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Weekend Liturgical Schedule

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Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m. - Spanish

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

22 Middleton Line
Wheatley, ON

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Divine Mercy

Every Friday at 3:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

St. Michael's

½ hour before each Mass

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Saturdays

Bulletin Submissions

In writing or by email by
Monday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday School

Every Sunday from
September - June at
the 10:00am Mass.

MARCH 17, 2019 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

I think we often treat Lent as a season that springs up on us. Suddenly, we have to think about what we want to give up and what other practices or prayers we might take on. It's like a teenager being told it's high time to clean their bedroom and then begrudgingly they stuff a few things under the bed and in the closet, just glad to finish so that they can carry on with whatever they were doing before.

The problem with this mentality (just as our parents tried to get in our heads!) is that it's far better to just *keep* the bedroom clean, and then you never have to worry about doing an overhaul. Just stuffing a few things out of the way isn't *really* cleaning. Deciding to give up sweets or do the same thing we always do every Lent may not necessarily be the most productive use of our time.

Our goal should *always* be to grow in virtue; seeking to stretch ourselves a little further outside our comfort zone and to *always* move closer to God. It is an ongoing labour.

Lent is a reminder to increase our efforts a little further. The first question we should be asking is, "in what areas do I need to grow?" *That* should tell us precisely what it is we need to do or give up for Lent.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, provide a perfect 1-2-3 punch to knock out the desires of the flesh in our lives. We look at our prayer lives, because God is our source. Without a solid grounding in prayer, we have no hope of change.

We fast because when we go hungry, it reminds us that "man does not live by bread alone" (Matthew 4:4) and so our dependence should not be in filling our passions, but in consuming the Word of God.

We give alms because we cannot depend upon worldly goods and possessions that start to possess us, so we seek to grow in both generosity and in trusting that God will take care of us. We are "worth more than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:31).

So if you haven't already had a good start on Lent, don't worry, take some time to pray over it and begin a new commitment; hopefully it can become the beginning of a new path of fervent love for God that can be lived year-round.

.....Fr. Steve



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

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Sacraments

Baptisms - Call office

First Reconciliation -
Preparation begins in September

First Holy Communion -
Preparation begins in September

Confirmation - Confirmation
to begin in September

Marriage - Meeting with Clergy
minimum six months in advance.
Marriage classes Spring and Fall

Holy Orders - See clergy

Sacrament of the Sick -
Upon request

RCIA and RCIC - Call office

*St. Michael's Parish
Welcomes You To Our
Churches!*



Please join us Fridays during Lent in the Church Hall for our Lenten fish fries from **4:00-7:00pm** prepared and served by the K. of C. and the C.W.L. Cost is \$12.00. Stations of the Cross will follow in the Church at 7:00pm lead by the Cardinal Carter students.

This will be followed by **The Beauty of Belief**, a short (approximately one half hour) video presentation by Sacred Heart Seminary with this week's guest speaker, Fr. Robert Fastiggi.



HOW DO I BECOME CATHOLIC?

Help bring to the light those who no longer want to walk in darkness. Invite those who have never been baptized or who have been baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, as well as adult Catholics who have not been confirmed, to the inquiry sessions. For more information, contact **Fr. Tom at (519) 326-2643**.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul wishes to thank the parishioners of St. Michael's Parish for their many donations of rice, oatmeal and canned meat. We served 38 individuals and families in February and we are off to a roaring start in March. We also wish to thank the families of St. Louis School who generously donated during the recent food drive.

SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 29, 2019

Spring cleaning. Ah, a chore we would probably most like to not do. This year, the SSVP is asking you to put aside all those clothes that don't fit, shoes you don't wear, appliances you have replaced, decorative home items you have put aside and anything else you can think of, and bag them up. We will be providing garbage bags at our Masses in June. **JUNE 29, 2019** is our bundle drive. The SSVP truck from Windsor will be parked in our parking lot to accept any and all donations from our parishioners to restock the shelves of our stores. Thank you, The SSVP committee.
Thanks, Sandy

Day of Confessions

This year's diocesan Day of Confessions is being planned for **Wednesday, April 10**. This special opportunity helps us to set aside our old ways, to be renewed in heart and soul, and to be reconciled with our merciful and loving God. As Pope Francis reminds us, confession is where we encounter Jesus. **Confession times in our parish are 8:30am to 8:00pm at St. Michael's and 2:00-3:00pm at OLBS.** Our diocesan website (www.dol.ca) offers some excellent resources and information about Lent and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: MARCH 24, 2019

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT:

First Reading (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15)

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12)

Gospel (Luke 13:1-9)



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF March 18 - March 23

Mon. 8:00am	Mr. and Mrs. Achiel Werbrouck Irene Regnier Deceased Family of Assuncao Martinho
Tues. 7:00pm	Tom and Mary Nohra, Mary Ann Whittle Intentions of Associates of Sr's. of St. Joseph Karl and Theresa Holzberger, Deceased Family
Wed. 8:00am	Cecilia dos Anjos Pavao, Jose Inacio de Melo Deceased Family of Gilberto Reis Alberino, Maria Vincenza and Gino Mastronardi
OLBS 7:00pm	Jose Luis Pereira, Rosemary Andre, Dec. Family Teofilo Couto Antonio Raposo, Maria Medeiros, Antonio Resendes
Thurs. 8:00am	Jose Inacio, Maria C. and Antonio B. Medeiros Judite Pavao, Joao Alves, Deceased Family Maria Cecilia Andrade
Friday 8:00am	Leonilda and Jose Pacheco, Manuel Mendonca Maria, Manuel and Jose Andrade Elio Testani
Sat. 8:00am	Jack Camara, Antonia Moreira, Manuel Pacheco Leonard Resendes, Antonio Freitas, Dec. Family Jose Oliveira

