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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.



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.



St. Michael's Parish Christmas Concert
Sunday December 15th at 7:00 pm
All are Welcome!

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 arrived in the Parish Office. If you have a faulty copy please bring it into the Parish Office and exchange it for a complete copy.



SVDP Angel Tree Thank you

Thank you to all who participated with the Angel Tree.

Your gifts are appreciated. Please ensure your **unwrapped gifts are dropped off at the church this weekend (Dec14/15) marked with the age and gender - please note we cannot accept donations after Dec.16th.**
Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you - The 2013 Parish Appeal for St. Peter's Seminary

On behalf of Father Steve Wlusek, Rector of the Seminary, the faculty and staff, seminarians and students, I want to extend deep appreciation to the people of St. Michael who contributed \$32,170 whether individually or through a collective parish gift.

David Howie (Executive Director)

Sunday Programmes for Children

Many thanks to the new volunteers who have begun their ministries within our Children's Programmes: Babysitting (toddlers), Sunday School (4 to 6 yrs), Liturgy of the Word for Children (7 to 11yrs) and the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (for those who wish to become Catholic). Heartfelt gratitude to our long standing volunteers who sanitize the toys, prepare activities and spend time with the Word of God so as to convey it effectively.

Parish Visitors

Did you know the members of the Prayer Line are some of our long-time parishioners who have generously volunteered their time and talents over the years? Now that some have mobility concerns and are not able to come to the parish as before, they still wish to remain connected by praying for you and your needs. If you would like to accompany one of our Parish Visitors to bring to them a little Christmas gift from the parish, kindly leave your name with Anne Hanley at the Parish Office 519-433-6689 ext. 203. Lucie and Jerry Solazzo will be in touch with you.

Mental Health Outreach

New Day—An ongoing, faith-based, support group for those living with mental illness. Meetings at St. Peter's every Tues 1:30-3:00 pm. **For info call Theresa at 519-850-3627 or Cathie at 519-850-0600.**

Y.A.N.A. You Are Not Alone—has been temporarily discontinued. Telephone support is available for anyone who wants to talk and needs an understanding ear. Please call Cathie 519-850-0600.

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.

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

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called the Son of God."

What an important messenger this is, Lord. Your Holy Spirit! The Spirit will come upon Mary, Gabriel told her. That Spirit will be the sure sign that God is the Father of Mary's baby. Here I can see you, God, at work: Father, Son and Holy Spirit! In this event, I witness my Lord bringing light, life and love to his beloved children. Even me. (From *Messengers for the Messiah* by Peter Mead).

S.Y.N.C. TEEN NIGHT – Christmas Caroling

All high school students are invited to join us on Sun Dec 15 at 7:30pm in the parish hall. We will then go out Christmas caroling in the parish neighbourhood and return to the parish hall for some hot chocolate and goodies. Parents are invited to join us!

Congratulations - First Reconciliation

Congratulation to all those who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We pray that you will receive the Sacrament many times in the future. Thank you to the teachers and Kim Watt for the preparation of the children. Thank you to Fathers Murray, Peter and John for celebrating with us. Advent blessings to everyone.

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.

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".

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

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

Saturday, January 11th: Healthy Habits for Caregiving

Saturday, January 18th: Information on Alzheimer Disease and other Dementias

Saturday, January 25th: Learning to speak Alzheimer's

There is limited space available, please RSVP Anne Hanley before Wednesday, January 8th 519-433-6689 ext. 203

BIBLE STUDY WITH DEACON GASTON

Come and join us for six Bible study sessions to be held on Mondays Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 24 and March 3, 2014 at 7:30 pm in the Room D. Bring a friend and register at the parish office.

Catholic Websites

www.stmichaels.dioceseoflondon.ca, www.dol.ca, www.catholic.net, www.catholicnews.com, www.vatican.va, www.saltandlighttv.org

DECEMBER 15TH, 2013 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 17 - 12:00 noon

John Zadorsky requested by The Family
Virgilio Lopes requested by Maria Yuliett
Madelene Burns requested by Terry & Doug Brewster

Wednesday, December 18 - 8:00 am

Wib Bruder & Family
Butch & Sue Cavender requested by Ann Bruder
Intentions of Ashley Servos requested by Adele Zeversenake

Thursday, December 19 - 12:00 noon

Roy Jones requested by Maureen Jones
Antonio Kim requested by Joseph & Lucy Kim
Intentions of Nando Favaro requested by Don & Mary Kay

