St. Michael's Parish

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The Third Sunday of Lent Sunday March 19, 2017

From the Desk of Fr. John A Few Items:

Our New Church:

We have had a number of workers on site over the past few weeks resolving some of the deficiencies with the original work. I am hoping to have these resolved over the next few weeks!

The meeting rooms in the basement of the church are taking shape. We have had the TV's from St. Joseph's Church installed in two rooms and we are getting all the rooms ready to accommodate most of the parish meetings. The Boardroom in the Office Building is being transformed into a File Room; this will allow us to locate all of our files in one location for easier access! Our files are currently in various rooms of the Office Building.

At the end of the month, the Building Committee will be meeting with representatives of the Diocese to discuss the possibility of connecting the New Church to the Office Building. Many feel that this would allow those having difficulty with the ramp to enter at ground level and come into the Church via this link. I will keep you informed.

Fr. Daniel Bombardier:

This weekend, at the Saturday Evening Mass and the Sunday Masses in St. Michael's at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM, we had our Episcopal Vicar, Fr. Daniel Bombardier, here to celebrate with us. This allowed Fr. Danny Santos to be at St. John Vianney Parish in Windsor and connect with the many people he knows there. St. John Vianney Parish is where Fr. Danny spent his Pastoral Year as a Seminarian. I believe that this is a wonderful way to assist in the promotion of Vocations to the Priesthood.

Families of Parishes

As many of you are aware, a few years ago the Bishop established a Task Force to look at the future of Pastoral Care of Parishes as we are confronted by a shortage of priests. Prior to my arrival, it was recommended that our Family of Parishes include Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Wheatley; St. Michael's, Leamington; St. John de Brebeuf, Kingsville; and Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Pelee Island. This Family of Parishes would be staffed by only 2 priests. Of course, as we experience a decreasing number of priests to serve our parish, things will necessarily have to change.

In Christ,Fr. John

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.

Divine Mercy

Every Friday at 3:00 p.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.

Pastoral Team

Rev. John M. Pirt Ext 25
Pastor

Rev. Danny Santos Ext 27
Rev. Eduardo Barrera, F.M.M. Ext 26
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Office Staff

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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

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS: Encountering Christ through Reconciliation

The annual Day of Confessions will be celebrated on Wednesday April 5th. Please mark this date on your calendar. We will be including a brochure on how to make a good confession in an upcoming bulletin.

Every time we sin, we hurt ourselves, other people and God. In Reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins before God and His Church. We express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ and His Church, make reparation for what we have done and resolve to do better in the future.



FISH FRY FRIDAYS

Come join us Fridays during Lent for our Lenten fish fry dinners in the Church Hall from 4:30-6:30 pm.

Enjoy a delicious dinner of fish/baked potato/homemade coleslaw and wonderful desserts prepared by the Catholic Women's

League. Adults: \$12.00/Children under 12: \$5.00. The Fish Fry Fridays will be held for the 6 weeks during Lent. Hope to see everyone there!



THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Please join us at St. Michael's Church every Friday during Lent for The Way of the Cross. A great way to end the evening after enjoying your fish dinner!

COR DONATIONS

We are once again asking for food donations towards the next COR retreat. Items needed are: 70 hotdogs, 70 hotdog buns, 70 dinner rolls, hot chocolate mix, 50 Styrofoam cups, 200 dixie cups, OXO boullion cubes, SOS pads, 40 lbs. potatoes, Italian salad dressing, 4 x 4ltr. bags of regular milk, 3 tubs margarine. If you wish to donate any of these items, please contact Veronica at 519-326-2643. Thank you!

This week the Leamington Ministerial Association prays for:

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- Type in URL: www.formed.org
- Scroll down and click on the **REGISTER** button
- Enter Parish Access Code: **DBCD3D** (case sensitive)
- Enter your email address and press GO button
- Fill in your information in boxes required
- Make up a password
- Click on the Terms and Conditions and Press SUBMIT.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

This Sunday's Gospel tells us about Jesus and how he mixed the dust of the earth to make clay and use it to bring new seeing and believing out of a blind beggar.

