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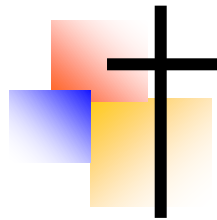
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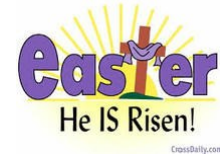


Called - Nurtured - Sent

To carry on the Mission of Christ

April 21st - Easter Sunday

From Your Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Once again, we are celebrating the time of year when we commemorate that great and powerful event... the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

A grade three student once asked me: "Why did Jesus have to die?"... "I mean, I know what we are told, but why did He have to die so that we could live in Heaven?"

I told him that only Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, was perfect and worthy of the Kingdom of Heaven. That is because He is God. No mortal could ever be capable of raising themselves up to equality with God. Jesus does this for us through redemption.

This is a measure that only God could implement. We see in the life, death and resurrection of Christ the means of redemption. "By giving up His Own Son for our sins, God manifests that His plan for us is one of benevolent love, prior to any merit on our part: *'In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the expiation for our sins'* (1John 4:10). God *'shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us'* (Romans 5:8)" [Catechism of the Catholic Church #604]

Jesus proved Himself more powerful than Satan, more powerful than sin (by forgiving sins) and He had overcome death through His resurrection. In His resurrection Jesus opened the Kingdom of Heaven to us. By our keeping faithful to the covenant of love we entered into with God (through Baptism), and by imitating Jesus in life, we may imitate Him in death, that is, to be raised by the Heavenly Father and glorified in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus taught us a way of loving God our Heavenly Father, loving ourselves and loving one another. Then Jesus gave us the commandment; "I give you a new commandment: love one another; you must love one another just as I have loved you. It is by your love for one another, that everyone will recognize you as my disciples." [John 13:34-35]

You are the Church. You are the Body of Christ. You are His disciples. In order for the Church to fulfil Her mandate, you must live out your discipleship.

On behalf of the whole parish team, I wish you a happy and blessed Easter Season.

God bless you,

Fr. Matthew

Our Faith Community

A "Parents & Preschoolers" Invitation for You

Join our Parents & Preschoolers group on the last Wednesday of each month (Sept-June) in the St. Michael Church meeting room from 9:30- 11:00am. Drop in at any time and meet other young families & share in some coffee, conversation and play-time for the children. The next gathering is Wednesday, April 24th.



Vacation Bible School 2019 - ROAR!

This summer, come on a Safari adventure and discover more about God. This year's vacation bible school takes place July 8 -12 from 9am to noon daily at Sacred Heart Church with bussing from St. Michael Church. Cost is \$25/child or \$50/family. Registration begins Tuesday, April 16 for children ages 4 (or turning 4 in 2019) to age 11. Contact the parish office to register and receive a free music CD or music download card with your registration. Registration is limited so don't delay. Lots of ROARING good fun awaits you at this year's VBS!



Divine Mercy Sunday - April 28



Divine Mercy Sunday takes place this year at St. Michael Parish, Bright's Grove beginning at 2pm. Copies of the Novena to the Divine Mercy are available at the church entrances. The Novena begins on Good Friday and there will be a group praying the Novena together at Sacred Heart at 4:30pm on Good Friday. The Novena will be prayed each of the other days at Sacred Heart at 3:00pm (including Easter Sunday). Everyone welcome.



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Masses and Intentions
The Rosary is prayed 25 minutes before each weekday Mass

Monday, April 22nd

St. Michael - 6:30p.m.

Mary VarsavaSusan & Scott Kellett
Nilda DiFederico Wanda, Theresa & Families
Vincenzo Orlando & Lisa Orlando HopkinsThe Family
For All Souls Eduardo Medeiros

Tuesday, April 23rd

Sacred Heart - 8:30a.m.

Alfredo & Maria IanniBrother, Mario & Family
Abilio Ortins Wife, Maria & Family
Cleodice Torti The Bocciofila Club
Teresa PecoraJosie Lavoratore & Family
Maria Petko John & Wanda Petko

Wednesday, April 24th

St. Michael - 8:30a.m.

