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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 10:00 to 11:00 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



DECEMBER 19TH, 2010 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stewardship Reflection

"The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it. For he founded it upon the sea and established it upon the rivers." - Psalm 24:1-2

How can we take credit for the good things in our lives when Psalm 24 reminds us that God created absolutely everything and everyone on the earth? Surely we all have an obligation to return a portion of our good fortune to the Lord, for without Him nothing would be possible.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24 - 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m. & Midnight

Please consider attending the Midnight Mass. This wonderful tradition speaks so powerfully that 'Jesus, the Light of the World comes to break the Dark'.

Christmas Day, December 25 - 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

December 25 - No 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass.

December 26 - Sunday Mass at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Feast Mary Mother of God December 31 - 5:00 p.m. and
January 1 - 10:00 a.m.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Church expects us all to attend mass on this day.

Epiphany January 1 - No 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass

Epiphany January 2 - Mass at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.



Mental Health Group!

Do you have a passion and concern about people who have mental health concerns? Would you like a place to share thoughts, deepen Christian awareness and explore ideas about how to be more helpful and supportive to those around us who may be suffering? If so, we welcome you to join a new group of like-minded people who gather once a month in friendship and prayer. Next meeting is **Monday, December 20th, 2010**. For more information call Cathie Gauthier at 519-850-0600

Please join the **Social Justice Committee** on **Wednesday, January 12, 2011**, to welcome Rayjon Share Care – a charitable non-profit organization from our Diocese, located in Sarnia. Rayjon will give a slide presentation on "Haiti – 12 months after Earthquake" on the evening one year ago when the disaster struck. Rayjon will speak from experience about how the country is recovering with the additional burdens of cholera and political unrest. They will also discuss the earthquake's impact on Rayjon's faith-based work in Haiti that includes health care, agriculture, education and environmental activities. Students interested in their awareness trips are also welcome. Please join us from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish hall. Contact Mary Ann for more information at tundramac@sympatico.ca or 519-432-4763.

GET FIT IN 2010!

Join the 20 Week Exercise Program, open to men and women, which will enhance your flexibility and strength. This program also allows for the opportunity to build new friendships. Two Sessions will run as follows: **Session 1** - Wed. Jan 5 to May 18 from 8:45am-9:30am-\$45.00 & **Session 2** - Fri. Jan 7 to May 20 from 10:30am-11:15am-\$45.00
For further information contact Ollie Wolanski at 455-1078
Registration forms located in the foyer.



Christmas Candle Service

Monday, December 20th, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Mausoleum Chapel, St. Peter's Cemetery
Rev. Joseph Dabrowski, Celebrant
You are invited to bring a photograph of your deceased loved one to be placed on a Memorial Table

*Please do not leave valuables in your vehicle.
There have been thefts from vehicles in the parking lot.*

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

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

CHRISTMAS CARD ART CONTEST:

We have our winners!

Thank you to all of the youth in Grades 5-8 who entered their Christmas Cards into our art contest. The volunteers that looked through each of them were amazed at all of the outstanding creativity and work that you put into them. The winner of the Overall Presentation category is Patrick Zwinkels; the winner of the Overall Composition and Drawing Skill category is Alex Echeverry; and there were two winners for the Christian Message category – Madeline Bliss and Phiona Alimochan. Congratulations to all of you! The winners each won a gift card to Michael's Craft Store. All cards that were entered in this contest will be displayed in the main foyer of the church during the season of Advent and Christmas.

CONFIRMATION JOURNAL PROJECT

Attention all Confirmation Candidates! A reminder that your Confirmation Journal Project was due to the parish office this past **Tuesday December 7**. Please hand it into the Parish Office.

SPORTS AFTERNOONS/NIGHTS! GRADES 5-8 AND 9-12
STAY TUNED FOR THE JANUARY-JUNE 2011 SPORTS SCHEDULE...

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – SATURDAY JANUARY 15, 2011

All families are welcome to come together and enjoy a movie, fellowship and snacks on **Saturday January 15, 2011 from 6:00-8:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Stay tuned to find out what movie will be shown!

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 21st - 10:00-11:00am, 3:00-4:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm
Wednesday, December 22nd - 10:00-11:00am, 3:00-4:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm
Every Saturday 10:00-11:00am & 4:00-4:30pm

Tax Receipts

In order for contributions to be legally receipted for 2010 they must be received by the Parish Office by December 31st 2010.

*Please note there will be **NO** Sunday School or Children's Liturgy on Dec 24th, 25th & 26th and Jan 1st & 2nd*



CWL News

Members are reminded that there is no January meeting. Watch the bulletin for February details.

