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PRE-AUTHORIZED MONTHLY SUNDAY

OFFERTORY GIFT (PAG)

Contact Jolanda Squire at ext. 208

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON John Coderre

SCHEDULE OF EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
St. Josephine Bakhita (African Caribbean Catholic
Community) Mass - 4th Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday No mass
Tuesday & Thursday 12:00 noon
Wednesday & Friday 8:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.

PARISH SCHOOLS

Blessed Kateri School 519-675-4410
St. Mark's School 519-675-4421
St. Michael's School 519-675-4424
St. Catherine of Siena School 519-675-4437
Mother Teresa Secondary School 519-675-4433

MINISTRIES TO CHILDREN

10:30 a.m. Mass
Liturgy of the Word – Grades 2, 3 and 4
Sunday School – Age 3 to Grade 1
Babysitting – Toddlers under age 3

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. & 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism – 1st Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. or mass of your choice.

Baptismal Preparation – by appointment. Please call the Parish Office

Marriage – Arrangements to be made at least six months in advance

Marriage Preparation – Weekend Feb 4, 5, 6, 2011

Priesthood/Religious Life – Call Fr. Sample, Fr. Sharp or Sr. O'Keefe

Sacrament of the Sick – available upon request

PRAYER LINE COORDINATOR

Dorothy Solomon – 519-659-8242

Hearing assistance device to hear mass, available for those in need. Please see a member of the Welcoming Committee at the Welcome Desk.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

1st Friday of every month & Benediction at 12:00 noon.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - Noon & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE BULLETIN MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN NOON ON MONDAY.

Free Bus Service to 10:30 a.m. Mass

9:50am 64 Wyndham
Blackwater east of Adelaide – Bus Stop
Grenfell just east of Blackwater
Fanshawe/Trossacks – Bus Stop on Corner
770 Fanshawe – east of Fremont (Bus Stop)
Fanshawe – west of Fremont
Adelaide/Fanshawe – Bus Stop south of Fanshawe
Kipps Lane/Adelaide – Bus Shelter just east of Adelaide
Kipps Lane/Barker
Kipps Lane – Bus Stop east of Barker
Kipps Lane/Kenmore Place – Bus Stop
295 Briarhill
Cheapside/Boullee
Huron/Wedgewood – Bus Stop east of Wedgewood
10:15am Royal York Apts – 3 stops
Go to St. Michaels Church



Stewardship Reflection

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." - Colossians 3:1-2

Easter is a good time to recommit ourselves to a simpler lifestyle – concentrating more of our efforts on what God wants from us and less of our efforts on what we want for ourselves. Jesus sacrificed everything for us. What can we sacrifice, not just at Lent, but every day, so that we can better serve Our Lord?

Beginning Easter Week - Weekday Masses

We will return to the regular weekday schedule:

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday & Thursday - 12 noon
Wednesday & Friday - 8:00 am
Saturday - 9:00 am

Easter Alleluia!

We gather to celebrate the central realities of our faith during these 3 Great Days.

Our Parish has fasted and prayed and now Rejoice. A special thank you to everyone who helped make our celebrations so powerful.

To our Choirs and Musicians, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, to Servers, Ushers and Greeters. To the Liturgical Environment Committee. To the family who provided the outside environment.

Thank You

The Entire Parish Community is Invited to Attend a Building Report Meeting, May 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm

After many months we have a building audit completed. This provides the Parish with a plan of repairs over the next five years. It is important that everyone hear this report as it is going to require commitment on the part of every household. Please make every effort to be present.

Wall Hangings

Michelle Romano has created these six beautiful pieces of art. They provide art to reflect our faith and sound absorbers for the sound system. Each of them has a message. The Maitland Door is Eucharist and the Main Foyer door is the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). Thank you to Michelle.



The St. Michael's CWL will meet on Monday May 2, 7:00 pm in Room E. Our special guest speaker for the evening will be Cathy Harrison from the local chapter of Grandmothers for Africa. More than 240 groups of Canadian grandmothers are raising funds for grandmothers in 15 sub-Saharan African countries and providing much needed support, such as food, housing grants, school fees for their grandchildren and grief counselling. Also available this evening - Everyday Scripture Survival Kits for all who attend.

SHARE THE VISION

Do you have old glasses hiding in a drawer? If so the St. Michael's Social Justice Committee wants you to recycle them as our way to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the parish. Large collection bins will be set up in the vestibule and at the Maitland door of the church from May 6-15. All glasses will be donated to Rayjon Share Care – a Sarnia-based non-profit organization that conducts eyeglass clinics to bring the gift of vision to impoverished communities in Latin America. For more information contact Mary Ann at 519-432-4763.

