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# ***St. Michael's Catholic Church***

**St. Michael's Parish Offices** - 80 University Ave., W. at Hemlock St., Waterloo, ON N2L 3C7

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday to Thursday**  
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

## **LORD'S DAY LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**SAT** Mass.....5:00 p.m.  
**SUN** Mass.....9:00 a.m.  
Mass...11:00 a.m.  
Mass....7:00 p.m. (during the academic year)

## **WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE**

<b>TUE</b>	Mass.....	7:00 p.m.
<b>WED</b>	Mass.....	12:15 p.m.
<b>THUR</b>	Mass.....	12:15 p.m.
<b>FRI</b>	Mass.....	8:00 a.m.
<b>TUE</b>	Reconciliation....	6:00-6:45 p.m.
<b>WED</b>	Reconciliation..	11:50-12:05 p.m.
<b>THUR</b>	Reconciliation...	11:50-12:05 p.m.
<b>SAT</b>	Reconciliation...	4:00-4:30 p.m.

Our worship space and Parish Centre are barrier free off of Hemlock Street.



**NEW TO THE PARISH** • Please come and introduce yourself and complete a registration form available on our website at [www.stmichaelw.ca](http://www.stmichaelw.ca) or on the hospitality desks at each entrance to the church.

**PARISH RECORDS** • Our parish records are very important and we try to keep them as up to date as possible. Please advise the office if you change your address or telephone number.

**MINISTRY TO PARISH SCHOOLS** • The staff visit St. Nicholas and Sir Edgar Bauer on a regular basis. Eucharist and Reconciliation are celebrated with each school during the year and the staff is available for classroom visits and other special celebrations. We also celebrate the sacraments and make pastoral visits to St. David's high school as needed.

**MINISTRY TO UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE STUDENTS** • St. Michael's Parish welcomes students to participate in the liturgical and pastoral life of the parish. During the academic year we celebrate a 7pm Sunday Mass for students. The St. John Paul II Student Centre ([jp2waterloo.ca](http://jp2waterloo.ca)) offers programming throughout the week, and Campus Ministry at St. Jerome's University provides pastoral care and programming for students on the University of Waterloo campus ([sju.ca](http://sju.ca)).

**BAPTISM** • For more information about preparation and dates please visit our website or contact the parish office.

**MARRIAGE** • Please meet with the priest or deacon before making any other arrangements. Twelve (12) months notice is normally required so that proper preparation can take place.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** • Trained volunteers assist in the pastoral care of those who are sick or confined, whether at home, at retirement residences, long term care facilities or in hospitals. Anointing of the Sick is celebrated at Columbia Forest Long Term Care, The Village at University Gates, The Court at Laurelwood and Clair Hills Retirement Community twice a year. Parishioners can request the Anointing of the Sick at any time by appointment in their home or in the church.

**PASTORAL CARE TO THOSE WHO ARE IN HOSPITAL** • Privacy of information laws prohibit the parish from obtaining information about parishioners in hospital. A family member is asked to contact the parish office whenever a parishioner is in hospital and requests a pastoral visit.

**PARISH OUTREACH** • St. Michael's Parish assists those in need through the St. Vincent De Paul Society. For emergency food help call 519-747-1090.

**MUSIC IN THE LITURGY** • Music plays an integral role in the liturgical life of the parish. Parishioners are invited to sing with the traditional choir (9:00 a.m.) or the contemporary choir (11:00 a.m.) on Sunday morning.

**PARISH BULLETIN** • News items for the bulletin should be submitted via email if possible and may be edited due to space limitations. All items must be in the parish office by Monday prior to publication.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*We are God's people called to worship and serve Christ Jesus in community on the journey of faith.*

**WELCOME HOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH**

Welcome, we are really glad you're here! Whether exploring, struggling or looking for a new Church Home - we extend a warm welcome to our parish and pray that you feel at home. Please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Family of Faith. *For details on our parish life, offering envelopes, pre authorized or on line giving, as well as to find out about ways of connecting, check out our website: [www.stmichaelw.ca](http://www.stmichaelw.ca) or see anyone at our Welcome Desk.*

**April 16 – 21, 2019****Tuesday**

**6:30pm** Rosary  
**7:00pm** +Spec. Intentions of Tracey Dietrich – *The Family*  
 +Bob Dietrich – *The Family*  
 +Vince & Adelina Villiapiano – *Fiorella Lagonia*  
**7:30pm** Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction

**Wednesday**

**12:15pm** +Szeto Family Members – *The Family*

**HOLY THURSDAY**

**7:30pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**9:30pm** Night Prayer

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**11:00am** Passion Play  
**Noon** Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion for Families with Young Children  
**3:00pm** Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
**7:00pm** Passion Play

**HOLY SATURDAY**

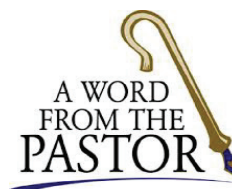
**9:00am** Morning Prayer  
**10:00am** Blessing of Easter Food  
**8:00pm** Celebration of the Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY****7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am****Sunday Offerings**

April 7 – \$7,010.00 PAG – \$993.00  
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**ADDITIONAL PARKING**

Additional Parking is available on *Every Sunday* and on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday at WLU in Lots 10 & 11 (School of Music - University Avenue) Lots 32 & 33 Lazaridis Hall and Lot 37 (Northdale) in designated spaces only. Please do not park in accessible spaces without a permit or in spaces marked "reserved". Street Parking is also permitted, please observe City of Waterloo regulations and respect our neighbours property too.