Frank Tote Wife, Maria
Bob DiBona In Loving Memory, Maria, Jacob & Olivia
Mary Varsava Kristen Lobsinger
For the intentions of Lani Malonzo Muldong.. Maria Salting

Thursday, April 25th

Sumac Lodge - 10:30a.m.

Mary Varsava Leanne Moran

Sacred Heart - 6:30p.m.

Skip LeClair Mary & Josh
Angelo IacobelliAnna D'Andrea
Mary Vanderwielen Bob & Mary Ellen L'Heureux
Giovanni DeCarolis Rocco & Rita Petitta
For the deceased family members of the D'Andrea Family
..... Anna D'Andrea

Friday, April 26th

Sacred Heart - 8:30a.m.

John GambleThe Family
Gerry & Tony HallSue & Al Bernier
Mary VarsavaJudy & John Roman & Family
Cleodice Torti The Bocciofila Club
For the intentions of Ross Harris Mother, Dawn

Saturday, April 27th

St. Michael - 8:30a.m.

Mary Varsava Margaret & Bert Ophhof
Santina CompagnaMaria Tote
Prayers of Healing for Trish Berg George Stanko

Reconciliation & Weekend Mass Times

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday

Sacred Heart 11:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.
St. Michael 4:00 - 4:30p.m.

Weekend Vigil Masses

St. Michael 5:00p.m.
Sacred Heart 5:30p.m.

Sunday Masses

Sacred Heart 9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.
St. Michael 10:00a.m.

We remember those who have died

- Esterina Litrenta, mother of Phil and of Ed
- Kathy Smith, daughter of Marg Ecker



Please pray for those who are sick

Trish Berg, Hilda Lavine, Devon Neil, Florence & Stan Laird, Dennis Graveline, Angela Lopetrone, Anna Halford, Barry Mattigan, Carol Fera, Basil Kuiack, Stefan Durco, Kevin Kuindersma, Corinne Evans, Anna Kyksa, Fran Varga, Robert, Betty Warnez

Readings for Sunday, April 28th

1st Reading: Acts 5: 12-16

2nd Reading: Revelation 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20: 19-31



Save the Date! Amusement Park is a 5 week spring youth group for students in grades 2, 3 & 4

Dates: May 9, 16, 23, 30 and June 6

Where: Sacred Heart Parish meeting room

Time: 6:30-8:00

What: Game, activities, crafts, snacks, skits, conversations, videos, & movie night

Cost: \$15.00 for 5 week session

Registration: Contact Christine Bresette at cbresette@dol.ca or 519-344-2992 Ext. 28.



Youth Group at Sacred Heart – Volunteer Thank You!

Thank you to our teen and adult leaders who do such a great job leading our games and activities, connecting with our children, building relationships, and sharing their faith through the witness of their lives. Showing up every night shows our young people how important they are. Thank you to Mark, Hunter, Maria and Lizzie. We couldn't do this without you!



Volunteers Needed for VBS— Youth & Adults!



If you are interested in being part of our leadership team for Vacation Bible School this summer please contact Christine Bresette at 519-344-2992 ext. 28 or cbresette@dol.ca

IN CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY – DIAL 9 and HELP US HELP YOU



In case of emergencies at any time, please dial extension 9 on the main church phone line to ring ALL extensions and **please leave a message. Voice messages will go to the parish email and will be checked daily.** Please help us do our best to assist you in your time of need. Thank you.



Toonie Table Books

There are still some Toonie table books available for purchase in the parish office. Limited copies of the following books are available: 1) Rediscover Catholicism by Matthew Kelly, 2) The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity by Matthew Kelly, 3) 33 Days to Morning Glory by Fr. Michael Gaitley, 4) Consoling the Heart of Jesus Prayer Companion by Fr. Michael Gaitley, and 5) Joy to the World by Scott Hahn.

