGULAR MASS AT 10:30AM.



Please pray for those in our parish and families who recently passed away:

ANNA MASSONG, DIEGO MASTRONARDI,

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel we read of the extraordinary incident in which Jesus was chased out of his native village of Nazareth. Why? Because they couldn't take the truth he was telling them.

> First Reading (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19) Second Reading (1Corinthians 12:31-13:13) Gospel (Luke 4:21-30)

Mass for the Intentions Week

St. Joseph's January 25—January 30	
Mon. 8:00am	Lina Giudice and Gino DiMenna Ted Wahby Sam Jabbour, Laura Tannous & Dec. Family Mem.
Tues 8:00am	John, Jose and Anna Gomes and Antonio Bernardes Paul Zeiter Souls in Purgatory
Wed 8:00am 7:00pm	NO MORNING MASS Antoine and Jamilie Keirouz and Mounir Jitani Albertina Santos Manuel Mauricio DeMelo
Thurs 8:00am	NO MORNING MASS
Fri 8:00am	Ted Wahby In Honour of Ste. Anne Intentions of the Sick
Sat. 8:00am	Frank Ciotoli Alex Marcovecchio Maria dos Santos and Deceased Family Members
New Beginnings January 28	
Thurs 10:00am	Gerard Derikx Joe Pimentel
Mennonite Home January 28	

Mennonite Home

Thurs	Cistina Fontes and Joao Cordeiro
1:00pm	Jose and Lourdes Medeiros

The Annual Leamington Meat Canner Fundrasing Luncheon

hosted by Leamington Meat Canner Committee

When: Sunday, February 7th, 2016 Where: United Mennonite Educational Institute (U.M.E.I.) **Time:** 11:30am - 2:00pm

REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

Thank you to all who have so generously donated furniture and household items.

As we await our family's arrival, fundraising begins. Please join us at A-1 Chinese Restaurant on Monday, February 15th. All meals sold will help benefit our family! See you there!

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St. Michael's Parish wishes to express a heartfelt THANK YOU to an anonymous donor who purchased Lector's workbooks for the Lectors of our English Masses. We greatly appreciate it. I know that it will enhance our Liturgies and make them more meaningful for us all.



CHURCH PEWS FOR SALE!

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. Samples of the pews are in the entrance way at St. Joseph's Church.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

PARISH MISSION LEAD BY FR. M. PRIEUR ON MARCH 12 –15TH

'MERICIFUL LIKE THE **FATHER:** HEALING OUR FRAZZLED STRESS"

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW IN THE COMING WEEKS

eronica's Corner



TEEN MOVIE & PIZZA NIGHT

Families and teens in grades 8-12 are invited to join us on Sunday evenings. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 24

starting with a movie & pizza starting at 4:30 pm at St. Joseph's in the trailer and ending with Mass at 7 pm.

YAGOTTAWANNA DEFEND FOR TEENS ~ All teens in grades 8-12 are invited to our youth night on Sunday, February 7 starting at 5 pm at St. Joseph's Church trailer followed by Mass at 7 Remember — YAGOTTAWANNA—You've Got to Want to Get Involved In Your Faith In Order to Grow in Your Faith

SMYL YOUTH MINISTRY ~ Our next youth ministry program for those in grades 3-8 will be held on Tuesday, January 26 from 6:30 to 8 pm at Ecole St. Michel with What's Mass Got to Do With Anything?!



CONFIRMATION TIME CHANGE

The Confirmation ceremonies will be held on Saturday, February 5 at 5 pm & Sunday, February 7 at 12:30 pm at St. Jo-



seph's Church. The change was made to help alleviate issues in our parking lot. Rehearsals for this sacrament will be held on Tuesday, February 2 & Thursday, February 4. Both are held at 7 pm at St. Joseph's Church. You must attend one of these ceremonies.



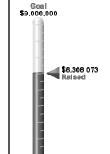
We will **not** be celebrating baptisms during Lent which runs from February 10th—March **27th** (Easter) The next available date for baptisms is April 3rd.

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

Offertory Collection

January 17, 2016

429 Regular Envelopes \$ **6471.00** Loose 646.00 Total \$ 7117.00 Average 15.08



Collection Team #4

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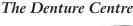
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