

# St. Michael's Parish

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## PRE-AUTHORIZED MONTHLY SUNDAY OFFERTORY GIFT (PAG)

Contact Jolanda Squire at ext. 208

**PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON** Corrie Gicante

## 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

St. 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 2:00pm or mass of your choice.

*Baptismal Preparation* - Contact Anne Hanley

*Marriage* - Arrangements to be made at least six months in advance

*Marriage Preparation* - Feb 28-Mar 2, 2014 Call the Parish Office

*Priesthood/Religious Life* - Call Fr. Amszej or Fr. Murray

*Sacrament of the Sick* - available upon request

*First Reconciliation (Gr. 2)* - registration required in September

*First Communion (Gr. 2)* - registration required in September

*Confirmation (Gr. 8)* - registration required in September

Hearing assistance device to hear mass available.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Grand Knight - Bud Jardine

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** President - Margaret McGee

## 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.

### 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

**Items for Bulletin due by noon Monday.**

# DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2013 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## CWL Christmas Party and Birthright Shower

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend the CWL Christmas Social and Birthright Shower on **Mon, Dec 2** at 7:00 pm in Room E. It will be a wonderful evening with holiday treats, caroling and a gift exchange (\$5.00 gift limit). Members are also kindly asked to bring a baby gift for our Birthright Shower, and all parishioners may add their baby gifts to boxes in the church foyer. Gift suggestions include: unisex clothing to fit children up to 6 months, baby bedding, diapers, bath supplies and Wal-Mart gift cards. Small items for the new mom are also welcome: travel size shampoos, shower gel, etc.



## Blood Donor Clinic

**Thurs Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013** from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. For an appointment to give or for more information about donating please call **1-888-2 DONATE**.



## **Mark your Calendars St. Michael's Christmas Concert Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

For those performing there will be a practice on Sat. Dec 7<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 pm.



## SVDP Angel Tree

St Vincent de Paul Outreach to the Needy are asking for assistance to help the needy children of our parish. We have placed tags on the Angel Tree for gifts (or donations) with age and gender of the children, near the Cheapside St. entrance of the Church. If you would like to participate, please take a tag and return the **unwrapped gift or donation by the weekend of December 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 marked with the age and gender** - please note we cannot accept donations after Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. **Thank you for your generosity.**



## Remembering Tree

As a way to remember those who have died, the Decorating Committee is inviting you to make a donation in memory of your loved one. An ornament with their name will be made. At the end of the Christmas Season we invite you to take it home with you. The donations will help with the purchase of the flowers and the environment for the Christmas Season. Donations can be made through the Remembrance Tree Ornament envelope located at the welcome desk after all masses on the weekend or in the parish office during the week.

## ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Please notify Helen Green if you are not available for your ministry during January to March. She and her new helper will be setting up the new schedule in December and they need to have clarification as to your availability. Thanks in advance and blessings to all.

## Recall of new Sunday Missals for 2013 – 2014

Please look in your new Missals around mid April into May 2014 for misplaced or missing pages. New copies have been ordered and an announcement will be made when they are available for pick up. It is important to bring in your faulty copy when you pick up your good copy so that the Parish can be reimbursed for the faulty copies.

## Mark your Calendars for the January Saturday Series 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

Parishioner Carole Murphy will share with us her learning, experience and expertise in the area of Caregiving and concerns around Dementia.

Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>: Healthy Habits for Caregiving  
Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>: Information on Alzheimer Disease and other Dementias  
Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>: Learning to speak Alzheimer's

To accompany the lunch you will bring, those who rsvp Anne Hanley before Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> will partake of tasty, hot homemade soup!

## SYNC YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER Serving Youth in Christ at St. Michael's Parish

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

### ADVENT: WAIT FOR THE LIGHT

"As we light the first advent candle this weekend, we notice that even one light makes a difference in the darkness! Each week we will light another candle and the light will grow stronger and stronger as we get closer to Christmas, when Jesus was born. We call Jesus "The Light of the World." The candles help us remember each day that we are waiting for Jesus' light to come to us once again."  
(from Advent Family Devotions: Wait for the Light by Anne Neuberger)

### S.Y.N.C. TEEN COFFEE HOUSE – SUN DEC 1, 7:30-9:00pm

Come on out to St. Michael's High School Coffee House on Sun Dec 1 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. for live music and poetry in our parish hall – Admission is free! Enjoy a hot cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate all for a good cause. Bring your loonies and toonies because all proceeds from coffee, tea and sweet treats will go to local charities in our community. If you are interested in performing, please contact Natalie at nmackay@dol.ca

### THE STAR OF CHRISTMAS FAMILY OPEN HOUSE SUN DEC 8, 11:30am-2:30pm, Parish Hall

Come and journey as a family as we discover the "True Spirit of Christmas." Songs, games, refreshments and surprises! Join us in the hall after the 10:30am or 12:30pm masses.

