

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 2017

From the Desk of Father John:

This year, with the Feast of Christmas occurring on a Monday, we will have the shortest Advent possible. In order to help you prepare for Christmas, I would like to highlight a few happenings during Advent for you:

Advent Reflections on the Sunday Readings:

We will gather for about an hour and preview and discuss the upcoming Sunday Readings. We plan on holding these both in the morning and in the evening. The evening gatherings will be held after the 7:00pm Tuesday evening Masses on November 28th, December 5th, 12th and 19th. The daytime gatherings will be held after the Wednesday morning Masses on November 29th, December 6th, 13th, and 20th. I am certain that reflecting on the readings of the coming Sunday will be an excellent way to enter fully into the season of Advent and I encourage you to consider taking advantage of this opportunity. Meetings will be in the Conference Room.

Another way to prepare well for the Feast of Christmas is to receive the love and mercy of God in a very personal and profound way through the Sacrament of Confession. The Sacrament is available on Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30am. Fr. Danny and I will be available on the following Saturdays in Advent: December 2nd (just prior to the First Sunday of Advent), December 9th and 16th. We will also be available on Thursday, December 21st at 7:00pm for Confessions. (NOTE: We will not be hearing Confessions on December 23rd). We will be having a Communal Celebration on December 6th at 7:00pm and we will have a number of neighbouring priests available that evening.

This year, the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the Feast of Christmas seem to "flow" into one another. Masses for the fourth Sunday of Advent are as usual on Saturday December 23rd at 5:00pm in St. Michael's and on Sunday December 24th at 8:00 and 10:00am in St. Michael's and at 10:30am in Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament in Wheatley.

Masses this year for Christmas are as follows:

St. Michael's Masses will be on Christmas Eve. December 24th at 5:00pm (in both the Church and the Parish Hall), at 7:00pm (in the Church only), and Midnight Mass. Christmas Day Masses will be at 8:00 and 10:00am. The Christmas Mass at OLBS in Wheatley will be Christmas Eve at 7:00pm.

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Weekend Liturgical Schedule

St. Michael's

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> Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. - Spanish

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 8:30 a.m. -9:30 a.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

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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 I should point out that the celebration of the Fourth Sunday of Advent in the morning is distinct from the celebration of Christmas in the evening. This means that attending the morning Mass on the Sunday doesn't "count" for Christmas and attending Mass on Christmas doesn't "count for the Fourth Sunday of Advent!

Have a great week.....Fr. John

FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

The first World Day of the Poor will be observed today, **Sunday, November 19, 2017.** In his apostolic letter to close the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis suggested the Catholic Church set aside one day each year when communities can "reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel." He designated this day as the World Day of the Poor and it will be celebrated on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time each year

LET US LOVE, NOT WITH WORDS BUT WITH DEEDS

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours at St. Michael's are: Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm Closed between 12:00-1:00pm

MASS INTENTIONS for January to the end of June 2018 are now being taken. We ask that you book a maximum of two Masses for this time period.



MISSALS: The Missals for the 2017-2018 Liturgical Year are available for purchase for \$5.00. They will be available at the Church and the Church Office.



LECTORS: There will be a meeting for all Lectors on **November 22nd at 6:30pm** in the Church. This is for experienced Lectors and also for those who wish to become a Lector.



The 2018 Lottery Calendars are back!

They will be sold after Masses this weekend and they are also available at the Church office for \$20.00. This would make a great Christmas gift!





ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: There will be altar server training on Saturday, December 2nd at 11:30am in the main church. This is a training for both experienced and new altar servers. Lunch (pizza) will be served. If you are interested in becoming an altar server, please contact Simone.

CHRIST THE KING

Christ the King will come in his glory. It is not "if" he will come, but "when". The gospel claim is clear: Christ the King, arrayed in all His glory, is present now. The kingdom of God is now. The judgment is now. In our care for others here and now, Christ the King reigns.

First Reading (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17) Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28) Gospel (Matthew 25:31-46)



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21-NOVEMBER 25 ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Tues.	NO MORNING MASS
7:00pm	Messias Pavao Jerry Gillett Joao Gomes, Maria Garcia and Jose Rodrigues
Wed. 8:00am	Mary and Andy Verhaeghe Mary DeGoey and Deceased Members of Jansen Family Jose Bento, Luis and Gloria DaPonte
Thurs. 8:00am	Kathy Jacob, Madame Youssef and Dec. Family May and Victor Beauchamp Manuel Cabral
Friday 8:00am	Filomena and Antonio Marques and Dec. Family Joe, Antoinette and Tony Seeman Michela Colalillo
Sat. 8:00am	Alice and Francisco Amaral Intentions of Helen Murphy Giustino and Frank Fornella



Wedding at 2:00pm - OLBS Saturday, November 25, 2017

KURT MAKEY AND EMILY QUENNEVILLE

Please pray for the Intentions of our Brothers and Sisters working in the Diocese of London:

Nov. 19 Rev. Dikran İslemici

Nov. 20 Mrs. Yana Adkinson, Pastoral Minister

Nov. 21 Rev. Etienne Nadonye, O.F.M. Cap.

