St. Michael's Parish

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 16, 2016

.... Some Thoughts on our Prayer Life

With the readings of today, I have been reflecting on prayer and want to share these reflections briefly with you. People tell us often that when we feel stressed out, take a few deep breaths and feel the course of life flowing within. Though we cannot analyze breath and 'bottle' it, we can appreciate its movement within us. That flow of life within is the presence of the Love which is the relation of the Father and the Son. God dwelling within his temple: the human soul. Yet, many feel that prayer is an endless storming of heaven with our petitions to God that he doesn't seem to hear or answer, to the extent that many feel their prayer has failed and they lose heart. The air we breathe in this culture of ours doesn't help, for we are used to getting what we want right away, and that asking God without an immediate response we think is because he isn't listening to us. Today's Gospel encourages persistence, however, to never give up praying - something like the example of St. Monica who persisted in her prayer for her son for years before Augustine accepted the true faith and became one of the greatest teachers of the faith. Another saint, Theresa of Avila, gives us the key to prayer when she describes prayer as a conversation with God, where we are the hearers and ceaselessly listen for his voice within us, the Holy Spirit who is dwelling within us, who is praying even when we cannot find the words, as St. Paul reminds us.

I grew up in a culture that pre-dates the instant communication we now can enter into through social media. Yet even with this technology we can easily stay inside our heads and wonder why others, often strangers, don't want to be in a conversation or dialogue, but are as intent on getting across their own world view without listening to anything different. In former times, a religion or Theology teacher in the classroom was to be listened to without question: in fact, to ask a question was often judged to be a defiance against the doctrine proposed by the teacher and a sign of a disobedient heart, something like 'children are to be seen and not heard'.

In the conversation that prayer is, listening is paramount. God hears us and we need to hear him speaking in the depths of our hearts. This is "obedience" in its core meaning ... coming from the Latin: ob-audire, it suggests that everything about us, from the center of our being outwards, is like a big EAR through which we receive the gentle and powerful communication from God. Father Karl Rahner taught us in Rome that the human being possesses the "obedientiae potestas" (the ability to hear).

Weekend Liturgical Schedule

St. Michael's

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(No Masses)

St. Joseph's 310 Sherk St. Leamington, ON

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

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.

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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

It means that everything about us is open like the ear to receive new insights and feelings. One spiritual director I had in the past explained that in times of prayer, what we do is pull out all the antennae of our being and open up to receive the signals God is sending. Through the opening of our intellect, he gives us surprising new ideas and thoughts; through the opening of our will, he implants fresh life-giving and new desires; through our memory, he connects past experiences together and relates them to present realities; through our emotions, we receive from him new feelings; and through our senses, we even taste his goodness: "taste and see the goodness of the Lord".

Finally, today's readings include the experience of Moses who prayed ceaselessly for the Lord's help by holding his arms upwards. When he grew tired, two of his friends helped him hold his arms up by standing on either side of him. It is so true that in our persistent prayer we are helped by others who are praying with us and for us, so that we never lose heart.

That's why we are grateful for the prayers we share in faith for each other and for all the members of our parish family, especially those in most need, and for the forgotten souls in purgatory.

Have a wonderful week!

Father Patrick

ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS AND SERVERS OF THE ALTAR!!! There is going to be a meeting for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers on Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30pm at St. Michael Church. We will be going over how things are going to flow for the dedication Mass with you at that time. Please mark your Calendars!!!

There will also be a meeting for ALL altar servers, ushers and parking lot attendants for the opening of the new church on Wednesday, October 26th at 6:30pm at St. Michael Church. Altar servers will be fitted for the new altar gowns, and ushers and parking attendants will be briefed on how the opening mass will flow. Please do not miss this meeting.

The Lutheran World Federation and the Vatican have invited Lutherans and Catholics around the world to make use of the jointly developed **Common Prayer** to prepare commemorations for the 500 years of Reformation in 2017. St. Michael's and St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Leamington have decided to accept this invitation to make use of the Common Prayer Service which will be held on Saturday Oct. 29th at 7:30pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. All are welcome!

If you know of someone who would like to receive the Sacrament of **Reconciliation** or **First Holy Communion**, please call Simone at the office at (519) 326-2643 ext. 29



HAPPY 55TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Roger and Cecile Foulon** on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary!

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Both the Pharisee and tax collector addressed God in prayer. The content of their prayer, however, differed greatly. The Pharisee's prayer was about himself and was turned toward self. The tax collector's prayer, by contrast, was turned toward God in the true self-knowledge of who he was.

First Reading (Sirach 35:15-17, 20-22) Second Reading (2Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18) Gospel (Luke 18:9-14)



St. Joseph's October 17–October 22	
Mon. 8:00am	Gerard Derikx Mariano, Ema and Germano Brites Armando and Lurdes Rebelo
Tues 8:00am	Ben, Elizabeth and Bernard Brown & Dec. Family Maria and Antonio Mariano and Deceased Family Jose Vieira and Isabel Carreiro & Deceased Family
Wed. 8:00am	NO MORNING MASS
7:00pm	Francisco and Alice Amaral Manuel and Jose Andrade, Maria Mota David Cardoso and Jamie Rego
Thurs 8:00am	NO MORNING MASS
Fri 8:00am	Laura Tannous, Sam Jabbour and Deceased Family Fred Zakaria Vincenzo Milana
Sat 8:00am	Eduardo G. Araujo and Deceased Family Members Jose and Piedade Carreiro and Jose Paulo Giuseppe and Graziella Chinnici
LEAMINGTON COURT October 20	
Thurs 10:00am	Grandparents of Etelviro and Fatima Freitas Nick Ingratta
ERIE GLEN MANOR October 20	
Thurs	Peter and Alida Hudders



2:00pm

Memberships will continue to be accepted throughout the month of October, available after all Masses - \$25. And it could be free if completed before Oct. 31! We are counting on your 100 % support for the different fundraisers being offered in this great effort

to leave no debt with our new church.

