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ADVENT

DECEMBER 23RD 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Christmas Celebrations

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th

4:30 pm - Nave - Life Teen Choir
4:30 pm - Hall - Traditional Choir
7:00 pm - Traditional Choir
9:00 pm - Contemporary Choir
12:00 midnight - Traditional Choir

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th

10:30 am - Contemporary Choir
12:30 pm - Contemporary Choir

Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Monday, December 31st, 2018 - 5:00 pm
Tuesday, January 1st, 2018 - 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. We need Greeters, Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Gift Bearers. Please consider helping to make our Christmas Liturgies truly meaningful and beautiful. Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact Yana Adkinson.

The Free Bus service will run on Tuesday December 25 for the 10:30 am Mass. The same Sunday schedule will be used.

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 at the 4:30 pm mass... 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.

Men / Young Men

You are invited to attend the **7th Annual Men of Faith Conference** .
Saturday January 19th, 2019 @ St Michael's Church in London.
Dr Edward Sri and Deacon Bob McDonald will challenge us to grow in our faith in the world today . Sign up on line : www.famfi.ca
For more information contact Mike 519-518-2025 ext. 22

Israel - Jordan - Oct 24 to Nov 5, 2019 - Come join me in a pilgrimage to where Jesus lived; Capernaum; preached around the Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem. Information meeting Mar 17th 2019 at 7:30 pm at St. Michael's. For information call Joan Bolt 519-471-6373 or email at joanbolt@execulink.com

Please note there are NO Daily Masses the week of December 24-28. Also NO Saturday morning Mass December 29.

Youth Ministry

Syl Patry spatry@dol.ca or 519-433-6689 ext. 206



Lifeteen Encounter Worship

We would like to thank Jacob Quinlan for being an instrumental part in realizing this adventure for a new worship team. Please consider obtaining a new copy of the upcoming Christmas newsletter as we introduce our new worship leader, Joshua Rosedale and a bio for each of the members. We are extremely grateful for all these young and talented musicians who have committed to this. We are inviting musicians to come and join us. We are in need of piano, guitar, flute, stringed instruments and voices. If interested please come see Joshua following Mass.



LIFETEEN Youth - All H.S. are encouraged to speak up and share your ideas, your needs for our High School youth gatherings once per month. Please contact Syl, our Youth Minister or email with your ideas @ spatry@dol.ca

EDGE Nights! - St. Michael's Grade 5-8 Student Group. Upcoming dates are: Wed Jan 16th & Feb 6th Join us from 7-8:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Stations of the Cross For Youth - If you are in High School or Gr. 8, we would love to invite you to be part of the Good Friday Stations of the Cross. We will be hosting our first general meeting on Mon, Jan 7th from 7-8 pm in the Nave.



Parents and Confirmation Candidates are Invited to attend **CHOSEN Your Journey to Confirmation Sessions on Sun Jan 27th & Feb 24th - 11 am to 12:30 pm - Parish Hall**

For more info please contact Syl Patry.



Knights Table

Parking Assistance - 4:30 pm Mass December 24th



CWL News - St. Michael's CWL financial statement is available upon request. If interested please call Maggie McGee at 519-951-1827. Reminder there is no January meeting. Our next meeting will be February 4th, 2019.

Pre-Authorized Giving - Have you thought more about making the move to PAG? It will save you money on cheques, you won't have to remember your envelope, and it is safe and so easy to do. Please consider enrolling in the PAG program. Complete sign up packages on the welcome desk, from the office or you can sign up on the Parish website with a credit card via PayPal. Thank you!

Mass for the Unborn - Fri Dec 28th - St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, beginning with the Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 7:00 pm and followed by Mass at 7:30 pm. Bishop Joseph Dabrowski will preside. This special celebration is sponsored by the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus. Everyone is welcome to attend.

You Are Not Alone - Are you giving support to a person struggling to manage a mental illness? Come share your wisdom and resources, lighten your worries and deepen your faith. We will be meeting at 7:00 pm the second Wed. of the month. Our next meeting is Jan 9th. All are welcome. If you would like to chat first to see if Y.A.N.A. is the support you are looking for, please call Cathie Gauthier at 519-850-0600 or Dorothy Solomon at 519-204-2931.