### S.Y.N.C. TEEN NIGHTS

Our upcoming meeting dates are Sundays Dec 1 and Dec 15. SYNC Teen Nights are held from 7:30-9:00pm in St. Michael's parish hall. See you there! Bring a friend!

### Synod 2014: Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization

Pope Francis recently announced that an Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops would be held in Oct 2014 on the theme of Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization.

You are invited to participate in the preparation for this Synod by responding to a series of online survey questions, at [www.synod.dol.ca](http://www.synod.dol.ca).

Responses deadline is Dec16 so that they may be collated and forwarded to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) by Dec 31. The CCCB will collect all of the responses from all the dioceses in Canada and send them to the Vatican by the end of Jan.

Disaster relief donation cheques for "Philippines Relief Fund" to be directed to the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) should be **made payable to St. Michael's Parish** and on the memo line written "Philippines Relief Fund".

### Thank you - Appeal for Syria and Syrian Refugees Reaches Over \$2 million

The results of the joint CCCB-CCODP appeal for Syria and Syrian refugees reached over \$2 million as of Nov 3. Of the \$2,080,000 collected in Canada, \$22,700 was collected in the Diocese of London.

Development and Peace informed us that Canadian Catholics have been the most generous from all the countries involved in the Caritas Internationalis fundraising efforts for Syria.

### The Word On The Page - A CREATIVE WRITING BLOG

The Word on the Page, our creative writing group has evolved into an online blog at <http://stmichaelswordonthepage.blogspot.com/>. We will post on a regular basis articles and resources related to creative writing within the spirit of our Catholic faith. Parishioners of all ages are welcome to visit us at this site and share comments and even some of their own works of creative writing.

# DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2013 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, December 3 - 12:00 noon**

Rose Marie Beretta requested by The Family  
Peter J. Feeney requested by Elaine Feeney & Peter  
Lawrence Hamilton requested by Gisele & Family

**Wednesday, December 4 - 8:00 am**

Wib Bruder & Family  
Rita Lane requested by George Lane  
Tom Buck requested by Andy & Mary McGuigan

**Thursday, December 5 - 12:00 noon**

Joe Omanique Jr. requested by The Chapman Family  
Intentions of Mary Lewis requested by Joe & Marilyn Dewan  
Sheila Williams requested by Dorothy McClelland

**Friday, December 6 - 8:00 am**

Anthony Ramdass requested by Rosemary Jogie  
Jean Wojcik requested by The Wojcik Family  
Leo Difelice requested by Pietro Rirocchi

**Saturday, December 7 - 9:00 am**

Bernard Flanagan requested by Mary Flanagan  
Augustine Drobina requested by The Kovacic Family  
Michael Said requested by Salvina Said & Family

**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Second Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 11:1-10

**Second Reading:** Romans 15:4-9

**Gospel:** Matthew 3:1-12

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/>



*All those who are sick, including:*

**Nick Greeson, Greg Giesen, Aldo Iurman,  
Doug Murray, Mabel Marshall, Judy Sandford,  
Monday Lawrence, Hans Bischoff,  
Butch Cavender & Julie Cooper.**

*And all those who have died, including:*

**Mary McCarthy-Dietrich** mother of Cecelia, Peter, Kathleen,  
Timothy & Margot  
**Adelina Berati** wife of Iler and mother of Pjer & Vanessa  
**Martha Coehlo** mother of Dr. Romona Coehlo

## Memorial Masses at St. Peter's Cemetery

On the 2nd Tues each month, Rosary at 4:00 pm, Mass at 4:30 pm  
Everyone is welcome to come to pray for their loved ones.  
Upcoming mass dates: **Dec 10.**

## 2014 Parish Offertory Envelopes

The 2014 envelopes will be available for pick up in the Parish Hall Nov 30 & Dec 1.