Friday, December 20 - 8:00 noon

Noel Samuels requested by Boba Samuels & Family
Sue Cavender requested by St. Michael's Parish CWL Members
Theresa Klinck requested by Sr. Caroline Bering & Sisters

Saturday, December 21 - 9:00 am

Deceased Relatives & Friends of the Murray & Feeney Families
requested by Elaine Feeney & Peter
For Peace & Safety at Christmas requested by F. Watt
Intentions of Sister Kathy O'Keefe
requested by Bob & Rosemarie Granger

December 22nd, 2013 Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

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



All those who are sick, including:

**Judy Sandford, Nick Greeson, Doug Murray,
Rita McAndrew, Julie Cooper, Greg Giesen,
Mabel Marshall, Harry Hoevenaars, Aldo Iurman,
& Frank Turkovic.**

And all those who have died, including:

Harry (Butch) Cavender father of Beth, Kevin,
Wendy, Chris, Tammy & Cathy
Nora Gilles mother of Peter, Andrew, Henrietta & Tony
Benjamin Laga brother of Maria Inson

Christmas Candle Service - St. Peter's Cemetery

Mon Dec 16/13 at 5:00 pm in the Holy Family Mausoleum Chapel
Rev. David Furlonger, Celebrant

Candles will be provided for the Lighting Ceremony.

*You are invited to bring a photograph of your deceased loved one to
be placed on a Memorial Table (Seating will be provided)*

Tax Receipts

In order for contributions to be legally receipted for 2013 they must
be received by the Parish Office by December 31st 2013.

CSJ Spirituality Centre 1486 Richmond St N Windermere Rd

For information about **Counselling** connect with Patricia McKeon at
pmckeon@csjcanada.org Phone: 226-378-4605

For information about **Spiritual Direction** or to make an appointment
contact ONE of: Suzanne Chevalier schevalier@csjcanada.org;
Susan Glaab sglaab@csjcanada.org; Mary Sharon Kennedy mskennedy@csjcanada.org;
Margo Ritchie mritchie@csjcanada.org; Doreen Kraemer dorkrae@csjcanada.org;
Kathleen Lichti klichti@csjcanada.org

CWL News



CWL Members are reminded that there is no January
meeting. Please watch the bulletin for February details.



Sunday Collection

December 8th, 2013

Regular \$8,050

Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,434

*Thank you for your
continued generosity!*



St. Vincent de Paul Outreach

SVDP Loose Collection is the 2nd Sun of each month.

*Please make cheques payable to St. Michael's Parish
and write on the memo line SVDP.*

Please Note:

Some of our Parishioners
have allergies and are sensi-
tive to perfume. We invite
people to refrain from using
perfume and cologne.

This Week at St. Michael's

Monday, December 16

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

Tuesday, December 17

- 7:00 pm—SVDP Meeting—Room D
- 7:30 pm—Knights of Columbus Executive—Library Room

Wednesday, December 18

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

Thursday, December 19

- 1:30 pm—Faith Sharing—Library Room
- 7:30 pm—Pastoral Parish Council—Room E

Sunday, December 22

- 2:30 pm—African Caribbean Catholic Mass—Church

Please Mark Your Calendars

Exposition - Jan 3/14 - 8:30 am to 12:00 noon

Benediction - Jan 3/14 - 12:00 noon

CWL - No Meeting in January.

Seniors on the Move - restarts - Jan 8/14 & Jan 10/14

Young At Heart Cards - restarts Jan 9/14

Property & Maintenance Committee - Jan 14/14 - 4:00 pm

Social Justice - Jan 14/14 - 7:15 pm

*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 17th-19th,
2014, in London, call 519-842-7370, email: retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com or visit the web site at
www.HelpOurMarriage.com*

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Tickets contact Trisha: **519-936-1141.**

Prayer Requests/Petitions Can Be Submitted to St. Michael's Prayer Line

For several years our parish has had a precious ministry of
prayer for those who have needs for themselves, loved ones, or
friends. Our prayerline members would like to extend a prayerful
hand to each of you. If you desire prayer please call 519-433-
6823 or email prayerline@rogers.com. The prayerline ministry
would also like to welcome anyone who would like to be a part of
this quiet but powerful ministry. *"Therefore, I say unto you, what
things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive
them, and ye shall have them. St. Mark 11:24*

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