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PRE-AUTHORIZED MONTHLY SUNDAY

OFFERTORY GIFT (PAG)

Contact Jolanda Squire at ext. 208

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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



Stewardship Reflection

“For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” - Matthew 24:42

Preparations for the Christmas season remind us how much we all want to be generous. We all want to give good gifts to one another. Yet, often when it comes to giving back to God our response is, “Not yet!” We put off sharing our time, talent and treasure for another day. We say we will give when we have more time or more money. Yet, none of us knows when God will come and ask for an accounting of how we used the gifts entrusted to our care. The start of Advent reminds us not to put off our stewardship. The Lord is coming!



*Congratulations to
Melissa Abercromby & Matthew Costella
Who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on
November 20th, 2010*

SVDP Angel Tree



St Vincent de Paul Outreach to the Needy are asking for assistance to help the needy children of our parish. We have placed tags on the Angel Tree for gifts (or donations) with age and gender of the children. Please take a tag and return the **unwrapped gift or donation by the weekend of December 12th, 2010 marked with the age and gender - please note we cannot accept donations after Dec. 12th.** The SVDP can't thank you enough for helping to make Christmas special for others.

CWL Membership Renewal Weekends



CWL members are invited to renew their membership for 2011, in the church foyer after all masses on **December 4 and 5**. New members are especially welcome! All women of the parish, aged 16 and older, are encouraged to join this dynamic parish group.

CWL Elections 2011

The League needs women to fill leadership and executive positions for the following positions: President Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Organization, Spiritual Life, Communication, Community Life, Legislation and Resolutions, Christian Life and Education and Health. Please consider the opportunity to serve- using the many gifts and talents that God has given to step forth in faith and action and enjoy the many blessings you will receive. The term of office would be two years. Contact Joan Lobsinger at 519-438-4909.

Birthingright Baby Shower

Parishioners can also donate items for the annual CWL Birthingright Baby Shower. The CWL is collecting any items that would be needed to help support a young woman with a new baby. Watch for the donation box in the foyer on the weekend of **December 4 and 5**.

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend the **CWL Christmas Social and Birthingright Shower on Monday, December 6 at 7 pm in Room E**. It will be a wonderful evening with holiday treats, caroling and a gift exchange (\$5.00 gift limit). Members are also kindly asked to bring a baby gift for our Birthingright Baby Shower. Members are reminded that there is **no January meeting**. Watch the bulletin for February details.

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.

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 171 families participating.

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

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

CONFIRMATION JOURNAL PROJECT

Attention all Confirmation Candidates! A reminder that your Confirmation Journal Project is due to the parish office on Tuesday December 7.

CHRISTMAS CARD ART CONTEST

Show us your creative side! **All youth in grades 5-8** are invited to enter the Christmas Card Art Contest by drawing a Christmas scene/theme that reflects your Christian faith. Please use 8.5 x 11 paper for your drawing and include your name, grade and school on your artwork. This contest will have a number of prize winners in different categories. All other entries will have their art displayed at the church in Advent. **The deadline to hand in your art to the parish office has been extended to Sunday December 5.** Please see the Youth Ministry bulletin boards for further instructions!

CHRISTMAS COFFEE HOUSE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

By popular demand... Come on out to St. Michael's High School Christmas Coffee House on Sunday December 5 from 7-9 p.m. for live music and poetry – Admission is free! Enjoy a hot cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate all for a good cause. Bring your loonies and toonies because all proceeds from coffee, tea and sweet treats will go to local charities in our community. See you there! *Are you interested in performing (singing, playing an instrument, reading poetry, etc.) at the coffee house? Sign up sheets are located on the Youth Ministry bulletin boards at the two main entrances of the church!*

CHRISTMAS PARTY, SUNDAY DECEMBER 5

Correction: FOR GRADES 1-6 and GRADE 7/8 VOLUNTEERS

Attention all youth in grades 1-6: Mark your calendars! We are hosting a Christmas Party just for you on Sunday December 5th in the parish hall from 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Come on out to meet some new friends, make Christmas decorations and artwork, enjoy some snacks and watch a Christmas movie. See you there! If you are in grades 7 and 8 and would like to volunteer that day, contact Natalie at the parish office.

WORLD YOUTH DAY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AND BAKE SALE

The World Youth Day pilgrims will be hosting a raffle and bake sale on December 11 and 12 and are looking for donations for the raffle. This could include gift certificates, sports tickets, gift baskets or a whole variety of items! Please contact Natalie in the Parish Office if you have anything you would like to donate. Thank you for your continued generosity.

SPORTS AFTERNOONS/NIGHTS! GRADES 5-8 AND 9-12

St. Michael's Parish Youth Ministry will continue to host Sports Nights on the following Sundays: November 28 and December 5 and 12, 2010. Grades 5-8 will meet from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic School gym (926 Maitland Street, please enter the side doors by the school yard). High school students will meet from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena School (2140 Quarrier Rd, enter at main doors). There will be a variety of sports such as volleyball, soccer and basketball. Take advantage of this opportunity to get some exercise, meet new friends and have fun! See you there! **The waiver form is found on the parish website and it must be signed by a parent and returned at sports nights before youth can participate.** For the full schedule see posters on the Youth Ministry Bulletin Board in the main foyer of the church or check out the parish website.

