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prepare the way...



ADVENT

DECEMBER 18TH, 2016 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 20th & Wednesday, December 21st
10:00-11:00 am, 3:00-4:00 pm & 7:00-8:00 pm

Christmas Celebrations

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th
4:30 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm & 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th
8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm

Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Saturday, December 31st, 2016 - 5:00 pm
Sunday, January 1st, 2016 - 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm



Christmas Liturgy Sign Up Board

Please check the sign up sheets in the Narthex for the various liturgical positions available during our Christmas celebrations. The need for ministers and volunteers is still great; please consider helping to make our Christmas Liturgies truly meaningful and beautiful. Thank you!

If you have any questions, please contact Yana at yadkinson@dol.ca

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION...

At Christmas time we are happy and grateful that so many people come to celebrate with us. Please try to be considerate in the following matters.

1. Parking...In our continued efforts to streamline the parking during Christmas Eve Masses, the Maitland entrance to the parking lot will be CLOSED to cars entering. ALL CARS are to enter off of Cheapside Street down the lane between the Church and Rectory to the lot. This should make the overlap of guests smoother. Once again the Knights of Columbus will be on-site assisting with the parking. Please try to park carefully so we can get as many cars in the lot as possible, and be patient. Plenty of parking is available in the neighbourhood, be careful to avoid blocking the driveways of our neighbours.
2. At the 4:30 pm Mass the overflow crowd has, in the past, spilled over into the foyer, sometimes extending beyond the first washroom and there has been no room to maneuver in the church. We have been very fortunate that an emergency situation has not occurred. Once the church is full, people will be directed to the parish hall where mass will be celebrated. This will not only relieve congestion in the foyer but also in the church and provide a much safer environment should an emergency occur. When we get to an overflow situation, please follow the direction of the ushers.
3. Something most of us can do, not only at Christmas but at other busy Masses throughout the year, is to move toward the center of the pew, allowing others to be seated more readily.

Guaranteed a Seat at Christmas!

Join the choir at the 4:30pm (Hall), 7:00pm or 9:00pm masses. Your entire family is welcome to sit in the choir area even if only a few are singing. Practices Sat Dec 17 from 3:30-4:30pm & Sun Dec 18 from 7:30-8:30pm Please email Holly.langohr@gmail.com for more info.

Information Boards- Please refer to these displays for all ongoing and upcoming information here at St. Michael's!

Bus Schedule over Christmas – Please note that the free bus will be running on the regular schedule for both Sunday December 25 (Christmas Day) and Sunday January 1 (New Years Day). Please use this service and join us! Thank you.

Capital Corner – We should be back to more 'normal' with our pews being re-installed. We continue to ask for everyone's financial support of the work in any way that you are able! Remember that 100% of your donation goes towards funding this transformational work. Thank you!



EDGE NIGHTS Youth Group

Grade 5 to 8 and H.S. Students are welcomed. From 7pm – 8:30pm

Wed Dec 21st - All families are invited to our **POTLUCK CHRISTMAS EDGE PARTY!** As our tradition here at St Michael's, we are going around the block in our community and singing Christmas carols. (Dress warm). It is always a special moment to see neighbors welcome us with smiles. Afterwards, we'll enjoy the party with Christmas goodies. Come and meet the CORE TEAM! We won't see you until Mid Jan 2017!!! *If you would like to donate or bring something for the potluck, please contact Sylvain in the parish office by Dec 20th!*

Keep Checking out all our EDGE night dates on the following links...

Join us for all contests! on Twitter at **SYL@STM** or on Instagram **STM_SYL** We're on Facebook at **STM EDGE**

*Confirmation Candidates - if you would like to volunteer for EDGE, please email Syl for scheduling. spatry@dol.ca

Confirmation Super Saturdays starts in Jan 2017!!!

Sat Jan 28th St Mark group 1-5pm part 1
Sun Jan 29th St Catherine of Siena group 1-5pm part 1

Youth Choir

We are looking for youth who would like to learn how to sing or can sing, can play an instrument...Please contact Holly Langohr at holly.langohr@gmail.com

EDGE dates for 2017: Wed Jan 18th, Wed Feb 1st, Wed Feb 15th, Wed Mar 1st, Wed Mar 22nd, Wed April 5th, Wed Apr 19th, Wed May 3rd, Wed May 17th, Wed Jun 7th & Wed Jun 21st Summer Bash Party!

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.

24/7 Online Web-based Digital Catholic Resource: FORMED

Our Parish has invested in an exciting new spiritual faith formation resource, produced by the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press. Discover all the best Catholic content in one place. Entertaining movies, enlightening programs, inspiring talks, and a great selection of popular eBooks— all just a click away! Better yet, **access is FREE to all parishioners and their families anywhere, anytime on computers, tablets, or phones.** For information, contact Yana Adkinson, yadkinson@dol.ca

1. Go to formed.org
2. Click on Register
3. Enter your Parish Code Z2K478
4. Create your FREE account by entering your email address

2017 Parish Offertory Envelopes

The 2017 envelopes are available for pick up in the Parish Foyer. Parishioners who use envelopes are asked to pick up the box assigned to them. 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.

