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Feast of the Holy Family

DECEMBER 27TH, 2015 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Feast of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 31st: 5:00 pm
Friday, January 1st: 10:30 am & 12:30 pm

Mass for the Unborn will be held on Monday, December 28, 2015 at 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.

GET FIT IN 2016!

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 6 to May 18 from 8:45am-9:30am-\$45.00 &
Session 2 - Fri Jan 8 to May 20 from 10:30am-11:15am-\$45.00

**For more information contact Ollie Wolanski at 519-455-1078.
Registration forms located in the foyer.**



**THE YOUNG AT HEART BRIDGE GROUP
PLAY WILL RESUME JANUARY 7, 2016**

Pre-Authorized Giving – As we move into a new year, please give some thought to joining the preauthorized giving plan for regular offertory. It is safe, it is simple and helps with both administration in the office as well as is considerate of our ecology in reducing the need for the printing of envelopes. A part of effective household budgeting as it is taken the first day of each month.

St. Michael's Thanksgiving Appeal

The Thanksgiving campaign continues until the end of the year. If you have not yet made a gift to the Parish, please consider doing so. Remember that your entire donation remains right here at St. Michael's to continue with our programs and for our outreach into the community. Thank you for your commitment and generosity to St. Michael's. Envelopes are available at the usher stations.



CWL News - Reminder that there is no January Meeting.
Next Meeting will be on February 1st 2016!

Do you like to read? Is writing an interest of yours? Looking for a way to share your interests with the parish? The Newsletter Committee is actively seeking interested persons to join them in helping to edit and assemble the Parish Newsletter. Sharing the news of all of the ministries, outreach and events with our parish family is important in keeping everyone informed and engaged. If you have the interest in helping out and your gifts can be shared with this committee, please contact the office and leave your name and contact information. Thank you!

Reduce your Taxes - As the year winds down, you may be thinking about your tax return. As an effective way to reduce your taxes, contributions to the Capital Fund can be claimed as a charitable donation and is a very helpful way to support the parish as 100% of your gift stays within the church. Envelopes are available in the pews.

Parking - Please remember our parking arrangement here at St. Michael's. Parking during the week is available **ONLY** along the fence line. All spots beside the church and against the School building are for school staff **ONLY**. Thank you for continuing to be courteous and respectful.

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!



Have you seen our BITS on Facebook and Twitter!

For Youth Ministry updates, Catholic links and inspirational quotes, be sure to "Like" our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/sync.stm) and follow our Twitter account (@syncstm)

Host Families needed for our NET TEAM Retreat

Confirmation candidates will be part of a retreat Jan 12th, 2016, we need a few families to host 2-3 NET leaders for 1 night. Please email Sylvain spatry@dol.ca for more info.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Classes for Public/Private School Students

The first Confirmation class for those who attend public school, private school or high school will be held on Tues Jan 19 from 7-8:30 pm in the parish hall. The other classes are Tues Jan 26, Tues Feb 2 and Tues Feb 9. No need to register, just show up!

The Christmas edition of the parish newsletter is now available in the Church! Remember to take home your copy for holiday reading. Take a few copies and share with family, neighbours and friends when you go to visit. A wonderful way to share and evangelize!

YANA 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. All are welcome. If you would like to chat first to see if YANA is the support you are looking for, call Cathie at 519-850-0600.

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 pm 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.

Laudate Catholic App - Free

"Laudate" includes Daily Mass Readings, Liturgy of Hours, Rosary, the Bible, Stations of the Cross, Daily Meditations, Vat II documents and much, much more. You can bookmark prayers and create your own. Go to: <http://catholicapps.com/laudate/>

Be A Pilgrim In This Holy Year

Mark this special Holy Year

joining one of these pilgrimage opportunities:

Holy Land (Fr. Tony Laforet) March 3-13

Turkey's Great Saints (Fr. Bill Kornacker) Sept. 15-29

Honour Mary in the Holy Land (Fr. Murray Sample) Nov. 6-15

FOR INFORMATION: Joan Bolt 519-471-6373 / joan-bolt@execulink.com

St. Michael's Moms Group

Moms of all ages are invited. Come relax, connect with other moms and share faith over coffee. Babysitting provided most of the time. Runs on every other Tuesday 10 am-12 noon. *Restarts Jan 12/16*. For more info, please contact Yana Adkinson Pastoral Minister at 519-433-6689 x 203 or email yadkinson@dol.ca

Catholic Websites

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

DECEMBER 27TH, 2015 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 29 - 12:00 noon