Blood Donor Clinic

Thursday December 2nd, 2010 from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall. For an appointment to give or for more information about donating please call **1-888-2 DONATE**.



St. Michael's Moms and Dads Group

At the Moms and Dads Group we understand the unique needs, challenges and joys of this vital season of parenting, because we're there too. Every Wednesday morning at 9:30 am, you'll be welcomed just as you are. Come relax, connect with other parents, learn, share faith, scripture and life over coffee. Babysitting provided. Contact Penny 519-642-7662.

NOVEMBER 28TH, 2010 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions for November 30th to December 4th

Tuesday, November 30 - 12:00 noon

Rita McIntyre requested by Kelly Kiteley

Rev. Frank White requested by Tim Nicholson

Emma Wallis, Florence & Walter Joseph requested by Bernice & Ron Joseph

Wednesday, December 1 - 8:00 am

Antonio Michienzi requested by Tony & Rosa Castrilli

Marg Peirce requested by The Don Moir Family

Joe Tornabuono requested by Rosa Casella

Thursday, December 2 - 12:00 noon

Audrey Wagner requested by Joe & Mary Gooding

Elvira Martins requested by Fatima Furtado

Walter Dowhanick & Bridget Fraser requested by Kimberly Dowhanick

Friday, December 3 - 8:00 am

Marg Peirce requested by Margie & Jim Sheridan

Mrs. G. China requested by Dominique Pinazza

Agnes Provost requested by Margaret McNulty

Saturday, December 4 - 9:00 am

Peter J. Feeney requested by Elaine Feeney & Peter

Bernard Flanagan requested by Mary Flanagan

Jackie Koebel requested by Donald Koebel

Readings for Next Weekend

December 5th, 2010 Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: *Isaiah 11:1-10*

Second Reading: *Romans 15:4-9*

Gospel: *Matthew 3:1-12*



All those who are sick, including:

**Aiden Burns, Rita Irving,
Rosemary Darmanin, Lucille Charron, &
Paul Bossons,**

And all those who have died, including:

Sister Constance a Sister of St Joseph

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.

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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

Responding to Sectarian Violence in India

Earlier this month, the bishops of Canada were approached by Most Reverend Pedro López Quintana – the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada – in regard to a request the Nuncio had received from Most Reverend Raphael Cheenath, S.V.D., the Archbishop of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar. The Archbishop is seeking assistance in order to rebuild the Kandhamal region of India which has been affected by violence against Christians.

Along with the funds, prayers are urgently needed at this time for the victims and their families. Your prayers, generosity, and assistance are greatly appreciated. Please make cheques out to St. Michael's Parish and indicate in the memo line Diocese of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar.

Babysitting Schedule December 5th, 2010

10:30 a.m.

Danielle Gorski

Danielle Crecca



St. Vincent de Paul Outreach

Loose Collection for SVDP is the 2nd Sunday of each month.

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.

**Please note they will be
NO Sunday School or
Children's Liturgy
On Dec 24th, 25th & 26th**

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

ALTAR SERVERS DECEMBER 4TH & 5TH

5:00 p.m.

Emma Coelho
Madelaine Coelho
Robert Coelho

8:30 a.m.

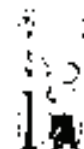
Timothy Rebelo
Elyse Scheid
Ian Talbot
Claire Talbot

10:30 a.m.

Jacob Beukeboom
Mark Beukeboom
Raleigh Henderson
Ashley Inglis

12:30 p.m.

John Marshall
Nicholas Marshall
Bruce Maas



"Serving God With Gladness!"

THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Monday, Nov 29

- 7:00 pm—Small Faith Sharing Group—Room B

Tuesday, Nov 30

- 2:00 pm—Bible Study—Room E
- 6:30 pm—First Reconciliation—Church

Wednesday, Dec 1

- 9:30 am—Moms & Dads Small Faith Sharing Group—Room E
- 7:00 pm—Bridges—Babysitting Room
- 7:30 pm—RCIA—Room E
- 8:00 pm—A.A.—Rooms B & C

Thursday, Dec 2

- 1:00 pm—Cards—Room E
- 3:30 pm—Blood Donor Clinic—Hall
- 6:30 pm—First Reconciliation—Church

Friday, Dec 3

- 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Exposition—Church
- 12:00 noon—Benediction—Church

Saturday, Dec 4

- 10:00 am—First Reconciliation—Church

Sunday, Dec 5

- 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm—Youth Christmas Party—Hall
- 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm—Youth Coffee House—Hall

Please Mark Your Calendars

CWL - Dec 6th - 7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus - Dec 7th - 7:30 pm

WYD Bake Sale - Dec 11th & 12th - after each mass

St. Michael's School Advent Celebration - Dec 13th - 6:30 pm

St. Mark's School Advent Celebration - Dec 14th - 6:30 pm

Social Justice - Dec 14th - 7:15 pm

Youth Commission - Dec 15th - 7:00 pm

Reconciliation - Dec 17th - 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

African Caribbean Catholic Mass - Dec 19th - 2:30 pm

Reconciliation - Dec 21st - 10:00-11:00am, 3:00-4:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm

Reconciliation - Dec 22nd - 10:00-11:00am, 3:00-4:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm

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