



# 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  
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**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.

**Divine Mercy**  
Every Friday at 3:00 p.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Every Friday from 9:00 a.m.  
to Saturday 7:00 a.m.

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

**Bulletin Submissions**  
In writing or by email by  
Monday at 4:00 p.m.

## VISIT OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE ROMAN PARISH OF "SANTA MARIA A SETTEVILLE" *HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS*

The Gospel presents us John at the moment in which he bears witness to Jesus. Seeing Jesus come toward him, he says: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'after me comes a man who ranks before me' (John 1:29-30). This is the Messiah. He bears witness. And several disciples, upon hearing this testimony — John's disciples — follow Jesus: they go after Him and are happy: "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41). They felt Jesus' presence. But why did they encounter Jesus? Because there was a witness; because there was a man who bore witness to Jesus.

This is how it happens in our life. There are many Christians who profess that Jesus is God; there are many priests who profess that Jesus is God, many bishops.... But does everyone bear witness to Jesus? Or is being Christian ... a way of life like another, like being the fan of a team? 'Yes, I'm a Christian...' Or having a philosophy: 'I follow these commandments, I'm a Christian, I must do this...' Being Christian, first of all, is bearing witness to Jesus. The first thing. This is what the Apostles did: the Apostles bore witness to Jesus, and because of this, Christianity spread throughout the world. Witness and martyrdom: the same thing. One bears witness in small ways and some reach greatness, giving their life in martyrdom, like the Apostles. But the Apostles did not take a course to become witnesses to Jesus; they did not study, they did not go to university. They felt the Spirit within and followed the inspiration of the Spirit; they were faithful to this. But they were sinners, all! The Twelve were sinners. 'No, Father, only Judas!' No, poor man.... We do not know what happened after his death, because there is also God's mercy at that moment. But all were sinners, every one. Envious, they had jealousy among them: 'No, I must have the first place and you the second'; and two of them spoke to their mother so she went to ask Jesus to give the first place to her sons.... They were like this, with all their sins. They were also traitors, because when Jesus was captured, they all fled, full of fear; they hid: they were frightened. And Peter, who knew he was in charge, felt the need to come a little closer to see what was happening; and when the priest's housekeeper said: 'You too were...', he said: 'No, no, no!'. He denied Jesus; he betrayed Jesus. Peter! The first Pope, He betrayed Jesus. These are witnesses! Yes, because they were witnesses of the salvation that Jesus brings, and everyone converted for this salvation, they let themselves be saved. It is beautiful when, on the riverbank, Jesus performed that miracle [the miraculous catch of fish] and Peter says:

## Pastoral Team

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Pastor

**Rev. Danny Santos** Ext 27

**Rev. Eduardo Barrera, F.M.M.** Ext 26  
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**Rev. Hugo Santa Cruz, F.M.M.**

Hispanic Ministry

**Alex Litt**

**John Vezina**

Deacons

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Youth Co-ordinator

**Simone Seres** Ext 29

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Kim Teskey Ext 51

## Office Staff

**Beth Impens** Ext 21

Business Manager

**Sandy Foldesi** Ext 10

Secretary

## 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

"Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord" (Lk 5:8). Being a witness does not mean being a saint, but being a poor man, a poor woman who says: 'Yes, I am a sinner, but Jesus is the Lord and I bear witness to him, and I seek to do good every day, to correct my life, to take the right path'.

I would only like to leave you a message. We all understand this, what I have said: sinful witnesses. But, reading the Gospel, I do not find one [certain type of] sin in the Apostles. There were some brutes, who wanted to burn down a village that had not welcomed them.... They had many sins: traitors, cowards.... But I do not find one [in particular]: they were not gossipmongers; they did not speak ill of others, they did not speak badly of one another. In this they were good. They did not 'rip off others'. I think of our communities: how many times this sin of 'flaying one another', of disparaging, of believing oneself superior to another and secretly speaking ill! In the Gospel, they did not do this. They did terrible things; they betrayed the Lord, but did not do this. Even in one parish, in one community who knows where ... this one cheated, this one did that... but then they confess- they convert.... We are all sinners. But a community where there are gossipmongers is a community that is incapable of bearing witness.

