



St. Michael's Parish

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Weekend Liturgical Schedule

St. Michael's
Phone: 519-326-2643
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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

It's almost time to get barefoot in the garden again! And today's Scriptures introduce us to the beautiful image of the vineyard, with the branches of the Vine who is Jesus which are being pruned by his Word to produce the fruit of his grace in our lives. Let me suggest that our CONSCIENCE is one of God's ways of pruning the vine and abiding in our personal depths. Take the words of Psalm 139 to your prayer and meditation:

O Lord, you have searched me and known me,
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You discern my thoughts from far away.

We are blessed with four new priests for our local Church. Thanks to everyone who made the effort to go to St. Peter's Cathedral for the ordination of our own Father Don Pumputis. It was truly a powerful and beautiful Liturgy. At this time of year, also, priests relive their own days of ordination: last week, Father Patrick celebrated his 5th anniversary as a priest, and this week, Father Chris marked his 3rd anniversary. *Ad multos annos!* To the years ahead!

This time next week we should know the results of the bidding process for our new church. Please contribute to the funds we need to complete this project on time, without a debt behind us. We should also know more about the pastoral plan of the Bishop to associate us with other parishes nearby in a new way to making our ministries available for people, and calling forth more volunteers to help with pastoral visitation in our nursing homes and person-to-person in the new evangelization of our times.

Congratulations to the Catholic Women's League who gather this week for devotion to Mary and your annual banquet. As we begin the week of May, our devotion to Mary is highlighted ... this reflection from Pope Benedict XV is inspiring: (from his encyclical letter, *Spe Salvi*, November 30, 2007, #49):

Mary, Star of Hope

With a hymn composed in the eighth or ninth century, thus for over a thousand years, the Church as greeted Mary, the Mother of God, as "Star of the Sea": *Ave maris stella*. Human life is a journey. Towards what destination? How do we find the way? Life is like a voyage on the sea of history, often dark and stormy, a voyage in which we watch for the stars that indicate the route. The true stars of our life are the people who have lived good lives. They are lights of hope. Certainly, Jesus Christ is the true light, the sun that has risen above all the shadows of history. But

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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.
Marriage classes Spring and Fall
Holy Orders - See clergy
Sacrament of the Sick -
Upon request
RCIA and RCIC - Call office

to reach him we also need lights close by - people who shine with his light and so guide us along our way. Who more than Mary could be a star of hope for us? With her "yes" she opened the door of our world to God himself; she became the living Ark of the Covenant, in whom God took flesh, became one of us, and pitched his tent among us (cf. *Jn* 1:14).

COMING SOON - MICHAEL DOPP - JUNE 5 - 7
(Friday evening to Sunday)
the new evangelization

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Please continue your prayers for the sick at home, in hospitals and recuperating from major surgery, as we do each day at Mass.

Have a grace-filled week in your personal garden.....

Father Pat



Michael Dopp will be bringing back to St. Michael's Parish to present "**The New Evangelization Workshop**" for June 5, 6 & 7. If you are interested in attending this workshop, please contact the office 519-326-2643 Ext. 10 asap. Seats are limited. This is a very informative and comprehensive workshop. Come and join us to set the world on fire for Christ!

Our New Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Dabrowski will be celebrating Catholic Education Liturgy at Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary on May 7, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.. The community is welcomed to come celebrate with us. For more information please call 519-322-2804

Knights of Columbus



May 4 - 4th Degree Meeting

May 10 - Mother's Day we will hand out a free Lapel Rose to all Mothers. Donations will be given to Right to Life.

May 11 - Executive meeting

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Joseph's		May 4 - 9
Mon. 8:00am	Youssef & Marianne Najim Lotti Sperka Eulalia, Manuel & Barbara Taborda	
Tues. 8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of the C.W.L. Ernest, Evelina & Daniel Moniz Jeffrey Orlando	
Wed. 8:00am	NO MORNING MASS	
7:00pm	Ermelinda, Julio & Fatima Camara Arduino & Maria Colasanti Carlo Minaudo	
Thurs. 8:00am	NO MORNING MASS	
Fri. 8:00am	In Thanksgiving - Jose & Maria Costa - Anniversary Mike & Shamma Jraiche Giuseppe Moavro	
Sat. 8:00 am	Emiliano Balocating & Deceased Family Members Teresa Santaniello & Salvatore Bavi L'Aqua Vincenzo & Angela Comella & Deceased Family Mem.	
Cardinal Carter		May 7
9:30am	Maria Carvalho Custodia Afonso Cremilde Pavao	
Meadows Manor - Wheatley		May 8
10:00am	Alice Amaral Rosemary Andre & Deceased Family Members Antonio Resendes & Filomena & Antonio Marques	



On July 26th we will be hosting our **Parish Picnic at the Kiwanis Camp, 1948 Seacliff Dr, Kingsville, ON N9Y 2N1.** This will be a joint Parish picnic

and Volunteer Event to honour those who tirelessly give of their time, treasure and talents to the parish. Please mark your calendars! We will keep you informed.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

A lamp that gives no light is useless. A fruit tree that produces no fruit is worthless. A Christian who doesn't love his neighbour is in the same category. But it was God who first loved us. He wants us to repay his love by loving one another. We know we fail to love others as we should.