New Day - A faith-based support group for people living with a mental illness. Come - receive and share in the compassion and strength of this welcoming group. We meet every Tues. afternoon 1:30 - 3:00 at Parish Office building of St. Peter's Basilica. If you wish further information call Cathie at 519-850-0600 or Theresa at 519-850-3627.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Eve
4:30 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm & 12:00 midnight

Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day
10:30 am & 12:30 pm

Wednesday, December 26 - 8:00 am
No Mass

Thursday, December 27 - 12:00 noon
No Mass

Friday, December 28 - 8:00 am
No Mass

Saturday, December 29 - 9:00 am
No Mass

December 25th 2018 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/>



Sunday Collection December 9th 2018

Regular Offertory \$8,608
Pre-Authorized Gift \$ 3,898
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.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

collection for the needy within our parish boundaries
is the 2nd Sunday of each month. Thank you for your support.
(Make cheques payable to St. Michael's Parish and write SSSVP on the memo line.)

This Week at St. Michael's

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

- Parish Office Closed
- *No Northern Hospitality Meal—(Next Meal Jan 7/19)*

Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

- Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26 - Boxing Day

- Parish Office Closed
- 8:00 pm—AA—St. Andre Bessette & St. Kateri Rooms

Thursday, December 27

- 10:30 am—Chartwell Mass—Chartwell Long Term Care
- 1:00 pm—Young at Heart Cards (YAH)—Hall
- *No Bible Study (Next Session Jan 10/19)*

Saturday, December 29

- 6:30 pm—Retrouvaille—St. John Paul II Room

Sunday, December 30

- *No Children's Ministries (Resumes Jan 6/19)*
- 2:30 pm—African Caribbean Catholic Mass—Nave

All those who are sick, including:

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| Joanne Carson | Greg Giesen | Fr. Tony Laforet |
| Cherylann Robinson | John Hunt | Fr. Thomas Ashton |
| Fr. John Van Damme | Helen Green | Rosemary Caruana |



And all those who have died, including:

Sister Barbara Hughes of the Sisters of St. Joseph

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.
Next Monthly Mass will take place on January 8th, 2019

Tax Receipts - In order for contributions to be legally receipted for 2018 they **MUST** be received by the Parish Office by December 31st 2018. (Note donations collected at the New Year's Eve Dec 31st 5pm and New Year's Day Jan 1st masses will be receipted for 2019).

St. Michael's Moms' Group - Calling all mothers! Come to learn more about the Catholic faith together, connect with other moms and share faith and fellowship over coffee. Babysitting provided most days. No registration necessary. Our dates are twice monthly on **Tuesday mornings from 10am-12pm**, next session Jan 15/19 For more information, contact Yana Adkinson ext. 203.

2019 Parish Offertory Envelopes - Pick Up in the Foyer

Parishioners who use envelopes are asked to pick up the **box assigned to them**. They are set out alphabetically. If you used your 2018 envelopes you will have the same envelope number for 2019. If you are unable to locate a box assigned to you and would like offertory envelopes please add your name, address 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. (Please note boxes not picked by Dec 23rd will not be mailed out. They will be available for pick up from the parish office during regular office hours in 2019).

Please Mark Your Calendars

Parish Office Closed - Mon Dec 31st & Tues Jan 1st
Exposition - Jan 4 - 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
Benediction - Jan 4 - 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm
Art Club - Jan 2 - 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
Young at Heart Cards - Jan 3 - 1:00 pm
I.D. 9:16 - Jan 3 - 5:00 pm
Baptismal - Jan 6 - 2:00 pm
Northern Hospitality Meal - Jan 7 - 5:00 pm
Knights of Columbus General Meeting - Jan 8 - 7:00 pm
CWL - General Meeting - Feb 4 - 7:00 pm (*no meeting in Jan*)
Mom's Group - Jan 15 - 10:00 am to 12:00 noon



Reminder **No Children's Ministries** on Dec 23th, Dec 25th, Dec 30th or 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 each Monday night from 6-7 pm in the St. Andre Bessette Room. If interested, please just show up. **Please note no classes Mon Dec 24th or Dec 31st.**

Knights of Columbus Sale - Each spring the Knights of Columbus have a sale of used goods. The money raised is forwarded to the many Charitable Groups they support. Please set aside furniture and items of good quality to donate the week before this event on Jun 1, 2019.

St Vincent de Paul is in Need of Volunteers.

They have two stores one on York and the other on Elias


Needs are:

- assist on delivery truck-sort donated inventory-handyman
- work on the sales floor attending to customers needs
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