# St. Michael's Parish 29 Elliott St. Leamington, Ontario N8H3M4 www.smp.dol.ca

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday March 26, 2017

#### From the Desk of Fr. John

It has been a very busy six weeks since I arrived at St Michael's Parish. A great number of our families have had to say good bye to loved ones! Please remember them in your prayers. As Fr. Daniel Bombardier, our Episcopal Vicar, mentioned at some of the Masses this past weekend, to have a visit from the Bishop and EV in the first six weeks of a priest's assignment to a parish could be seen as a disconcerting sign. I can assure you that I anticipate to be here for some time to come!

#### A few items this week:

Parish Pastoral Council - According to the guidelines of the Diocese of London, every parish is to have a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) comprising the Pastoral Team and members of the parish to engage in Pastoral Planning for the Parish. I have asked that the PPC engage primarily in this activity over the next few months. This assists the Pastoral Team to establish and maintain pastoral programming that meets the needs of the parish community.

Liturgical Ministries – I have noticed that we are in need of more people to volunteer for the various ministries at weekend Masses. I have decided to ask for volunteers for one ministry at a time (working our way through all the needs). Many years ago, I read an article in the Toronto Star newspaper - it was an article found on the religion page. It spoke of how people are attracted to a particular church. It stated that if someone attends your church for the first time, and are not engaged in a meaningful way by 3 people, the odds of them returning is very low. I am looking for people who would serve in the Ministry of Welcome. What is the Ministry of Welcome? I see it as simply being present at the doors of the church to say hello, to answer any questions or concerns that may come up, and at the end of the celebration, to say good bye. Note, that this is not an usher's role, which includes assisting people in finding a place to sit and taking up the collection. The two ministries, Ushers and Ministers of Welcome are the "face" of the parish and work together! So if you might be interested in being a Minister of Welcome, speak to me or one of the Team, as we will be setting up a gathering in a few weeks to review this ministry. Thanks in advance!

New Church - We continue to work with the architect in addressing the various deficiencies within the new church. We are also discovering, as we use the building, some of the minor adaptations that we will likely have to address. I will keep you informed.

Well that is probably enough for this week!

Peace.....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 Associate Pastors

Rev. Hugo Santa Cruz, F.M.M. Hispanic Ministry

Alex Litt John Vezina

Deacons

Veronica Costa Ext 28 Youth Co-ordinator

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Catholic Women's League Mary Lapos/Sr. Elaine Cole St. Vincent de Paul Deacon Alex Litt

#### 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



**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 next weekend's 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. Hope to see everyone there!

On Friday March 31st the K of C will be leading the Stations of the Cross at 7pm. Please come out and join us.



#### THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Please join us at St. Michael's Church every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm 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, large paper plates. If you wish to donate any of these items, please contact **Veronica at 519-326-2643**. Thank you!

#### **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!

13789 St. Gregory Road, Tecumseh, Ontario.

#### Fifth Sunday of Lent

Both Martha and Mary say to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Jesus purposely had delayed for two days coming to Bethany. Arriving after Lazarus was dead four days, Jesus could then reveal that death is necessary, but not the end.

> First Reading (Ezekiel 37:12-14) Second Reading (Romans 8:8-11) Gospel (John 11:1-45)



St. Michael's March 27 – April 1	
Mon. 8:00am	Christiano and Manuel Mendonca & Parents Deceased Family Members of Tony Braga John Oliveira and Jamie Rego Dina Latino
Tues. 8:00am	Nohra Youssef Theresa and Karl Holzberger Adele Wahby
Wed. 8:00am	NO MORNING MASS
Wed. 7:00pm	Najla and Moriner Jitani Fatima, Julio and Ermelinda Camara Manuel and Maria de Deus and Jose Andrade
Thurs. 8:00am	Luis and Almedina Pimentel and Deceased Family Dennis Penman Loretta Hebbes
Fri. 8:00am	Clemente Mattia Maria Carmo Rita Michaud
Sat. 8:00am	James and Irene Ingratta Merces, Manuel and Alberto Aguiar Souls in Purgatory

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



#### LEAMINGTON BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Leamington Kinsmen Recreation Complex Wednesday April 5th

1:00pm - 7:00pm NEW DONORS AND WALK-INS WELCOME! For additional information call 1-888-2-DONATE

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#### HEALING MASS AT IMMACULATE HEART PARISH.

2153 Parkwood Avenue at Tecumseh Road East, Windsor, Ontario. It will be celebrated on First Friday April 7th at 7pm. Teams are available to pray with you after Mass. Elevator accessible.

#### "I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME"

Exploring the Human Dimensions of Care to Refugees. Monday April 3, 2017—The Hospice of Windsor and Essex County, 6038 Empress Street, Windsor, Ontario. Everyone Welcome ~ Free Parking ~ No admission charge~ Discussion and Refreshments to follow. For more information contact 519-973-7033, press "0" or cbertrand@assumptionu.ca



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

DINA LATINO; RAYA YOUSSEF

Mass for the Deceased in Resurrection Mausoleum, Heavenly Rest Cemetery.

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 @ 4:30pm

For all those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Presider: Fr. Jim Roche

For information - Mary Heath, Pastoral Minister

519-969-4836.

### 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.

#### Assumption Parish Mission—McEwan Campus at Holy Name of Mary Church—711 McEwan Avenue, Windsor, Ontario.

Theme: Knowing Jesus, more than just believing.

Led By: Father Paul English, CSB

Saturday April 1st and Sunday April 2nd Father Paul will preach at all weekend masses.

Monday April 3rd – 7pm Healing Mass, with the sacrament of the sick included

Tuesday April 4th – 7pm Final evening of the Mission

# Rise Up Women of Truth Sixth Annual Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday May 6, 2017 at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Essex, ON

Keynote Speaker: Katie Prejean, Local Speaker: Father Moe

Charbonneau. 8:00 A.M-3:30 P.M. Mass at 8:15 A.M.

Registration: <u>www.riseupwomenoftruth.webs.com</u> For further information contact Lori Fawdry at

(519) 996 4548

Tickets: \$25 Adult, \$20 for Students. After April 24, 2017

tickets are \$30.

This week the Leamington Ministerial Association prays for:

#### LEAMINGTON DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



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

"YOU are the answer to someone's prayer - God wants to use you - are you listening?" CWL memberships need to be sent to our

National in order to continue benefits such as

receiving Canadian League Magazine, receiving years of service pins etc. Please renew for 2017 (if you have not done so already) at the parish office or by calling Romana at 519-398-9619 as soon as possible.

Please continue to bring desserts for the Friday Fish Fries. These can be dropped off in the church hall kitchen Thursday or Friday.

# Veronica's Corner



SMYL YOUTH PROGRAM - PRISON BREAK ~ Fr. Danny will be placed in our "pretend" jail for the evening. All youth in grades 3-8 are invited to help free Fr. Danny! In order to free Fr. Danny we need to collect 250 cans of food. Join us on Tuesday, April 4 from

6:30-8:00pm in St. Michael's Church Hall.



#### **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.

**PALM SUNDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** All families are invited to join us as we begin Holy Week by praying the Stations of the Cross. Join us on Sunday, April 9 at 2:30pm at Our Lady of the Lebanon Shrine on Hwy 77. A small reception will follow.

**HOLY THURSDAY TEEN RETREAT:** All teens in grades 8-12 are invited to a retreat which will be held on Thursday April 13 starting with the 7pm Mass and ending at 10:30pm in St. Michael's Church Hall.

#### Offertory Collection-March 19, 2017

410 Regular Sunday \$7813.10 Loose: 1063.90 \$8877.00 Average for the week: \$19.11

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