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

Check out the Youth Ministry bulletin boards at the main entrances to the church for other good news in Youth Ministry!

EASTER PRAYER

Alleluia! We celebrate with great joy, O God, the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We think of the great happiness and excitement that was experienced at the news of the rising Jesus. All that was promised came true in and through the resurrection. All his people were now able to feel great joy even though they knew of his suffering and death. Help us to carry the joy of this season with us each and every day of the year.

Alleluia!

From 500 Prayers, Filomena Tassi & Peter Tassi

TO OUR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Our Parish is grateful for the many dedicated university students who attend Mass here faithfully and who are involved in various ministries and committees. May God bless you as you finish your exams and we thank you for sharing your time and talents with our faith community.

EASTER NEWSLETTER

Check out the Easter edition of the Parish's Newsletter for an article with contributions from those who were recently Confirmed. This article includes reflections on the various Christian saints that the Confirmandi reflected on in preparation for this Sacrament of Initiation. It is an excellent reminder of how we are all called to be saints!

NEWSLETTER – YOUTH NEEDED TO SHARE YOUR TIME AND TALENTS!

Are you in Grades 5-12 and have a love for writing or sharing cool ideas for articles by youth? Do you have a story to tell about your faith or an opinion to share? St. Michael's Parish publishes three newsletters each year (Easter, Fall and Christmas) and our parish's youth are important contributors. Please contact Natalie at the parish office for more information.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – THANK YOU!

Congratulations to all of the students in grades 8-12 who led our Parish Family in prayer through the Stations of the Cross at the Good Friday Liturgy at 10 a.m. Your dedication to attending practices and your willingness to enter into your roles really paid off! Through your example, you allowed parishioners to enter into the last moments of the life of Jesus. The Parish is also grateful for the creative talents of Alex De Vincenzo who directed the tableaux and for Mark David and Christina De Vincenzo who organized the music for each Station. Stay tuned... a pizza party is in the works for May.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CAMP

Are you going into grade 9, grade 10 or grade 11 in September and looking for a fun and exciting way to spend the week of July 11-15? The Diocesan Catholic Christian Leadership Camp is a 5 day, 4 night summer camp opportunity where youth have the opportunity to strengthen their leadership skills by participating in group activities with elements of faith, social justice and prayer. This opportunity is designed to give young people confidence in their faith journey and strengthen them as witnesses of hope in their families, schools, parishes and communities. The cost of the camp is \$190 which includes all meals, lodging and activities. For more information about registering and receiving parish sponsorship please call Natalie at the Parish Office and see the camp poster on the Youth Ministry bulletin board.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CAMP: STAFF NEEDED!

Are you interested in volunteering as a staff member for our Diocesan Leadership Camp? We are currently looking for 18 – 25 year olds who would be willing to serve from July 8 - 15, 2011. Staff will lead small groups of 13 - 15 year olds through their camp experience. CCLC staff applicants should possess the following: Ability to relate to young people, the ability to assist in teaching and leading of activities, good character and adaptability, a commitment to their faith, enthusiasm, sense of humor and patience. The application deadline is May 20. For an application form please see the Youth Ministry bulletin board or contact Natalie at the parish office.

Presentation - Holy Land Pilgrimage - Thursday May 5 at 7:00pm

Sr. Kathy and I would love to share our visit to the Land of Jesus with you. Come and join us for this time of reflection. Fr. Murray

Mother's Day Memorial Service - St. Peter's Cemetery invites everyone to attend this Service to be held in the Mausoleum Chapel on **Saturday, May 7th at 1:00 pm** to be celebrated by Rev. John Pirt (seating available)

APRIL 24TH, 2011 EASTER SUNDAY

Mass Intentions for April 26th to April 30th

Tuesday, April 26 - 12:00 noon

Desmond Ducharme requested by Leona Moore
Gordon & Kay Lobsinger requested by Doug & Audrey Lobsinger
Ana Pittrich requested by Joanne Merner

Wednesday, April 27 - 8:00 am

For favour received requested by A Parishioner
Margaret Bevilacqua requested by Pat & Peter Dunning
Joseph & Marria Nguyen requested by Tuoi Nguyen

Thursday, April 28 - 12:00 noon

Catherine Hesketh requested by Bob Peirce
Linda Plooard requested by Penny Yip
Mary & Angelo Adili requested by Al & Connie Adili

Friday, April 29 - 8:00 am

Charles Hancock requested by Eileen & Terry Horth
Raymond Nedeau requested by S & J Denys
Berniece Moss requested by Mabel Dodds

Saturday, April 30 - 9:00 am

Michael Said requested by Salvina Said & Famiy
Leopold Mboko requested by Janet Plaxton
Joseph Glavin requested by Jim & Rita Thorne