First Reading (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13) Second Reading (Ephesians 5:8-14) Gospel (John 9:1-41)



Intentions vveek		
St. Michael's March 20-March 25		
Mon. 8:00am	Joe, Antoinette and Tony Semaan Tony Medeiros, Jose Inacio and Tony Junior All Souls in Purgatory	
Tues. 8:00am	Wilhelmina DeJong Deolinda and Joe Pacheco, All Souls in Purgatory Adele Wahby	
Wed. 8:00am	NO MORNING MASS	
Wed. 7:00pm	Tom and Mary Nohra, Mary Ann Whittle Frank and Alice Amaral Mario Paglione and Umberto Mucci	
Thurs. 8:00am	Living and Deceased Family Members of Maria Bem Antonio Anastasio Deceased Family Members of Tony Braga	
Friday 8:00am	Jose Oliveira Antonio Anastasio Pete Iacobelli and Deceased Family Members	
Sat 8:00am	Maurice Juliao and Deceased Family Members Joanna Vendria, John DeGoey and family members Jose Inacio Medeiros	
Wedding 2:00pm	Christopher Dresser and Jacquelyn Gaudreau	
New Beginnings March 23		
Thurs. 10:00am	Gilda Melo Maria Farias	
Mennonite Home March 23		

	John and Denis Oliveira and Deceased Family
1:15pm	Antonio Cristofari

The Season of Lent

ULTREYA

An April Ultreya for Windsor/Essex County is being held at Good Shepherd Parish, St. Gregory site on Friday April 7th at 7:30pm. If you have made a Cursillo Weekend please come out and share in a Faith-filled evening. All Cursullistas are WELCOME!



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

Maria Cacilhas

Come and See Discernment Weekend March 24-26

St. Peter's Seminary invites you to a discernment retreat for men 17-45 years old considering a call to the priesthood. This weekend offers a firsthand experience of the life of a seminarian, spiritual helps for discernment and an opportunity to meet current seminarians and faculty. The weekend is scheduled for March 24-26. Contact Fr. Patrick Bénéteau at vocations@dol.ca, or 519-432-1824 ext.204, to register.

SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO GLEANERS SPRING FUNDRAISER

April 1, 2017– Colasanti's Tropical Gardens Doors Open at 6:00pm, Dinner at 6:30-7:30pm Adults—\$35/Ages 4-12 \$15.00/3 and under free Live Auction and Raffle Tickets available at SWO Gleaners, 40 Industrial Rd. Leamington. **For more info call Alison at 519-326-7687**

We only have 5 copies left of Fr. Patrick Beneteau's book, "Images of faith, portraits of a people." The cost is \$40.00 and proceeds go to restoring the murals of St. Joseph's Church in River Canard. If you would like a copy, they are available at the church office.

Daily TV Mass Available Online

The National Catholic Broadcasting Council has made Daily TV Mass available online at www.dailytvmass.com for those who cannot get to Mass.



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.



LEAMINGTON BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Leamington Kinsmen Recreation Complex Wednesday April 5th
1:00pm - 7:00pm

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Urgent: The gov't wants to force doctors to refer and Catholic hospitals to provide euthanasia/ assisted suicide against their beliefs. Call or write our MPP Rick Nicholls to protect the conscience rights of all medical personnel.

Ladies' retreat - Sat. Mar.25 9:30am - 2:30pm in St. Michael's Church hall. No charge. Lunch provided . Please call Claudia to register at 519-322-1927 All ladies welcome.

Thank you for the desserts for the Friday Fish Fries. Please continue baking for all the fish fries.

Veronica's Corner



SMYL YOUTH PROGRAM - PICKING UP

THE CROSS ~ All youth in Grades 3-8 are invited to our next youth event on Tuesday **March 21 from 6:30-8:00pm** in St. Michael's Church Hall.



YAGOTTAWANNA FOR TEENS

All teens in grades 8-12 are invited to our movie night on **Sunday March 19** starting with the Mass at 7:00pm followed by a movie until 10.



EASTER PLAY

We are looking for young people ages 8-25 to help with our Easter Play which will be held on Good Friday. Rehearsals will be held at St. Michael's Church at 6:30pm on Thursday March 23, Tuesday March 28, and Thursday April 6.



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

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Everyone is invited to join us on Monday March 27 at A1 Chinese Buffet Restaurant. Come and join us. Proceeds from all sales for the day will go towards those youth who will be attending the Steubenville Toronto Conference. Takeout orders are also available. All you have to do is say that you wish to have part of your bill go towards the fundraiser and the owner will donate a portion of all sales to St. Michael's Church. It's as simple as that. Come out and support our young people.

Parish Survey - If you have not yet had a chance to fill out the parish survey, you may now do it online. Log onto **survey monkey. Deadline—April 3.** Contact Veronica at 519-326-2643 ext. 28. for more information.

Offertory Collection-March 12, 2017

367 Regular Sunday
Loose:
TOTAL:
Average for the week:

\$6253.00
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