Lawrence Hamilton requested by Gisele Hamilton
Franco Rizzolo requested by Joe & Maria De Sousa
Welly Garber requested by George Rogister & Carol Rourke

Wednesday, December 30 - 8:00 am

Bill & Marianne McLaughlin
Intentions of Mike Simone requested by Alice Costa
Welly Garber requested by Mary & Andy McGuigan

Thursday, December 31 - 5:00 pm

&

Friday, January 1 - 10:30 am & 12:30 pm

Feast of Mary, Mother of God (*Holy Day of Obligation*)

Saturday, January 2 - 9:00 am

Jim Sandford requested by The Sandford Family
Bryan Simmers requested by Rosemarie Simmers
Intentions of Tony & Marie Denomme
requested by Doug & Mary-Margaret Denomme

January 1st, 2016 Mary, The Holy Mother of God

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

January 3rd, 2016 Epiphany of The Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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



All those who are sick, including:

**Greg Giesen, Gabriel Paiva, Nick Greeson,
Jane Tyers, Eleanor Gil, Shelley Norman,
Cora Reynolds, Louis Camara, Thelma Coleman,
& Stefan Konigsberger.**

And all those who have died, including:

John Drouillard husband of Anna Drouillard
Margaret Clancy wife of Dr. Patrick Clancy

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.

Tax Receipts - In order for contributions to be legally receipted for 2015 they **MUST** be received by the **Parish Office by December 31st 2015**. (Note donations collected at the **New Year's Eve Dec 31st 5 pm** and **New Year's Day Jan 1st masses** will be receipted for 2016).

For your listening pleasure/education/evangelization, select CD topics are available on loan to sign out in the Parish Library located behind the welcome desk in a white binder. ENJOY!

Retrouvaille Weekend: Jan 15-17, 2016

Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about, or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on January 15th-17th, 2016 call 519 243-0687 or email: retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org

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



Sunday Collection

December 13th, 2015

Regular offertory \$9,233
Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,216
Thank you for your continued generosity!

Prayer requests/petitions can be submitted to St. Michael's Prayer Line email address prayerline@rogers.com



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 28

- 5:30 pm—Community Meal—Hall
- Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, December 30

- 8:00 pm—AA—Room B&C

Thursday, December 31

- Parish Office will close at 12 noon

Friday, January 1

- Parish Office Closed

Please Mark Your Calendars

No Sunday School on Dec 27, 31 & Jan 1 & 3
No Children's Liturgy (Gr. 2 to 4) Dec 27, 31 & Jan 1 & 3
No Babysitting Dec 27, 31 & Jan 1 & 3
Community Meal - Dec 28 - 5:30 pm
Exposition - Jan 8/16 - 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
Benediction - Jan 8/16 - 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm
CWL - No Meeting in January
Knights of Columbus - Jan 5/16 - 7:30 pm
Art Club - Jan 6/16 - 10:00 am
Seniors on the Move - restarts - Jan 6/16 & Jan 8/16
Young At Heart Cards - restarts - Jan 7/16
Moms Group - restarts - Jan 12/16

Father Don's Bible Study,

'The Bible Timeline—The Story of Salvation' by Jeff Cavins

SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS: All at 7:00 pm

HALL: 01/7, 01/14, 01/28, 02/25, 03/3, 03/10, 03/31, 04/14, 04/28, 05/12, 05/26, 06/9, 06/30

Room E: 02/4, 02/11, 04/7, 05/5, 06/2, 06/16, 06/23

2016 Parish Offertory Envelopes

Parishioners who use envelopes and have not picked up their 2016 envelopes are asked to pick them up from the Parish Office during regular business hours. If you currently are not registered for boxed envelopes and would like a set, please contact the Parish Office at 519-433-6689. (Parishioners who use the pre-authorized gift process do not have envelope numbers assigned to them.)

Please note we will not reorder envelopes in 2017 for boxes that are not picked up this year.

Theology on Tap is a discussion series for Catholic young adults and their friends, married and single, in their 20s & 30s hosted by Holy Family and St. George parish communities. For info

visit https://www.facebook.com/ToT.SGHF/timeline?age_internal

London Area Catholic Cursillo Weekend

Men's: Mar 3-6, 2016 & Women's: Mar 10-13, 2016
Michaelite House, 2751 Sunningdale Rd W, London ON. Cost \$200.
For more info contact Tom & Laurie at 519-595-4806 or email tldiemand@gmail.com

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