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

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT November 27, 2016

We begin this weekend our preparation for Christmas with the Time of Advent. The candles of our Advent wreath engage us in reliving the long expectation and hope we have for the Lord's coming in glory at the end of time, as we prepare to celebrate his first coming into our own times through his birth in Bethlehem.



We also welcome our new family just arriving this week from Syria, via Turkey, where they have been waiting for a sponsor to settle in a new land where they may raise their children and be safe from the danger of losing their lives in their home country: MOHAMAD ANDUL AAL and FUTOON ALAYA, and their children: JOUDI (14), ABED (11) ALMA (6), KAREM (2). Thanks to Frank Moauro and his committee of 15 and to the parish of Holy Name, Essex, who have teamed up with us, and all who have been working hard on our behalf to welcome them. Thanks to the CWL who have already raised some extra funds for this. Our new family - will be introduced at all the Masses, and a special collection will be taken up <u>NEXT WEEKEND</u> to help support them in this major project and transition to Canada. This will be a collection taken up close to the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas, when we usually ask for a "toonie" collection to support our migrant ministry efforts. Please be doubly generous as we also need to make sure our new family has everything they need to get used to the cold weather and settle in our beloved Canada.

Many of our parishes in the Essex Deanery take part in the <u>Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</u>, and now that we have a chapel available where we can take turns, we are invited and encouraged by Bishop LaRocque, retired bishop now residing in Amherstburg, to possibly make this available in the future. Families and individuals would be invited to sign up for an hour of prayer in the chapel. This is only in the planning stages and is yet to be determined.

₩eekend Liturgical

St. Michael's

Schedule

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 2:30 p.m. Followed by Divine Mercy -3:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

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

Pastoral Team

Rev. Patrick W. Fuerth 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
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Peggy Barrette
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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

What spiritual benefits and graces can be attributed to the establishment of a parish Perpetual Adoration program?

- An increase in Mass attendance and reception of the sacraments:
- Return of fallen-away Catholics and an increase in the number of conversions;
- An increase in religious and priestly vocations;
- Renewal of Catholic family life;
- Spiritual level of the people is raised with a resulting desire and courage to spread the "good news" to others;
- A greater community spirit, centered as it is on the heart of the parish, Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

With my prayers and encouragement as we make our way in the next few weeks, and for our young people, our schools, and our brothers and sisters who are sick or can't get out.

.... Father Patrick

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

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL



Please note—we will be collecting donations in memory of loved ones to offset the cost of rating the Churches for Christmas. The names of your loved ones will be published in the bulletin on **December 18th.** We are accepting donations until Tuesday December 13th.



CHRISTMAS SIGN UP

The sign up sheet for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers for Christmas are available in the sacristy behind the Altar.

This week the Leamington Ministerial Association prays for: FGT FAMILY CHURCH



We will begin to book Mass intentions for next year on Tuesday, November 29th at the Church Office.



CONGRATULATIONS

To Steve and Katie Torjanac on the occasion of their **60th Wedding** Anniversary!

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We hear once more the voice of John the Baptist saying to us what he said to his contemporaries: 'Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.'

> First Reading (Isaiah 11:1-10) Second Reading (Romans 15:4-9) Gospel (Matthew 3:1-12)

iviass of the Intentions Week

St. Michael's November 28–December 3	
Mon. 8:00am	Manuel and Maria Carvalho and Deceased Family Members of the Melignano and Mazzelli Families Lynn Pepper and Jose & Lourdes Medeiros
Tues 8:00am	Walter Temkow Mary Chorba Intentions of Flor and Irene Creve
Wed. 8:00am	NO MORNING MASS
7:00pm	Gino Paliano John (Giovanni) Cervini Giovanni Esposito
Thurs. 8:00am	Giuseppe and Graziella Chinnici Cisaltina Pimentel Mario Fornella
Friday 8:00am	Sarkis and Yvette Tannous Jose Oliveira Deceased Members of Wahby Family
Sat 8:00am	Serafina Arruda and Deceased Family Members Peter Colasanti and Deceased Family Members Mary Chorba
Advent	



A December Ultreya for Windsor/Essex County is being held at St. John Vianney Church, 385 Dieppe St., Windsor, On. on Friday December 9, 2016 at 7:30pm.