Come Visit the Land of Jesus

The Anniversary Committee has planned a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Mar 24 to Apr 5. We will visit Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. As Pope John Paul II so eloquently said "To visit the Holy Land is to read the Fifth Gospel". We still have room for two people. If interested, please contact Fr. Murray.

Mass for the Unborn and Their Mothers

A Mass for the unborn and their mothers will be held **Tuesday, December 28th, 7:30 pm** (Rosary at 7pm) at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica.

DECEMBER 19TH, 2010 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions for December 21st to 25th

Tuesday, December 21 - 12:00 noon

Roy & Kay O'Donnell requested by David O'Donnell
Deceased relatives & friends of the Murray & Feeney Families
requested by Elaine Feeney & Peter
Christina Zuch requested by Kathy Williams & Family

Wednesday, December 22 - 8:00 am

Joe Tornabuono requested by Maria & Joe Fonti
Mrs G China requested by Maria Molinero
Tom & Mary Killen requested by Andy & Mary McGuigan

Thursday, December 23 - 12:00 noon

Victoria Dychangco requested by Manuel & Evelyn Dychangco
Joseph Goodchild requested by Fay Goodchild
Robert Rice requested by Tim Bradley

Friday, December 24 - 8:00 am

no mass

Saturday, December 25 - 9:00 am

no mass

Readings for Next Weekend December 26th, 2010 Holy Family

First Reading: *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*
Second Reading: *Colossians 3:12-21*
Gospel: *Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23*



Babysitting Schedule December 26th, 2010

10:30 a.m.
Emily Oshana
Christina Sayegh

Sunday Collection Dec 12th, 2010

Regular \$9,128
Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,515
SVDP Outreach \$610

Capital Fund envelope
collection to date \$48,034

*Thank you for your
continued generosity!*

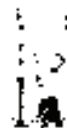


ALTAR SERVERS DECEMBER 26TH

8:30 a.m.
TBA

10:30 a.m.
TBA

12:30 p.m.
Andrew Ngo
Alyssa Young



*"Serving God With
Gladness!"*

Please Note: Some of our Parishioners have allergies and are sensitive to perfume. We invite people to refrain from the use of perfume and cologne.

Parish Office Holiday Hours

Please note the parish office will close December 23, 2010 at 12noon and will reopen January 3, 2011 at 8:30am.



All those who are sick, including:

**Aiden Burns, Rita Irving, Ryan O'Quinn,
Rosemary Darmanin, Cyril Petersen,
Lucille Charron, Paul Bossons, Len Crover,
Mary Thompson & Robert Kokron.**

And all those who have died, including:

Bill Benninger father of Joan Roffey

Hospital Chaplains

As you know, there have been many changes in Hospital Procedures, including Pastoral Care. Now, as a Catholic, when you are admitted to the hospital you need to request the services of the Priest for a visit or Blessing of the Sick through the Pastoral Care Department. Each of the hospitals in London has a Chaplain assigned to them by the Bishop.

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...Please try to park carefully so we can get as many cars in the lot as possible, and please be patient. Plenty of parking is available in the neighbourhood, be careful to avoid blocking the driveways of our neighbours.
2. At the 5 p.m. 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. Extra chairs will be placed in the church, but once all these are filled, 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Monday, December 20

- 7:15 pm—Mental Health—Room D

Tuesday, December 21

- Reconciliation - 10:00-11:00am, 3:00-4:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, December 22

- 9:30 am—Mom & Dad's Group—Room E
- Reconciliation - 10:00-11:00am, 3:00-4:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm
- 7:30 pm—RCIA—Room E
- 8:00 pm—A.A.—Rooms B & C

Thursday, December 23

- 1:00 pm—Cards—Hall

Pre-Authorized Offertory Gifts

At St. Michael's Parish we have an Automatic Bank gift giving program to make your regular donations to the Parish easier for you. Your Offertory donation may be made by authorizing a monthly deduction from your bank account. You will never need to worry about forgetting your envelope and your regular support of St. Michael's Parish.

If you would like more information about this program please call Jolanda Squire at the Parish Office at 519-433-6689 ext. 208.

"Have you ever thought about making a legacy gift to St Michael's Parish in your Will?"

"A legacy gift can leave a legacy of faith and hope to future generations." If you would like to help St Michaels with such a gift, we encourage you to consult with your financial advisor or lawyer.

www.stmichaels.dioceseoflondon.ca

The St. Michael's website contains a lot of information and pictures relevant to our Parish/Community life. Please visit the website often and let us know your thoughts and comments. We are actively seeking content from all areas of our Parish and welcome your input to the attention of Terry McBride at stmichlon@dol.ca

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