DINNER AND CARD NIGHTS

Break out from the WINTER BLUES and join us for an evening of dinner and euchre

- April 27th (Bar B Q)

Location--St. Michael Parish after the 5 pm Mass



Parishioners from **St Michael and Sacred Heart parishes** are invited. Book early by calling Ray DiBrita at 519-869-4193 or by signing up on the sheet on the bulletin board at St. Michael's. There will be a \$5.00 cover charge to purchase the food, etc. Soft drinks and coffee will be provided. **NB-You are invited to bring a dessert to share with others.**

Knights of Columbus Annual Spring Dinner-Dance - Tickets going fast, book now

Saturday, April 27 - OLM hall, doors open at 6:30p.m.

Tickets: \$45 until April 13th or \$50 after / Table of 10: \$450



Limited tickets are available at the parish office **OR** call 519-542-7528, 519-328-3353.

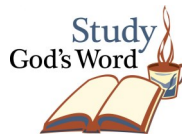
Tickets available at the parish office or call: 519-542-7528 / 519-328-3353

For details check our website or Facebook pages at: <https://kofc1429.com/> or at <https://www.facebook.com/KofC1429/>

Deanery/Community Events

Scripture Group Meetings

Thursdays 2- 3 pm at Our Lady of Mercy parish hall - in the old Chapel Meeting Room. This is an opportunity to meditate on the weekend scripture readings. All are welcome!



Salt + Light TV Free Preview

Salt and Light Catholic Media is offering a free preview from participating cable and satellite providers across Canada, from April 14 - May 12. Celebrate Holy Week and Easter with S+L TV. Tune in starting Palm Sunday for live Papal events and a line-up of Catholic programming to grow in the knowledge of our faith and Catholic tradition in its many expressions. Also free is the new documentary, The Francis Impact, premiering May 5 at 8pm. Check your local provider or visit www.saltandlighttv.org/ subscribe for more details.

This Week's Events at a glance...

Sun., April 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Mass at 8a.m., 9:30a.m. & 11:30a.m. - SH Easter Mass at 10a.m. - SM Divine Mercy Novena at 3p.m. - SH
Mon., April 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Divine Mercy Novena at 3p.m. - SH
Tues., April 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women's Faith Sharing Group at 1p.m. - SH Divine Mercy Novena at 3p.m. - SH Baptism Prep meet. at 6:30p.m. in Meet. Rm - SH
Wed., April 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents & Preschoolers at 9:30a.m. in Meet. Rm - SM RCIA Winter/Spring Session at 1p.m. in Meet. Rm - SH Divine Mercy Novena at 3p.m. - SH RCIA at 6:30p.m. in Meet. Rm at St. Benedict Church
Thurs., April 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SM Quilting Group at 9:30a.m. in Meet. Rm - SM Mass at Sumac Lodge at 10:30a.m. Divine Mercy Novena at 3p.m. - SH Finance Committee Meet. at 4p.m. in Board Rm - SM
Fri., April 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Divine Mercy Novena at 3p.m. - SH
Sat., April 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Communion Family Faith Day at 10a.m. - SM Divine Mercy Novena at 3p.m. - SH Dinner & Card Night at 6p.m. in Meet. Rm - SM

Upcoming Events

(SM=St. Michael, SH=Sacred Heart)

- April 28th - Coffee Sunday at 11a.m. in Meet. Rm - **SM**
- April 28th - Baptisms at 11:30a.m. - **SM**
- April 28th - Baptisms at 12:30p.m. - **SH**
- April 28th - Divine Mercy Sunday at 2p.m. follow'd by Social - **SM**
- April 28th - Rayjon meet. at 2p.m. in Meet. Rm - **SH**
- April 29th - Knitting & Crocheting Group at 1p.m. in Meet. Rm - **SH**
- April 29th - RCIA Winter/Spring Session at 1p.m. - **SH**
- April 29th - Divine Mercy Devotions at 3p.m. - **SH**
- April 30th - Women's Faith Sharing Group at 1p.m. - **SH**
- April 30th - First Communion Family Faith Day at 6p.m. in Meet. Rm - **SH**
- May 1st - RCIA at 6:30p.m. in Meet. Rm at St. Benedict Church
- May 2nd - SM Quilting Group at 9:30a.m. in Meet. Rm - **SM**
- May 3rd - Mass at 8:30a.m. followed by Holy Hour - **SH**
- May 4th - RCIC Sacraments at 10a.m. - **SH**
- May 4th - First Communions at 5:30p.m. Mass - **SH**
- May 5th - SM SSVP meet. at 8:30a.m. in Board Rm - **SM**
- May 5th - First Communions at 9a.m. & 11a.m. Masses - **SH**
- May 5th - First Communions at 10a.m. Mass - **SM**