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

All Cursillistas are WELCOME!



K of C and CWL Lottery Calendars

K of C and CWL Lottery Calendars are still available at the end of each Mass and at the Church office. The Early Bird draw is fast approaching. The total prize board is \$9,600.00. All monthly draws and all winners go back for future draws. This will make an excellent stocking stuffer! Proceeds go to our beautiful church to reduce parish debt.



2016-2017 SUNDAY MISSALS ARE HERE

Missals for the next liturgical calendar year are available for purchase at the Church Office for

\$5.00



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

MARY WITTINE; CLARE WIPER

Our Lady of Guadalupe's appearance to Juan Diego in Mexico on December 9 and 12, 1531 was, to paraphrase her words, to impart mercy to those who believed in her and were in need of comfort and support. On Saturday, Dec. 10 and Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016, we commemorate **The Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. In the wake of the Year of Mercy, we welcome all donations towards **Migrant Workers Ministry's** - **Essex Deanery "Toonie Sunday" Appeal** for the support of Migrant Workers Ministry. Please watch for our special **Toonie Sunday** information flyer to learn more about how your donations assist migrant-parishioners in your area.

Migrant Workers Ministry Specialist, Marie Carter, on behalf of the Essex Deanery staff and volunteers at Leamington, Kingsville, Pelee Island and Oxley.

The Gallery Choir of Corpus Christi Parish is pleased to invite everyone to an Advent Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. The lessons are short Scripture readings that foretell and announce the birth of Jesus. Each is followed by choir music and congregational carol singing.

Date: December 4, 2016 ~ Time: 7:00pm.

Place: Corpus Christi Church, 1400 Cabana Road W., Windsor

There is no admission charge for this event. Your kind donations will be gratefully given to the Corpus Christi Capital Campaign: Celebrate Our Faith in Family.

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ALL ARE WELCOME

HEALING MASS

There will be a healing Mass at **Immaculate Heart Parish**, Windsor, On. 2153 Parkwood Avenue at Tecumseh Rd. East. It will be celebrated on **First Friday December 2, 2016 at 7:00pm.** Teams are available to pray with you after Mass. Elevator Accessible.

Value Christ Above All

Prayerfully enter this Advent Season and give our hearts to Jesus.

Have you filled out the CWL Nomination form found in the Church? Please take part

TODAY and place in collection basket or give to Barb Quenneville, deadline tomorrow.

We are looking forward to seeing you next **Sunday December 4**, @ **noon** for our annual Christmas Pot-luck and white elephant auction& elections in the church hall.

Thank You to all who donated your baking and supported our Bake Sale last weekend. We still have Apple pies for sale after the 7pm Mass today!.

Veronica's Corner



SMYL

All youth in grades 3-8 are invited to a Church Scavenger Hunt on Tuesday, **December 29th from 6:30-8pm** in St. Michael's Church Hall



YAGOTTAWANNA FOR TEENS

All teens in grades 8-12 are invited to our next youth program on **December 4th** starting with the 7:00pm Mass followed by a youth gathering until 9:30pm.



FAMILY ADVENT DAY

All families are invited to an Advent Day to be held on **Friday December 2nd** from 6pm to 8pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. Dinner will be served and each family will be making their own advent wreath. The cost for the evening is \$10 for the evening. To register contact Veronica at (519) 326-2643 extension 28.



CHRISTMAS PLAY

We are looking for young people to become involved with our Christmas Play. Rehearsals will be held at St. Michael's Church from 6:30-7:30pm on **December 8th, 15th and 22nd**. For more information, contact Veronica.



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Our next meeting for students and parents preparing for Confirmation will be held on **Wednesday November 30th** and **Thursday December 1st at 7:00pm** in St. Michael's Church Hall. You will need to attend one of

these meetings. If you have not yet returned your registration form, please return it to the office ASAP.



Our annual Giving Tree has been set up in both churches. Please help the less fortunate by taking a tag from the tree, purchasing the item and returning it unwrapped to the church prior to **December 12th.** The items collected will be split between St. Vincent de Paul and the Salvation Army.



Offertory Collection-November 27, 2016

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