Nov. 22 Deacon Don Hamelin

Nov. 23 Deacon Andrew Labrosse

Nov. 24 Rev. Vincent Nguyen, C.S.J.B.

Nov. 25 Deacon Michael Horoky



ST. MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL

This year we will be collecting donations in memory of loved ones to offset the cost of **both** decorating the church and for flowers during the Christmas season. The names of

your loved ones will be published in the bulletin on **December 24th.** Please bring in your donations to the Church office.

This week the Leamington Ministerial Association
Prays for:

LEAMINGTON UNITED CHURCH



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

MARIA DIAS CARRELO, who died in Portugal; ARMINDO CAMEIRO SANTOS, who died in Portugal; FR. DENNIS WILHELM of Windsor.

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Monday, November 20, 10:00am-3:30pm: The Gift of Adoption.

Based on a true story, Lion re-affirms that the "longing for home is so universal there is even a special name for it, which is of course homesickness. All of our stories are stories of searching for a place we can call home. What is your story? Fr. Paul McGill will share his story. A great cast and rich photography make this emotional film a pleasure to watch. Join us! Suggested offering: \$30.00 which includes lunch.

Thursday, November 23, 1:00pm-4:00pm: Living Mercy Every Day. The Jubilee Year of Mercy is over but we are still called to be people who live mercy every day. We will reflect on what mercy is and what it looks like in daily life, at work and in the world. We will also reflect on the spiritual practices that support us in living mercy in our lives every day. Suggested offering: \$15.00 which includes snacks.

Catholic Men's Retreat

Holy Family Retreat House in Oxley
December 1-3rd, Led by Father Chris
Register by emailing: fatherpietraszko@icloud.com
Cost is \$175

SUN PARLOR HOME AUXILIARY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

Friday, November 24, 2017 - 10:00am to 3:00pm
Raffle prizes from Colasanti's and Anna's with tea and coffee served in the Garden View Café

Come and Join Us!



LIGHTS OF LIFE

Erie Shores Health Foundation

You are invited to be a part of our tree lighting service on **December 3rd at 7:00pm.** The event will be at 194 Talbot Street just outside the main entrance doors, facing Fader Street. Since this is an

outdoor event please dress for the weather. Those patients' names who have passed away at Erie Shores Health Care (LDMH) will be read as part of a memorial service conducted by the Spiritual Care Committee. There will also be music and refreshments to celebrate both the season and our memories.



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

All ladies are invited to our next event - Potluck and White Elephant Sale -Monday <u>Dec. 4 at 6pm in the Church Hall</u>. Bring your favourite dish of food and a wrapped gift (and your wallet to buy gifts that are being auctioned). It will be a fun evening with

proceeds to go to St. Vincent de Paul families at Christmas time. **Membership Renewals for 2018** - \$25 - available at the office and at the potluck dinner.

Religious calendars \$5 at office/ frozen unbaked apple pies \$10. (Mark your calendars - Advent Retreat - Sat. Dec. 9 - more info. to follow).

The Catholic Women's League will be presenting Christmas gift bags to the shut-in parishioners of St. Michael's. Do you have a family member unable to leave home due to health concerns? Contact the Parish office and inform them as soon as possible.

VERONICA'S CORNER





CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:

Registration forms for Confirmation are now due. If you haven't already done so, please drop it off at the office. Our next set of preparation meetings will begin on **November 22/23rd at 7:00pm in the Church Hall.** All youth and

parents are asked to attend this meeting.



YOUTH COR: The next retreat weekend has been postponed until April. Thank you to everyone who made donations towards the retreat weekend. It was greatly appreciated.



SMYL-SURPRISE NIGHT. All youth in grades 3-8 are invited to our next youth event on **Tuesday, November 21st** from 6:30 to 8:00pm in St. Michael's Church Hall.

TEEN ADVENT RETREAT: All youth in Grades 8-12 are invited to join us for an Advent Retreat on **Friday**, **November 24th** from 6-9:00pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. Pizza will be served. **RSVP to Veronica at 519-326-2643 ext. 28 so that food may be ordered.**



PASTA DINNER: There will be a pasta dinner on **Saturday November 25th** from 6pm to 8pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. Cost is by donation and proceeds will go towards those youth attending the next Steubenville Conference.



FAMILY ADVENT CARNIVAL: All families are invited to our Advent Carnival on Friday, December 1st from 6:30-8:30pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. The cost is \$20 per family which includes dinner and materials to make your own "gingerbread manger". Please RSVP at 519-326-2643 ext. 28.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday's from 9:00am-6:30pm (if there is a funeral that day, the time will be adjusted accordingly)
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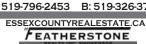
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