Pray for Vocations: April 21st to April 27th

Sunday: Easter Sunday

Monday: Deacon Leonard Hughes

Tuesday: Rev. David Furlonger, C.Ss.R.

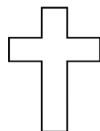
Wednesday: Rev. David Butler

Thursday: Rev. Zvonimir Kutlesa, O.F.M.

Friday: Rev. Matthew Kucharski

Saturday: Deacon Dennis Kosokowsky

Please remember to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis



Assumption Christian Culture Series

The Assumption University Christian Culture Series presents “Megaphone or Echo Chamber: Canada and the Prophetic Voice of Pope Francis” with Archbishop Paul-André Durocher on April 29 at 7 pm at St. Anne’s Church Hall, 12233 Tecumseh Road East, Tecumseh. All are welcome, admission and parking are free. Archbishop Durocher will present some of the Pope’s main ideas on contemporary issues and reflect on how they challenge us here in Canada. For more information email cbertrand@assumptionu.ca or phone 519-973-7033 x 0. Please note that Archbishop Durocher will receive the 2018 Christian Culture Gold Medal at this event.

New Evangelization Summit 2019

On May 4th, join thousands of Catholics from around the world at the premier conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held live in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across Canada, the US, the UK, and Australia. This year’s Summit is once again featuring world-class Catholic speakers: Fr. James Mallon, Michael Dopp, Cardinal Gérald Lacroix, Michelle Moran, Fr. Jon Bielawski, and Michele Thompson. The NES has been designed to inspire Catholics and help them live out their personal call to evangelize. Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes is incredibly excited to be a host site for NES. This year, the Summit is **FREE** for all attendees! Be inspired, receive formation, and connect with other Catholics. **There are limited tickets available. Registration is open on a first come first served basis so book NOW!**

Register at www.newevangelization.ca

Where: Blessed Sacrament Church

When: Saturday, May 4, 2019

Doors open at 8:00 – Conference 8:45-4:30

Cost: FREE – Snacks and Lunch provided

Further info contact Colleen Keane ckeane@dol.ca

Point Edward Village Wide Yard Sale



This will take place on May 11th at 605 Michigan Ave. in Point Edward starting at 6a.m. with proceeds going to Rayjon Share Care. Are you doing some spring cleaning? To donate household items please contact: Marlo Beaton at 226-886-0476.

Dan Bremnes Canadian Tour – Sarnia Concert

May 13 at 7:00PM – Redeemer Christian Reformed Church, 5834 Blackwell Side Road, Sarnia



This Spring, travel ‘round the world and back again with Juno Award-winning singer/songwriter Dan Bremnes as he touches down in Canada for the “Wherever I Go” Tour, hitting 20+ cities across Canada. Supporting Dan Bremnes is the Juno Award-winning band, The Color.

Perfect for the whole family, let Canada’s own Dan Bremnes provide you with an unforgettable evening filled with stories, song and worship that will remind you that no matter how far and wide life’s journey takes you, love and faith will follow you to the end of the world...and back. Tickets available online at <https://www.danbremnes.com/> or from the office of Redeemer Christian Reformed Church (Tues, Wed, Thurs, 9AM-1PM, cash only)

Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, CSB, invites all married couples to attend this year’s Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 2 at 3 pm at St. Peter’s Cathedral Basilica. This special annual Mass is a celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. All couples who register will receive a keepsake Certificate. To register please visit www.dol.ca/wedding-anniversary, phone your parish office, or use a sign-up form available at the back of the Church.