First Reading (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48)

Second Reading (1John 4:7-10)

Gospel (John 15:9-17)



Please pray for those parish members who have died this past week:

Amancio De Freitas, of our parish
Morello Ingratta, of our parish

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: For 20 years now, men of all ages and from all over Windsor/Essex County meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 8:30 AM to help each other grow in their love of God and neighbour. It begins with breakfast at the Lumberjack Restaurant (Howard @ Tecumseh) and includes a talk by a guest speaker, who, on May 11 will be Dave Malenfant. New-comers are always welcome! For more info, please contact Deacon Mike Horoky (519) 969-1348. Our webpage is: CatholicMen.yolasite.com



C.W.L.

We Have to Encounter Jesus First - Before We Can Bring Him to Others

Please continue to save cancelled postage stamps and bring them to the CWL box in church foyer. Money from their sale to collectors supports CWL charities.

Coming Event: End-of-year Potluck Tuesday June 2nd. Hope to see you there.

We appreciate your yarn donations, drop off in basket @ church foyer

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

PLEASE NOTE!!! Starting the first weekend in May at the 5:00pm Mass, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

LAST CHANCE!!! We have secured three days in May for photo appointments for the photo directory. The dates are May 21st, 22nd & 23rd. If you are interested in booking please call Simone at the office at 519-326-2643 Ext. 10

Offertory Collection

April 26, 2015

445 Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,063.00
Loose.....	\$858.00
Total.....	\$6,921.00
Average.....	\$13.62

Thank you for your generous support
Collection Counters - Team #1

Fundraising Campaign

To date we have received 713
(1-5 yr) Pledges totaling:

\$5,148,189.77

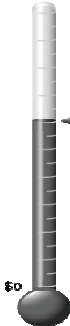
Building Fund Total:

\$4,243,219.35

Pledged Dollars received since last report

\$2,815.00

Goal
\$7,000,000



\$4,229,461
Raised

Veronica's Corner

WORLD YOUTH DAY ~ Are you between the ages of 18 and 35? Would you like to experience God in a new way? Come and join us for the next World Youth Day will be in Krakow, Poland in July, 2016. If you wish to have more information, contact Veronica at 519-326-2643 ext 28.



END OF THE YEAR BASH ~ All youth in grades 3-8 are invited to join us on **Tuesday, May 5th from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Ecole St. Michel.**

This will be our last youth meeting before Vacation Bible School. Hot dogs will be served at this meeting.



MA'S COFFEE HOUSE

All mothers and their families are invited to join us as we celebrate mothers on Sunday, May 10th. The teens invite all mothers to join us that day starting with the 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph's followed by an evening of entertainment until 9:30 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 27 to July 31, 2015

9 a.m. to Noon at Ecole St. Michel

For youth entering JK to grade 6. Youth entering grade 7 to adulthood may become leaders. Those that wish to volunteer **must** attend the training sessions and complete the police clearances as per Diocesan policy. This is a wonderful way for teens to obtain their community hours. Application forms and training dates for volunteers will be provided shortly.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK ~ Come and celebrate Mass with our schools and Catholic education as follows:

Queen of Peace ~ Tues. May 5 at 9:30 am at St. Joseph's
St. Louis School ~ Wed. May 6 at 9:30 am at St. Louis School
Cardinal Carter ~ Thurs. May 7 at 9:30 am in CC Gym
Ecole St. Michel ~ Fri. May 8 at 9:30 am at Ecole St. Michel

All are welcome to attend the above celebrations.



This week the Leamington Ministerial Association
prays for
Faith Mennonite Church

A **May Ultreya** for Windsor/Essex County is being held at St. Anthony Parish, Harrow, Ont. On Friday, May 8 at 7:30pm. If you have made a Cursillo Weekend please come and share in a Faith-filled evening. All Cursillistas are WELCOME!

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Do you have a desire to grow closer to God? Are you struggling with something that is keeping you from deepening your relationship with God? Perhaps you would like to explore new forms of prayer? For more information or to book an appointment please call Simone @519-326-2643, Ext. 10.

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