Parish Website – The new parish Website is now live! We encourage you to visit www.stmichaelslondon.ca and provide your feedback. Thank you.

DECEMBER 18TH, 2016 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 20 - 12:00 noon

Catherine Scott requested by Peter Feeney
Gerry Whelan requested by Earl & Fran Flynn
60th Wedding Anniversary of Ernie & Shirley Brenet
requested by Kay MacDonald

Wednesday, December 21 - 8:00 am

Intentions of The Castrilli Family requested by Rosa Castrilli
Al Jasinski requested by Joan & Family
Camden Rieder requested by The Watt Family

Thursday, December 22 - 12:00 noon

Diane Belanger requested by Claire & Dan Vickery
Margaret Sgariglia requested by Grant Sgariglia
Intentions of Fr. Murray Sample requested by The Watt Family

Friday, December 23 - 8:00 noon

Sofia Paiva requested by The Paiva Family
Lawrence Hamilton requested by Gisele & Family
Mildred Wilbur requested by Steve & Marilyn Morgan

Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:30 pm mass 7:00 pm mass
9:00 pm mass 12:00 midnight

Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

8:30 am mass 10:30am mass
12:30 pm mass

December 25th, 2016 Nativity of the Lord

Mass During the Night

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7
Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14
Gospel: Luke 2:1-16

Mass at Dawn

First Reading: Isaiah 62:11-12
Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7
Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

Mass During the Day

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10
Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6
Gospel: John 1:1-18

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



All those who are sick, including:

Emma Begg	Greg Giesen	Nina Da Ponte
Steve Morgan	Alex Cooray	Thelma Coleman
Eleanor Gallant	Jane Tyers	Herman Nabben
Renato Gasparotto	John Hunt	Gabriel Paiva



And all those who have died.

Christmas Candle Service Mon Dec 19th, 2016 at 5:00 pm

St. Peter's Cemetery - Holy Family Mausoleum Chapel
Rev. John Jasica, Celebrant. You are invited to bring a photograph of your deceased loved one. Candles and seating provided. Non-perishable food will be accepted. For information call 519-451-9120.

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.

St. Michael's Thanksgiving Appeal

Our annual Thanksgiving appeal will stay active through the end of the year. This appeal is one of the most important to the Parish because every cent that is contributed to the appeal stays right here at St. Michael's to continue to support ministry, programs and outreach. These specific gifts are not assessed and none of it is sent to the Diocese. Cheques can be made to 'St. Michael's Parish.' Donations can also be made online at www.stmichaelslondon.ca Thank you.

Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute *Bioethics Matters* are available on line at <http://www.ccbi-utoronto.ca/bioethics-matters/>



Sunday Collection
December 4th, 2016

Regular Offertory \$10,218
Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,602
Thank you for your continued generosity!

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



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.)

This Week at St. Michael's

Monday, December 19

- 5:30 pm—Northern Hospitality Community Meal—Hall
- 6:00 pm—English Learning—St. Anthony Room

Tuesday, December 20

- 10-11 am, 3-4 pm & 7-8 pm—Confessions—Church
- 7:00 pm—SVDP Meeting—St. Anthony Room
- 7:00 pm—Baptismal Preparation—St. John Paul II Room

Wednesday, December 21

- 10-11 am, 3-4 pm & 7-8 pm—Confessions—Church
- 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm—EDGE Youth—Hall
- 8:00 pm—AA—St. Andre Bessette & St. Kateri Rooms

Friday, December 23

- Parish Office Closes at 12:00 noon



Please note No Children's Ministries Dec 25th & Jan 1st

English Learning – For any person from a non-English speaking country wanting to learn about the Mass and its responses in English. Classes will be held on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm in the St. Anthony Room (2nd floor). **No classes Dec 26 & Jan 2.**

Bible Study with Father Don - Jeff Cavins Bible study program continues January 12th, 2017, each Thursday at 7 pm skipping the third week of the month. The workbook cost is \$29.00.

The St. Michael's Art Group will take a break over the Christmas Season and return to regular Wednesday gatherings on January 11th, 2017 in the St. Francis Library.

The Young at Heart (YAH) Card Group will take a break over the Christmas Season and return to regular Thursday gatherings on January 5th, 2017.

Tax Receipts - In order for contributions to be legally receipted for 2016 they **MUST** be received by the Parish Office by **December 31st 2016.** (Note donations collected at the New Year's Eve Dec 31st 5pm and New Year's Day Jan 1st masses will be receipted for 2017).



The lucky winner of the **CWL London Region quilt raffle** was Deb Cadwell of London. The draw was made at Holy Angels in St. Thomas on November 28th. All proceeds for this raffle went to the London Community Chaplaincy.

Mass for the Unborn on Wed, Dec 28, 2016

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica-Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy 7:00 pm
Mass at 7:30 pm. Presider Bishop Joseph Dabrowski.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Women of Grace Study

This program study will be held on the 2nd & 4th Tues from 7-9 pm in the JPIL room. Information meeting Tues Jan 10th. For information or to register, call Veronica Solis at 519-488-6265 or e-mail at versolis@hotmail.com. **Registration required.** Materials can be purchased or borrowed for the duration of the Study. All are welcome! Limited space, register soon!

Catholic Websites

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