St. Michael's Parish

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Weekend Liturgical Schedule

St. Michael's

Phone: 519-326-2643 Fax: 519-326-2644

(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.

First Sunday of Advent

We begin a new year in the liturgical cycle of the Church, by preparing ourselves for the Second Coming of Christ, using our time well in the service of the Gospel.

This week the staff enjoyed a day of prayer at Holy Family Retreat House, led by Father O'Brien, who reflected with us using many of the teachings of Pope Francis, especially his encyclical letter Laudate Si, on caring for the earth. This is the Pope's prayer, which you might like to have.

A Prayer For Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. (From Letter of Pope Francis, Care for Our Common Home, June 2015)

Please remember the sick in your kind prayers.

Father Pat

Pastoral Team

Rev. Patrick W. Fuerth Ext 25
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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

ST MICHAEL'S REFUGEE FAMILY

As we prepare to support our refugee family of six: a Father, Mother and four children, (two girls ages 7 and 10, two boys ages 3 and 6) we are accepting household furniture for a living room, bedrooms, and kitchen. Thank you for your generosity. Please call Maureen at (519) 326-4581 or Ramona at (519) 398-9619 or Zena at (519) 326-9704

ULTREYA

A December Ultreya for Windsor/Essex County is being held at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Essex, Ont.
On Friday, Dec. 11 at 7:30pm.

If you have made a Cursillo Weekend please come and share in a Faith-filled evening. All Cursillistas are WELCOME!

CURSILLO WEEKEND

Are you feeling like it's time to deepen your Faith? Are you looking for a Life-Changing Experience? Then, a Cursillo Weekend is for you. The upcoming Cursillo weekend is being held at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Essex and is filling up quickly. Do not delay and get your application in ASAP! Men's weekend is Jan. 28-31, and the Women's is Feb. 18-21, 2016. For more information contact: Luis & Dina Sardinha, 326-0994, sardinha600@gmail.com or Tim & Zena Isles, 326-9704, zenailes@hotmail.com.

Hoping to hear from you!



PLEASE NOTE: As we approach the end of the year, we want to remind those of you who wish to make a donation to St. Michael's and have it count for the 2015 TAX year, to please make that donation as soon as possible. The cut off date is **DECEMBER 27TH.** You can drop it off at the office or drop it off in with the Sunday collection.

Please Note: It's that time of year again. We are collecting donations in memory of loved ones to offset the cost of decorating the Churches for Christmas. The names of your loved ones will be published in the December 20th bulletin.

We are accepting donations until Dec. 17th



TREE LIGHTING AND MEMORIAL SERVICE SUN. DEC 6TH @ 7pm LEAMINGTON HOSPITAL

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prophets of old like Isaiah and John the Baptist remain meaningful and powerful voices for our time. Together with Jesus, they stood up and cried out in all possible ways to challenge any type of oppression or injustice as well as the unfaithfulness of their people. Yet they were also exceptional agents of change.

First Reading (Baruch 5: 1-9) Second Reading (Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11) Gospel (Luke 3: 1-6)

Mass for the Intentions Week

St. Joseph's November 30– December 5		
Mon. 8:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory Walter Temkow Deceased Members of the Quenneville Family	
Tues. 8:00am	Serafina Arruda and Deceased Family Members Dec. Members of the Foulon and Hudders Family Dec. Family members of Katie and Steve Torjanac	
Wed. 8:00am	NO MORNING MASS	
7:00pm	Peter Colasanti and Deceased Family Members John Cervini Cesare and Anna Colasanti	
Thurs. 8:00am	Domit and Ameline Najem Jose and Eufrosina Valerio Leon Regnier	
Fri. 8:00am	Marie Noury Fernando and Rosalina DaPonte & Dec. Family Daniel Cardoso	
Sat. 8:00am	Fernando de Sousa Dec. Family Members of John and Maria Reis Jose V. Carreiro, Jose Cardoso & Teresa Caetano	

Cardinal Carter December 2

	Janet Vezina Diane Cloke Joe Pimentel
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ADVENT CONFESSIONS -SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Wednesday before and after 7:00 pm. Mass at St. Joseph's

Wednesday, December 9th: All day confessions at St. Joseph's 9:00am to 9:00 pm

Thursday, December 17th, 7:00pm-8:00pm Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament

Friday, December 18th, 1:00pm-4:30pm at St. Joseph's Saturday, December 19th 1:00pm –5:00pm at St. Joseph's



Please pray for those who have passed away this past week:

Virginia Lee, sister in law of Elizabeth Bedore, Charles Gould of our Parish



RCIA INQUIRY SESSIONS: Inquiry sessions are informal and open to anyone who has an interest in the Catholic faith. The RCIA team will present some basic tenets of the faith, but most of the sessions will be devoted to answering your questions about Catholicism and helping you discern whether God is calling you into full communion with the Church. Sessions will be forming throughout the year as needed. You may register or obtain additional information from Simone Seres.

This week the Leamington Ministerial Association prays for FGT FAMILY CHURCH



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CWL News Advent—Waiting in Joyful Hope

We are looking forward to having all of you join us this Tuesday, Dec. 1st.@ 6 pm in the Conference room at St. Michael's for our annual Christmas Pot-Luck and White Elephant Auction. All proceeds going to St. Vincent de Paul Society. Door prizes, fun,

special raffle for the new Refugee Committee. At all Masses
December 5th and 6th, new and renewing
Memberships will be available.

2016 Religious Calendars—\$5. and CWL Ornaments \$10 at the church office.

Veronica's Corner



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Teens in grades 8-12 are invited to join us on Sunday evenings. Our next meeting will be on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>November 29 & December 13</u> starting with 7 pm Mass at St. Joseph's followed by a gathering until 9:30 pm.



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in our Catholic schools shortly. If you are in public school and wish to receive this sacrament, please contact Veronica at 519-326-2643 ext 28.

ADVENT CARNIVAL ~ All youth in JK to grade 8 are invited to join us on Tuesday, December 1 from 6:30 to 8 pm at Ecole St. Michel. The evening will be filled with games, crafts, bible stories, and hotdogs. The cost is only \$5 per person. Registration forms are found at the back of each church and must be returned to the office before November 30th.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT ~ St. Michael's annual Christmas pageant will be held on Christmas Eve at 4 pm. We are currently looking for young people to participate. Rehearsals will be held at St. Joseph's Church on Thursday's, Dec. 10 & 17 & Tues. Dec. 22 beginning at 6:30 pm. For info. Contact Veronica.



A Giving Tree has been set up at St. Joseph's and Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament churches.

The giving tree is a way of helping those that are less fortunate in our community. All you have to do is take a tag or two from the tree and return it unwrapped to the church prior to December

<u>6th</u>. If you purchase a gift card, please bring that to the office or give it to a staff member. We will

also be accepting non-perishable food items for the food bank. Thanking you in advance for helping the less fortunate.

Offertory Collection November 22, 2015

 389 Regular Envelopes
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 765.50

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 \$6519.00

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 \$14.79

\$6,205,356 Ramed

Collection Team #5

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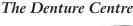
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