SUN PARLOR HOME

March 20

Wed. 10:00am	MASS CANCELLED TODAY
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HENRY COURT/CHARTWELL

March 21

Thurs. 10:00am	Jose De Melo Fernandes, Maria DaPonte Rita Santaniello Jose Carreiro
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Please pray for those in our Parish Family who have recently passed away:
JOHN FAST

*The Leamington Ministerial Association
Prays for: SALVATION ARMY*

Please pray for the Intentions of our Brothers and Sisters working in the Diocese of London:

Mar. 17 ~ Rev. Anthony Eboh

Mar. 18 ~ Rev. Stephen Savel

Mar. 19 ~ Sisters of St. Joseph

Mar. 20 ~ Ministers to Migrant Workers

Mar. 21 ~ Deacon James Panchaud

Mar. 22 ~ Rev. Murray Sample

Mar. 23 ~ Deacon Brad Lewis





Imperio do Divino Espirito Santo de Leamington 2019

We have completed the selling of the traditional pensaos for this year's Holy Spirit Festival, June 08/09, 2019. If we missed you, or you are interested in purchasing a pensao or would like more information, please feel free to contact us. Tickets are also available at the church office.

Nós completamos a venda dos pensaos tradicionais para Festa do Divino Espirito

Santo de Leamington, de Junho 08/09, 2019. Se perdemos você, ou se está interessado em comprar uma pensao ou gostaria de obter mais informacao, não hesite em contactar-nos. Bilhetes tambem estão disponiveis no officio Escritório da igreja.

Mordomos: Kevin & Solange Soares

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By their fruit you will know them. Mt. 7:6

Day of prayer at **Holy Cross Church in London** in Portuguese: March 23, 2019. Welcome at 8:30 and closing with evening Mass at 5:00p.m. Light lunch will be provided.

Pelos seus frutos os conhecereis».Mt.7:6. Dia de oração na paróquia de Santa Cruz, Holy Crosse London, dia 23 de Março, 2018. Abertura às 8:30 a.m., e encerramento com missa às 5p.m. Um leve almoço será servido.

Please notify in advance the approximate number of people coming from your area. Contact. Tel. (519) 455-4740 or holycross@dol.ca.



Congratulations to **LAZARO & EDUINA QUADROS** on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary! May God continue to bless you in the years to come as you carry out your marriage commitment.



UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR FR. STEVE'S CLASSES:

Wed. March 27 - Ongoing Faith Formation

Wed. April 3 - Divine Intimacy

Wed. April 17 - Ongoing Faith Formation



"Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call"

~A huge THANKS to Claudia Zioutis for leading the beautiful Lenten Retreat which inspired approximately 50 ladies. Thanks also to all who helped in any way with set up and food preparation.

~Registration forms for the Diocesan Convention in Windsor, April 30 - May1, are due ASAP to Mary Di Milo.

~Assistance with the Fish Fries is still required for the upcoming weeks. Call Mary if you can help for a couple of hours.

40 Days for Life – Vigil at Met. Hospital every Monday 10:00am to 12:00 noon. Carpooling from St. Michael's at 9:00am. Call Henrietta O'Neill at (519) 322-1062 for more information.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Mahatma Gandhi

VERONICA'S CORNER



South County Youth COR ~ All teens in Grades 10 and up are invited to attend an amazing retreat weekend **April 5-7**. Registration forms can be found at the back of each church and in Campus Ministry at Cardinal Carter. For more information, contact **Veronica at (519) 326-2643 or at vcosta@dol.ca**.



FAMILY BOWLING ~ Families are invited to join us for an afternoon of bowling on Saturday, **March 23 from 1-3:00pm** at Empire Lanes in Ruthven. The cost is \$16 per person for two hours of unlimited bowling. Please RSVP to

Veronica at **(519) 326-2643 or vcosta@dol.ca** so that we know how many lanes to reserve.

PARISH BREAKFAST ~ Our next breakfast will be held on **Sunday, March 24 from 9:00am to noon** in St. Michael's Parish Hall. The menu will include scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, coffee and juice. Take out is also available. The cost is by donation and proceeds will go towards those young people attending the next Steubenville Conference this summer.

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE ~ Youth in Grades 8-12 are invited to join us for an amazing youth conference the weekend of **July 12-14**. The conference includes a live band, great speakers, adoration and much more. Registration packages are available at the back of each church. **For more information, please contact Mary Vezina at (519) 326-5964 or Veronica at (519) 326-2643 or vcosta@dol.ca**.

FOOD DONATIONS for COR ~ The following food donations are needed for the next Youth COR weekend.

Any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Veronica at (519) 326-2643 or vcosta@dol.ca with items you wish to donate.

~12 loaves white bread, 100 hot dog buns, 3 large salad dressing, (3) 4 litre bags of milk, 10 cans frozen orange juice, 10 cans frozen apple juice, 5 bottles of juice (any flavour), 2 large tubs margarine, jar of peanut butter, jar of strawberry jam, 300 large paper plates, 200 small paper plates, 6 bags of penne pasta, 4 large pasta sauce, 2 large dishwashing soap, 40lbs potatoes, (1) 5lb bag of carrots, 2 bunches of celery, 6lbs sliced ham, 60 Brenner hot dogs, 7 heads of lettuce, 70 white rolls, 5lbs ground beef, 1 pound of butter, 5 bottles of grape juice. Thanks!

Collection for Sunday-March 10, 2019

321 Regular Sunday:	\$6197.00
Loose:	\$ 898.05
Total:	<u>\$7095.05</u>
Average per Envelope:	\$22.10
Building Fund:	\$244.00
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