Parishioners who use envelopes are asked to pick up the box assigned to them. They will be set out alphabetically. If you used your 2013 envelopes you will have the same envelope number for 2014. If you do not see your envelope box please add your name and phone number to the sign up list.

*Parishioners who use the pre-authorized gift (PAG) process do not have envelope numbers assigned to them.*

At St. Michael's Parish, we have many volunteers for various ministries for our celebration of the Eucharist. At the present time, we have a few sacristans to assist with the set up before Mass begins. We are in need of many more so that one person is not responsible for all Masses on the weekend or weekdays.

The sacristan fulfills an important role in the preparation of the environment and altar before Mass begins. Sacristans are responsible for setting out the items prior to worship and ensuring that they are clean following Mass. If you can give 15 minutes before and after Mass to help set out the sacred vessels and other needed items, please contact Helen Green at 519-433-6689 X215 and she will contact you for the training needed to serve in this very worthwhile ministry. Many blessings to all who are considering this ministry.



## Sunday Collection

**November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Regular \$3,305

Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,434

*Thank you for your  
continued generosity!*

Prayer requests/petitions can be submitted to St. Michael's Prayer Line email address [prayerline@rogers.com](mailto:prayerline@rogers.com) or call 519-433-6823



## St. Vincent de Paul Outreach

SVDP Loose Collection is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of each month.  
*Please make cheques payable to St. Michael's Parish  
and write on the memo line SVDP.*

## This Week at St. Michael's

### Monday, December 2

- 7:00 pm—CWL—Room E
- 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm—English Learning—Library Room

### Tuesday, December 3

- 4:00 pm—Property & Maintenance—Library Room
- 7:30 pm—Knights of Columbus—Room E

### Wednesday, December 4

- 9:30 am—Mom & Dad's Group—Room E
- 7:30 pm—RCIA—Room E
- 8:00 pm—AA—Room B&C

### Thursday, December 5

- 1:00 pm—Cards—Room E
- 1:30 pm—Faith Sharing—Library Room
- 3:30 pm—Blood Donor Clinic—Hall

### Friday, December 6

- 8:30 am to 12:00 noon—Exposition—Church
- 12:00 noon—Benediction—Church

### Sunday, December 8

- 11:30 pm to 2:30 pm—Family Christmas Party—Hall

*If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment please contact Retrouvaille. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on Jan 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2014, in London, call 519-842-7370, email: [retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)*

## English Learning

For any person from a non-English speaking country wanting to learn about the Mass and it's responses in English. Please come to a class offered on Mondays from 7-8pm in the Library Room.

## INSPIRE FAITH THIS CHRISTMAS!

The perfect gift this Christmas is learning to live everyday with "Passion and Purpose". Inspire your faith or that of someone close to you with tickets to this life-changing event:

-PASSION & PURPOSE LIVE-with renowned speaker and author, MATTHEW KELLY and special musical guest, ELIOT MORRIS Fri Apr 4<sup>th</sup> 2014, 6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Holy Trinity Catholic Parish - Woodstock, ON Tickets just \$39! Includes all event materials and take-away items. *Matthew simplifies Catholic faith in relation to our everyday lives. Learn what brings true happiness to our lives as God intended. This Christmas, transform a life and inspire faith! Be bold. Be Catholic.* Tickets contact Trisha: **519-936-1141.**

## Theology on Tap – Ask Your Burning Questions!

All young adults are invited to join us on Tuesday, December 10th, at 7:30pm at Bernie's Bar & Grill (1225 Wonderland Rd N) for a special evening of Theology on Tap! This month, we are having a Grill the Priests event, with Fr. Jim Mockler, Fr. Peter Amszej, Fr. Brian Klooster, and Fr. John Jasica. So bring your burning questions and join us for this special evening.

Theology on Tap is a discussion series for Catholic young adults and their friends, married and single, 19 to 39 years of age that takes place on the second Tuesday of every month. Connect with us online: [www.facebook.com/ToT.SGHF](http://www.facebook.com/ToT.SGHF). Sponsored by St. George and Holy Family Parishes.

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