G. Stephen and Mary Hudders

1. Roma Club Parish Dinner Nov. 5.

2. K of C / CWL 2017 Lottery Calendars - early bird draw Dec. 15 $\,$

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



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

RICK FRIESEN; ELIO NADALIN who passed away in Windsor, Father of Vanda Bavetta of our Parish; ALABIL AJAK who passed away in Utah, Cousin of Alal Ajak and Antonio Plaek Deng of

our Parish; **CALISTO MENDONCA** who died in Toronto nephew of Jaime and Jose Luis Rodrigues.



The **Knights of Columbus** and the **Catholic Women's League** have formed a committee to sell Lottery Calendars with the proceeds going to our new Church opening next month.

There is an early bird draw on **December 15th**, monthly draws on the first Friday of every month, a draw on July 1st and another on September 22nd on the feast of St. Michael.

All winners go back into the drum for the grand prize of \$5000.00 on December 25, 2017.

There are a limited number of calendars available and will be sold after Mass each weekend and at the Church office. The price is just \$20.00 and would make an excellent stocking stuffer! The Knights and CWL thank you for your support!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday is *World Mission Sunday*. Every parish across the world will celebrate this unique Sunday. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and Mission. Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is beginning, where it is new. Please be as generous as possible to the collection for the Propagation of the Faith, for more than 1200 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin American, the Pacific Islands and some of our Canadian dioceses that depend on the World Mission collection.

ATTENTION Parishioners! We are looking for volunteers to visit the Sun Parlour Nursing Home to do a prayer service and give communion once a week or even every other week. Please call Simone at the office **519-326-2643 Ext. 29** for more information.



St. Michael's Building Committee wishes to thank those who purchased tickets to the Parish Dinner on November 5th at the Roma Club. Tickets are now sold out. Thank you again for your support for the new Church.

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

You are invited to

AN INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP

To be held on Saturday October 22, 2016, 9:30am-3:00pm At St. John's the Evangelist Anglican Church, 60 Erie Street North, Learnington.

Centering Prayer is a simple prayer of the heart, a prayer of consent, a method of Christian contemplative practice. For information and to register, call Marlene (519) 324-0118. Please bring your own bag lunch. Coffee, tea and goodies will be provided. A free will donation is gratefully accepted.

BISHOP'S DINNER

Please join Bishop Fabbro and Honorary Co-Chairs Paul and Mary Ellen Mullins at the 13th Annual Bishop's Dinner for Windsor and Essex on **Thursday October 27, 2016** at the Ciociaro Club. For tickets and sponsorship information, please contact Christina Rivest at **519-432-1824** ext. 222 or **1-888-548-9649** ext. 222, or by email at **crivest4@uwo.ca.**

This week the Leamington Ministerial Association prays for:

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Veronica's Corner



SMYL

All youth in grades 3-8 are invited to our next youth program on **Tuesday, October 18** from 6:30-8:00pm at St. Michael's Church lobby. This is a great way to have some fun and meet new friends.



YAGOTTAWANNA FOR TEENS

All teens in grades 8-12 are invited to our next youth program on **October 23rd** starting with the 7:00pm Mass followed by a youth gathering until 9:30pm at St. Joseph's Church.



FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY

All families are invited to join us for a Family Halloween Party on Saturday, **October 22nd** from **11am to 1pm**. in St. Michael's Confer-

ence Room. We will decorate pumpkins, play games, and watch movies. Hotdogs and refreshments will be served. The cost is \$5.00 per family.

SOUTH COUNTY YOUTH COR

All youth ages 16-21 are invited to an amazing retreat experience on **October 28-30** at Holy Name of Jesus Church. The cost is \$35 and forms are available at the back of each church.



If you missed the information meeting for Confirmation, please pick up your package at the office as meetings will begin soon. For more information contact Veronica at (519)326-2643 ext. 28

ST MICHAEL COMMEMORATIVE PRINT

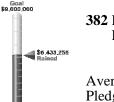
St. Michael's Parish is offering for sale a commemorative print for a limited time, honouring the event of the opening and dedication of the new Church for \$55.00 (framed)

ADVANCE ORDERS ONLY

Please call the office for more details at 326-2643 or stop in to see the one we have in the office.

ALSO, we will be taking orders for Rosaries for \$10.00 each. These Rosaries will be blessed by the Bishop on the night of the dedication of the new St. Michael's. Three different styles are available. Call the office for details and to see samples.

Offertory Collection-October 9, 2016



382 Regular Sunday \$6519.90 Loose: 1120.10 TOTAL: \$7640.00

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