Readings for Next Weekend

May 1st, 2011 Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31



Babysitting Schedule

May 1st, 2011

10:30 a.m.
Alex Ryken
Victoria Parker

Sunday Collection

April 17th, 2011

Regular \$10,589

Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,327

SVDP \$250

Share Lent \$1,217

Parish Hall Roof /Capital Fund
envelope collection to date \$67,190

*Thank you for your
continued generosity!*

**St. Peter's Cemetery
Spring Cleanup April 30, 2011**
Seasonal rules & bylaws
strictly enforced 519-451-9120

The Easter Newsletter was recently mailed out. If you have not received one by mail and would like to, please contact the Parish Office. Extra copies are located at the usher stations at the back of the church.

ALTAR SERVERS APRIL 30TH & MAY 1ST

5:00 p.m.

Emma Coelho
Madeline Coelho
Robert Coelho

8:30 a.m.

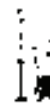
Ian Talbot
Claire Talbot
Timothy Rebelo
Elyse Scheid

10:30 a.m.

Catherin Manoj
Julia Petrasianus
Joshua Makin
Michael Theriault

12:30 p.m.

Andrew Ngo
Darryl Murray
Benedict Bagnas



*"Serving God With
Gladness!"*

All those who are sick, including:

**Cathy Overholt, Gerda Scheid, Doug Ridout,
Savio Jacques, Rosemary Darmanin, Paul Bossons,
Theresa McCluskey, Rita Irving, Corry Kox,
Ryan O'Quinn & Mary Thompson.**

And all those who have died, including:

Ford Page uncle of Marie-Paul Gagne-Portlance.

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated from May 1 to May 6

This year's theme, Catholic Education: Celebrating the Spirit comes from St. Paul's letter to the Romans where he writes, "All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God." (Romans 8:14) St. Luke also refers to the Spirit when he writes, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." (Lk 4:18) During this week, schools will be celebrating the gift of Catholic Education with special prayers and presentations. We ask that the Parish continue to pray for our Catholic schools, that they may be enlivened by God's Spirit and help in the sacred work of "renewing the face of the earth." (Ps 104:30) Contact your local Catholic school for more details.

Heritage Tea on June 1st

With the assistance of our CWL, the 100th Anniversary Steering Committee is hosting a special Heritage Tea for parishioners who have been members or former members of our parish for approximately fifty or more years. Our biggest challenge has been to identify and locate these people. Over the next couple of weeks, an invitation will be sent to those parishioners who have been in our parish for many years. The Committee requests that if you did not receive an invitation, please call the parish office and leave your name so that the committee can contact you and send an invitation to you. We want to make sure we have all our heritage folks celebrate with us!

100th Anniversary Gala Dinner Event on November 5th

As a parish family, we invite all friends, former parishioners and our parish family for dinner and entertainment in celebration of our 100th Anniversary on Saturday evening, November 5th at the Greek Canadian Club. John Regan, a very gifted musician, will entertain us for a most memorable evening! Tickets are \$50 per person and will go on sale in June. Visitors to our parish this Easter weekend should call the parish office at 519 433-6689 and leave their names to reserve tickets.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Monday, April 25

- Parish Office Closed for Easter Monday
- 6:30 pm—CWL Central Committee—Room E

Wednesday, April 27

- 8:45 am—Exercise—Hall
- 9:30 am—Moms & Dads Group—Room E
- 7:00 pm—Anniversary Committee—Room D
- 7:30 pm—RCIA—Room E
- 8:00 pm—A.A.—Rooms B

Thursday, April 28

- 1:00 pm—Cards—Hall

Friday, April 29

- 10:30 am—Exercise—Hall

Sunday, May 1

- 9:00 am—Knights of Columbus Breakfast—Hall
- 2:00 pm—Baptisms—Church

Ordinations to the Priesthood

Everyone is invited to the ordinations of Deacon Ben Huyge (from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish, Delhi/LaSalette) and Deacon Antoine LaForet (from St. Anne's Parish, Tecumseh) who will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of London by Bishop Fabbro at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, London on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 11:00 am. Please take time over the next few weeks to pray for Deacon Ben and Deacon Antoine as they prepare for ordination. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated. Fr. John Jasica, Vocations Director.

Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate

Everyone is invited to the ordination of Christopher Pietraszko (from Mary Immaculate Parish, London) who will be ordained a transitional deacon at St. Joseph's Church, Sarnia on Friday, May 13, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Christopher spent his pastoral year of formation in the parishes of St. Joseph's, St. Benedict's and Our Lady of Mercy, Sarnia. We as a diocesan family pray for him during this special time of preparation.

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