I will say only this: do you want a perfect parish? No gossiping. None. If you have something against another, go and say it to his face, or tell the parish priest; but not among yourselves. This is a sign that the Holy Spirit is in a parish. Other sins, we all have them. There is a collection of sins: one takes this, one takes that, but we are all sinners. But like a woodworm, what destroys a community is gossip, behind others' backs.

I would like this community, on this day of my visit, to make the resolution not to gossip. When you have the desire to gossip, bite your tongue: it will swell, but it will do you so much good, because in the Gospel these witnesses to Jesus — sinners: they even betrayed the Lord! — They never gossiped about one another. This is beautiful. A parish where there is no gossip is a perfect parish; it is a parish of sinners, yes, but of witnesses. This is the witness that the first Christians bore: 'As they love each other, as they love each other!' Love each other at least in this. May the Lord give you this gift, this grace: never, never speak ill of one another. Thank you.

*This week the Leamington Ministerial Association  
prays for:*

***Calvary/St. Mary's Anglican, Pelee Island***

The next **Ultreya** for Windsor/Essex County is being held at  
**Our Lady of Assumption Church, Windsor, Ont.**  
**On Friday February 3rd at 7:30pm.**

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

**All Cursillistas are WELCOME!**

#### ***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

*In this gospel Jesus calls us to assess whether our  
discipleship has lost its potency because our salt has  
become flat and our light has become dim. Christ is our  
salt and light, remaining always with us, making it  
possible for us to mature in our discipleship.*

***First Reading (Isaiah 58:6-10)***

***Second Reading (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)***

***Gospel (Matthew 5:13-16)***

## **Mass for the Intentions Week**

**St. Michael's**

**January 30-February 4**

Mon. 8:00am	Adele Wahby Paul Robillard All Souls in Purgatory
Tues 8:00am	Rosinha Farias Domenic Recine Filippo Cortina
Wed. 8:00am	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>
7:00pm	Alice and Francisco Amaral Hinid Zeiter Julio, Ermelinda and Fatima Camara
Thurs. 8:00am	Assaad Kayrouz Des Beirne Louie Mikhail and Deceased Parents
Friday 8:00am	Joe Oliveira Joseph Luis Farias and All Souls in Purgatory Elias Younan, Madam Youssef and Deceased Family
Sat 8:00am	Frank Moauro Sr. and Ida Moauro Gino Zompanti Giovanni Latino

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

#### **FIRST COMMUNION DATES—2017**

April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm & April 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am & 10:00am

May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm & May 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am & 10:00am

May 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm **\*Please Note: NO First Communions  
on Mother's Day – May 14<sup>th</sup>**

May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm & May 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00am & 10:00am

May 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm & May 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am & 10:00am

For Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church:

April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30am & June 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

Retreat for St. Louis is April 25<sup>th</sup> – 9:20am – 11:45am

Retreat for St. Michel is April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am - 11:45am

Please contact **Simone at the office at 326-2643 ext. 29.** for  
more information.



**LEAMINGTON BLOOD DONOR CLINIC**

**Give Life....Donate Blood! Leamington**

**Blood Donor Clinic at the Leamington**

**Kinsmen Recreation Centre**

**Wednesday February 1, 2017**

**1:00pm to 7:00pm**

**NEW DONORS AND WALK-INS**

**WELCOME!**



**HEALING MASS at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church**, 4401 Mount Royal Drive, Windsor, Ont.  
**Friday February 17, 2017 at 11:00am**  
 Please note that there will be no luncheon to follow due to construction.

**HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH IN ESSEX - PARISH MISSION WITH PADRE FELIPE SCOTT**

Topic: "Spiritual Life"  
**February 19-22nd at 7:00pm**  
 146 Talbot Street South, Essex.  
**Everyone is Welcome!**



**RETROUVAILLE  
 2 WEEKS TO SIGN UP FOR  
 RETROUVAILLE!**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the February program at Holy Family Retreat House, call **1-800-705-6356** or email: **1015@retrouvaille.org** or visit the web site at **www.retrouvaillewindsor.com**.



**Marriage Preparation Retreat  
 "Living a Joy-Filled Marriage"**

The spring session will be held at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Essex on April 28th and 29th  
 -Cost \$100 per couple.  
 To R.S.V.P. contact Holy Name at **519-776-8483** or come in to St. Michael's Church office for a registration form.

**Upcoming Vocations Event - Finding God In All Things: Tools for Discernment**

Fr. W. Mbugua, SJ, of the Jesuits of Canada will be offering a day for those in any kind of vocational discernment on Saturday, February 4 from 10 am to 2 pm, at the Vitali Lounge at **King's University College**. Lunch will be provided and there is no fee to attend. To RSVP contact [campusministry@kings.uwo.ca](mailto:campusministry@kings.uwo.ca) or 519-963-1477. This event is sponsored by Vocations London and King's University College.



**TODAY THE CWL CELEBRATES  
 OUR SISTERHOOD - GOOD  
 WORKS, FUN, FAITH AND  
 FULFILLMENT.**

Memberships are available at the church office. Our next meeting is **Tuesday,**

**February 7th at 6:30pm** in the Board Room. After the meeting at 7:30pm in the conference room, we will have a guest speaker from the South Shore Health Centre to talk about their programs. All parishioners are welcome. Our Valentines Bake Sale is **February 11th and 12th**. We will bake our pies on February 10th.

# Veronica's Corner



**SMYL YOUTH PROGRAM**

**BE MY VALENTINE**~All youth in grades 3-8 are invited to join us for our next youth meeting on Tuesday, February 7th from 6:30 to 8:00pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. The theme for the evening is "Be My Valentine".



**YAGOTTAWANNA FOR TEENS  
 BOWLING AND PIZZA PARTY**

All youth in grades 8-12 are invited to join us on **Sunday February 5th** starting at 4:00pm at Empire Lanes in Ruthven. The cost is \$15 for two games of bowling and shoe rental. After bowling we will return to St. Michael's for pizza and end our evening with the 7:00pm Mass.



**PARISH SURVEY**

Thank you to everyone for participating in our parish survey. This information is vital for us to get a "pulse" on where our parishioners are coming from. If you did not have a chance to participate, survey forms are found at the back of the church. For those who wish to participate digitally, it will be placed online shortly. More information will be provided shortly regarding this.



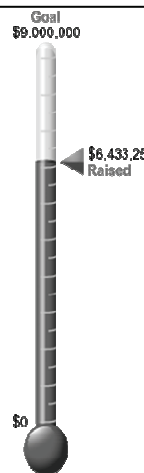
**STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE FOR  
 TEENS**

All teens in **grades 8-12** are invited to attend an information meeting regarding an amazing retreat experience this summer. Join us on **Wednesday February 8th at 7:00pm** in St. Michael's Church Hall. Information about the conference and prices will be given at that time.



**SOUTH COUNTY YOUTH COR ~ All youth ages 16-21 or in grade 11 are invited to the next Youth COR being held at Holy Name of Jesus in Essex the weekend of March 31 to April 2.**

The cost is \$35 and registration forms are found at the back of each church and at Cardinal Carter in Campus Ministry. For more information, contact Veronica at **519-326-2643 ext. 28**.



**Offertory Collection-January 22, 2017**

393 Regular Sunday	<b>\$5866.30</b>
Loose:	<b>789.70</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$6656.00</b>
Average for the week:	<b>15.21</b>
Pledges for the Week:	<b>\$3417.50</b>

Total Construction cost to date:  
 over **\$9,986,334.32**  
**COLLECTION TEAM #5**

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