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# Peace on Earth

**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.

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

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>: 5:00pm  
Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>: 10:30am & 12:30pm

**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 11<sup>th</sup>: Healthy Habits for Caregiving  
Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>: Information on Alzheimer Disease and other Dementias

Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>: Learning to speak Alzheimer's

There is limited space available, please RSVP Anne Hanley before Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Room D. Bring a friend and register at the parish office.

**Bereavement Ministry**

Holidays can be a difficult time for those who try to celebrate the season without their loved ones. God gave the Virgin Mary the very greatest gift of all, Jesus, and then God asked her to sacrifice the greatest love she had ever known. It is a bitter-sweet mystery. Experiencing this mystery comes to all of us yet it is a journey that we travel alone, and God alone who has asked this sacrifice of us, knows the pain in our hearts. To those adjusting to a life without your loved one, our prayers, respect and best wishes are with you during this Christmas Season. May you continue to honour the gift of the life and love of your dearly deceased and courageously learn to do this in new ways.

**A Catholic Perspective to Loss or Grieving**

A number of parishioners have expressed interest in being informed about the natural progression through grieving a significant loss; this can be the loss of a loved one, a separation of one kind or another, or experiencing a transition in life. If you are interested in speaking about your experience or hearing how others live through difficulties with a Catholic perspective, please let Anne Hanley know as dates, times and schedules are underway for having a trustworthy group gathering during the winter months.

**Thank you to our Bakers!**

The Social Committee sends a very, very BIG THANK YOU to all parishioners who donated some of their Christmas goodies for our Social Coffee Sunday. These scrumptious treats were a big hit with our parish family and every last square and cookie was eaten!! We just may have started a new Christmas tradition for our parish!!

**Invitation to join the St. Michael's Parish Ministry of Care**

Since last year, St. Michael's Parish developed the idea of having a Ministry of Care whose objectives would be to bring Christ to others by inviting parishioners to care for and become openly supportive of sick, elderly, homebound, and bereaved members. We are in need of more volunteers to participate to this valuable Ministry Please contact the office to register, and an invitation will be sent to all for an information and orientation session in January, 2014.

**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!

**SYNC TEEN NIGHTS**

This coming year we will continue our successful Teen Nights on the first and third Sunday of each month. If you are in grades 9-12 come on out and have a great time playing wacky games and fun sports, listening to thoughtful speakers, joining in with intimate prayer times and making a lot of new friends. **Our meeting dates in January are Sun Jan 5 and Sun Jan 19 from 7:30-9:00pm in the parish hall.** See you there! Bring a friend!

**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 21 from 7-8:30pm in the parish hall. The other classes are Tues Jan 28, Tues Feb 4 and Tues Feb 11. No need to register, just show up!

**CALLING ALL WHO HAVE ATTENDED A COR RETREAT!**

**JOIN US FOR EnCOR**

All past participants of any COR retreat are invited to attend an EnCOR gathering at **St. Michaels Parish on Sun Jan 19** from 6-7:30pm for fellowship and faith sharing (ladies please bring a snack). Teens are welcome to stick around for the Teen Youth Group that meets from 7:30-9pm at St. Mike's. A second EnCOR will take place at **Mary Immaculate Parish on Sun Feb 23** from 7-8:30pm (gentlemen please bring a snack). For more info contact Natalie MacKay at nmackay@dol.ca or Mike McPherson at mmcpherson@dol.ca

**ALTAR SERVER DAY!**

**Come and Join Us! Sat Feb 8, 10:30am-1:00pm**

All altar servers (those in Grade 4 and up who are presently serving and all those who would like to join this ministry) are invited to attend a training session on Sat Feb 8 from 10:30am-1:00pm in the church. A free pizza lunch will be provided in the parish hall. Please RSVP to Natalie at [nmackay@dol.ca](mailto:nmackay@dol.ca)



**Knights of Columbus Upcoming Events**

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> GENERAL MEETING 7:30 Room E  
Jan 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> COFFEE WEEKEND. AFTER ALL MASSES  
Jan 21<sup>th</sup> EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30 Room E



**CWL News**

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

**GET FIT IN 2014!**

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 8 from 8:45am-9:30am-\$45.00 &  
Session 2 - Fri Jan 10 from 10:30am-11:15am-\$45.00

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



**Communion to the Sick and Homebound**

In gratitude to all who so generously dedicate themselves to take Communion to the sick or conduct Communion Services in Care Homes, we invite you to a luncheon on Tuesday, January 14th following the noon Mass. There will be a formational session with Fr. Murray regarding some changes to this ministry. We invite all who are interested in knowing more about this ministry, or wishing to serve St. Michael's parishioners in this capacity to join us on Jan. 14th. Kindly contact Anne Hanley at the Parish Office to confirm your attendance.

# DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 HOLY FAMILY

## Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 31  
5:00 pm

**New Years Day, Wednesday, January 1**  
10:30 am  
12:30 pm

**Thursday, January 2 - 12:00 noon**  
James McQuillan requested by Bill & Mary Rice  
Eileen McInstry requested by Janet Plaxton  
Kathleen Wallace requested by Terry & Doug Brewster

**Friday, January 3 - 8:00 am**  
Wib Bruder & Family  
Harvey & Mildred Wilbur requested by Marilyn & Steve Morgan  
The Souls in Purgatory requested by Sarah Wills

**Saturday, January 4 - 9:00 am**  
Michael Said requested by Salvina Said & Family  
Don McMaio requested by Ann Bruder & Family  
Butch & Sue Cavender requested by Cathy Nichols

**January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 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:*

**Nick Greeson, Julie Cooper,  
Greg Giesen, Mabel Marshall,  
Harry Hoevenaars & Aldo Iurman**

*And all those who have died, including:*

**Doug Murray** father of Susan Van Eerdewijk &  
grandfather of Sarah

**Frank Turkovic** husband of Victoria & father of Diana Eaves

**Dr. Doug Manners** father of Linda, Karen, Lorraine & Doug  
**Sophie Dauchez** niece of Christiane McKee

### Thank you

A special thank you to all of our Parish families who are participating in our monthly Pre-Authorized Gift Giving, it certainly helps with our ongoing financial planning and expense management. We presently have 178 families participating.

### Parish Offertory Envelopes for 2014

Parishioners who use envelopes and have not picked up their 2014 envelopes are asked to pick up the box assigned to them in the Parish Foyer; they are set out alphabetically. 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 process do not have envelope numbers assigned to them.)

### Courses at St. Peter's Seminary

Courses at St. Peter's Seminary can be audited or taken for credit on an individual basis. Of particular interest may be the course **Ecumenism** (Systematic Theology 5511A). This course could benefit those interested in the ongoing growth in Christian unity and those whose pastoral work involves concrete ecumenical relations between Catholics and non-Catholics of various traditions.

The course provides an introduction to the history and theology of the ecumenical movement. Attention will be given to significant church documents, achievements in ecumenical dialogue, and prospects for future achievements. The course is enhanced by having instructors from both the Catholic and Anglican traditions, Dr. Susan Brown and the Reverend Canon William Cliff.

Questions and information about registration can be directed to either Dr. John Dool ([jdool@uwo.ca](mailto:jdool@uwo.ca)) or Ms. Jo-Ann Bester ([jo-ann.bester@uwo.ca](mailto:jo-ann.bester@uwo.ca)) at (519)432-1824.



### Sunday Collection

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Regular \$9,614

Pre-Authorized Gift \$3,434

Thank you for your  
continued generosity!

Prayer requests/petitions can be submitted to St. Michael's Prayer Line email address [prayerline@rogers.com](mailto:prayerline@rogers.com) or call 519-433-6823



### St. Vincent de Paul Outreach

SVDP Loose Collection is the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Tuesday, December 31**

- 5:00 pm—Mass

**Wednesday, January 1 - Feast of Mary, Mother of God**

- 10:30 am & 12:30 pm—Mass

**Thursday, January 2**

- Parish Office Reopens

**Friday, January 3**

- 8:30 am to 12:00 noon—Exposition—Church
- 12:00 noon—Benediction—Church

### Please Mark Your Calendars

No Sunday School on Dec 31 & Jan 1

No Children's Liturgy (Gr. 2 to 4) Dec 31 & Jan 1

No Babysitting Dec 31 & Jan 1

CWL - No Meeting in January

Knights of Columbus - Jan 7/14 - 7:30 pm

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

Young At Heart Cards - restarts Jan 9/14

Healthy Habits for Caregivers - Jan 11/14 - 10:30 am

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

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

### Tax Receipts

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

### 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. (Note: **NO class on Dec 30**)

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 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2014, in London, call 519-842-7370, email: [retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Men of Faith Conference

Men & Young Men looking for a new year's resolution to grow stronger in your faith; Sign up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Men of Faith Conference. Saturday Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014. St. Michael's Church, 511 Cheapside St, London; \$30 per registrant or \$20 per student Robert Rogers [www.mightyintheland.com](http://www.mightyintheland.com); Cale Clarke "The Faith Explained"; Most Rev. Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro. "The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle". For registration, email Brian Simpson [bsimpson@execulink.com](mailto:bsimpson@execulink.com) or call Mike Whelan 519-518-2025 ext. 22

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".



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