Family Foundations Institute

Summer Camps



At Family Foundations Institute, summer time means camp time, and camp time means endless hours of fun with family and friends! We are excited to announce the opening of our summer camps registration. Some of the camps offered are:

- ◆ Family Camp: July 14-20, July 21-27, August 25-31
- ◆ Knight’s Quest: July 7-12 (Boys 9-14 years old)
- ◆ Anchor Camp: August 18-23 (Girls 9-14 years old)

We are also accepting applications for staff. If you or a teenage son or daughter are interested in camp staff positions, we invite you to email us. For more information, go to info@famfi.ca



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Click on **Donate** from the “Our Parish” dropdown menu.
Click “**St. Michael**” or “**Sacred Heart**” under
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April 2019

St. Michael Catholic Women's League



Sock Challenge



We are still collecting socks for the 2019 Diocesan Convention at the end of April. We are at the half way mark for our goal of at least 150 pairs of socks. Thank you to all those who have already contributed. The box will be in the narthex until the end of Mass on Sunday, April 28th. We look forward to receiving more donations of new socks in the coming week. The socks can be for men, women, children or babies, any size. Twenty-four pairs will be taken to the convention, the rest will be distributed to charities in our local area.

Mass, Dinner and General Meeting

Our spring general meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 8th, beginning with Mass at 6pm at St. Michael Church. Afterwards we will move to Sawmill Creek for dinner and our business meeting. Tickets (\$30) will be on sale until Sunday, April 28th, after Mass. If you are unable to purchase tickets after a Mass, you can buy one at the St. Michael Parish Office during regular business hours. We welcome all members of the CWL and ladies from the parish and community. Come celebrate with us as we honour recipients of service pins, and other milestones. At this meeting we will also be making presentations for some of the charities we support. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends who have been away, to learn more about the work of the CWL and to get updates on future activities.

Education Bursary

All St. Michael Parish grade 12 students who will be attending post-secondary school or an apprenticeship in September 2019, are invited to apply for the CWL and the Knights of Columbus education bursaries. This year we have streamlined the process by providing one application for both bursaries. The deadline to apply is Sunday, May 12th. Applications may be picked up at the Welcome Desk.



Divine Mercy Sunday



Come join us for the Divine Mercy Sunday service on April 28th at 2pm at St. Michael Church. Members are invited to be part of the procession at the beginning of the service. Please join us in the meeting room at 1:45 to receive a CWL sash and to line up with the ladies from our sister councils.

Following the service, St. Michael CWL will host a social in the meeting room. If you would like to help with the preparation and/or cleanup for this event, please let me know.

Mark the Date

We are again organizing a day of golf for ladies from St. Michael and Sacred Heart parishes and their guests. Tee off will take place on Thursday, June 13th at Greenwood Golf Course, beginning at 11 am. We will convene for dinner at Huron Oaks at approximately 4 pm. Sign-up sheets will be available at the general meeting and then at the Welcome Desk at St. Michael.



We Are Thinking of Pies!

We hope your rhubarb is beginning to grow in abundance! If you have too much and do not know what to do with it, we will gladly harvest it and take it away. Rhubarb is one of the ingredients in our pies, that will be created in the fall. We have room to freeze and store lots so don't be shy about donating it to us.



Diocesan Convention 2019

The convention takes place at the end of the month in Windsor. I will be representing you at the meetings. Please pray for all the ladies who attend the convention, that we make wise decisions and are open to the needs of others.

12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care

While the actual date is May 4th, St. Michael CWL will have a prayer service following the morning Mass on May 8th. Please join us or take some time at home to pray for all those who work in palliative care institutions or are caregivers at home, attending to family members.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Catholic Women's League and/or our activities, please contact me at nelly.kelders@gmail.com or call me at 519-908-9515.

On behalf of the executive council, I wish each of you a blessed and holy Easter.

Nelly Kelders, president