A Word of Welcome to many visitors who are with us this weekend for the celebration of Palm Sunday. For some, you are visiting our community; for others, you may be searching for a new spiritual home. Please know that we are delighted that you are with us, and know that you are always welcome.

This coming week truly is a Holy Week. During the coming days, we will celebrate the central mysteries of our Faith. I invite you to share these days with friends, neighbours and most of all your fellow parishioners as we pray together.

On **Holy Thursday** at 7:30pm our celebration focusses on service and the gift of Eucharist. We also have time after to spend quiet time in prayer in our Kateri Room with Our Lord to prepare.

On **Good Friday**, our service at Noon is designed especially for families with young children, please make room for these young families at this Mass. At 3:00pm, there is a solemn celebration open to all. And at 11:00am and 7:00pm, we will have the presentation of a **Passion Play**. This moving drama by our high schoolers will not only leave a meaningful impression, but it will make a significant impact upon you - please come be a part of this. You are reminded that Good Friday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence from Meat.

On **Holy Saturday**, the celebration of the Blessing of Easter Food takes place at 10:00am. Then, at the Solemn Easter Vigil beginning at 8:00pm, we will welcome *twelve adults* as full members of the Catholic Church. It is a beautiful liturgy and one which is so worthy of your presence and participation.

**Easter Sunday** morning our praises ring. Consider starting the day early with the 7:30am. Mass. This provides extra space for visitors at our later Masses. Additional seating room will also be available in our Kateri Room at 9:00am and 11:00am.

For all of our celebrations during Holy Week, a reminder that additional off-site parking is available. Please consider parking there - making room for visitors and first time guests who may not know they can.

**SUNDAY HOMILIES ON LINE**

Sunday homilies are available weekly on line in audio version through our parish website – just click on the link.

### OUR SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Over the last several months we have seen an increase in the numbers attending our Sunday Evening Mass. Since our parish serves university communities that operate on a three term system, (i.e. year round), and since the Summer months provide opportunities for many of our parishioners to travel, including to cottages, and return Sunday nights, we will make our Sunday 7:00pm Mass year round. We look forward to the blessings this will bring to our parish family and our university communities.

### EASTER FLORAL TRIBUTES

An opportunity to remember our loved ones this Easter with a Floral Tribute. You are invited to return the Floral Tribute form, found at the doors of the Church. Please place this form with a separate donation in an envelope marked **"Easter Floral Tribute"** and drop it in the collection. All donations will be put toward our Easter decorations. Thank you for choosing to remember your loved ones in this way, all to whom a floral tribute is dedicated will be remembered at Mass during the Easter Season.



### BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

It is a long-standing tradition of some Catholic families to have a basket of food blessed on *Holy Saturday at 10:00am*.

The foods blessed all have symbolic meanings and are a special part of that family's culinary celebration of Christ's passion, death, and Resurrection. Some of the different foods and symbolisms are: **White, hard-boiled eggs** - Christ's tomb; **Ham** - Christ's body; **White bread** - Life Eternal; **Horseradish roots** - the nails of the cross; **Kielbasa** - the ropes that bound Jesus; **Oranges** - the vinegar-soaked sponge offered to Jesus; **Five red, decorated eggs** - Jesus' five wounds; **One white decorated egg** - Jesus' glorious Resurrection; **Salt, pepper, butter, eggs, cheese and wine** are often included with the traditional foods. The foods are often covered with a white linen cloth representing the shroud in which Jesus was wrapped. The blessed food is eaten in a family breakfast after they attend Easter Mass together. Consider as a family preparing an Easter Basket this year.



### GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY

Join us on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Waterloo Knights of Columbus. Seatings at 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00 and 7:30pm. Take out available from 1:30pm to 7:00pm. Tickets available at the bar; 1 pc. fish dinner \$13.00, 2 pc. fish dinner \$15.50. Price includes taxes, coffee or tea and dessert.

### PARISH PRAYER NETWORK

Our parish prayer network offers us the opportunity to weekly pray for those in our community who are in need. To become a member of the prayer network, or to add an intention, email us at [stmikesprayer@gmail.com](mailto:stmikesprayer@gmail.com)



### STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

We are very excited that our parish will be offering an opportunity for high school aged young people to participate in the Steubenville Conference – July 12-14, 2019. Registration forms are available at the Main Entrance of the Church or check our website – register soon!!

### VBS REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

VBS will once again take place here at St. Michael Parish July 29-August 2, 2019 – 9:00am-Noon. VBS is for children JK – Grade 5. *On Line Registration via our website now open. Spots are filling!*



### BIG THANK YOU!!

Thank all the parishioners for their most generous response to the North of 60 project in support of St. Paul Parish in Baker Lake, Nunavut. Food item collections are completed now and if you would still like to donate financially you may no later than April 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>. Final collection results will be available at the Catholic Café in May.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

St. Michael Parish offers a 6 week Grief Support Group with sessions beginning Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. The program assists those who have lost a loved one, or another significant loss. This program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm (May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5). **There is no fee, but you must register by April 23<sup>rd</sup>.** To register, or for details, contact the parish office at 519-884-9311.

### EASTER OFFERING

Holy Week is a time in which the depth of our Lord's love for us is shown. As in the past, you have been extra generous in your Offering to the Church at Easter. Once again, your generosity is requested this Easter so that we may continue to meet our financial obligations and continue to reach out to our community. May the Lord reward your goodness.

### MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY/USHERS

New ushers are needed in our parish for all weekend Masses. If you are sixteen years of age or older and attend the same Mass regularly, this is a perfect opportunity for you to serve your fellow parishioners as an Usher. Please leave your name and contact number with a current usher or send an email to the parish office.



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