Dear Members of St. Michael’s Community:

Christmas is a great season of festivities: family gatherings, friends being with each other. It makes incredible sense that the families of God, friends of Christ, celebrate with festivities the greatest event in the history of the world. The very one who created the universe becomes a part of the universe by taking on flesh. Yes, my friends, the Incarnation is all about God, the one who creates everything; taking on humanity by being born of Mary, the Virgin. As we ponder this great event, we come to hear the story of that First Christmas. We become like the Shepherds who hear the message: they left their work to see what God had done; they tell the story to everyone they meet. Because they told the story, many pondered what this could mean. This Christmas you and I are called to tell the story. In telling it, some will come to ponder its meaning. Perhaps we will invite others to know God’s love by what we tell and do this Christmas. May the blessings of the Holy Family of Bethlehem be yours this Christmas.

St. Michael’s Parish Newsletter

A Welcoming Eucharistic Community,
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“So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But, Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.” Luke 2:16-19

Mass Schedule

Christmas
Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24
5:00 p.m.  7:00 p.m.  9:00 p.m.  12:00 (midnight)
Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25
10:00 a.m. (Children’s Christmas Pageant)  12:00 (noon)

Feast of Mary, Mother of God
New Year’s Eve: Wednesday, December 31
5:00 p.m.
New Year’s Day: Thursday, January 1
10:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday, December 16
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 17
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Friday, December 19
All day 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

There are two Masses at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, one in the church and one in the parish hall.

Please park carefully in the parking lot so that we can get as many cars in as possible, and be patient!

If you are parking in the neighbourhood, please avoid blocking the driveways of our neighbours. Thank you.
Advent is a time of waiting. It is not however a passive waiting. Our days are filled with preparations for the coming Christmas season. It is for many a time of supreme activity where one is committed to accept demands and make ourselves available and ready to serve in responding love.

Many of the articles in this issue demonstrate a readiness to serve. Among these is a tribute to Mary Rogister who served others in so many ways and touched so many lives. The blood donor clinic sponsored by the parish’s Knights of Columbus provides a space for many in the community to give the gift of life. The Saint Vincent de Paul members reach out in service to the poor of our neighbourhoods. Our grade eight students have prepared for and celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation, which we hope will deepen their desire to serve the body of Christ in the world. Natalie Simek, the Coordinator of Youth Ministry, shares some of the highlights of the past season and invited two students to share their experiences of the recent confirmation retreat.

In this issue is the final article in our series on the choirs. As our series on the choirs of St. Michael’s comes to an end, we are pleased to shift our attention to the Catholic schools within our parish boundaries, starting with our closest neighbour and namesake, St. Michael Catholic School.

As we immerse ourselves in the Advent season we hope you will find something of interest in these pages.

Margaret’s Angels

Sometimes events occur in our lives over which we have no control and which at the time seem overwhelming. Such a moment is the diagnosis by your physician of cancer.

Here in London this illness is treated by enrolment into the London Regional Cancer Program at Victoria Hospital.

Just the thought of going to a large unfamiliar institution can be frightening for many people and it makes a world of difference to your peace of mind to comprehend the nature of the Program before your entry. That understanding is the purpose of this article but because it is too large for a page in the St Michael’s newsletter it was decided to place the whole article on our website for you to read at your convenience. If you have recently been diagnosed, or have loved ones or friends who have been, please accept our invitation to visit us to read the entire “Margaret’s Angels” document at www.stmichaels.dioceseoflondon.ca. Thank you.
This sign invites us to selflessly participate in the healing and saving of lives in a setting where people anonymously donate their precious blood to enrich the lives of unknown recipients.

Thanks to the initiative of our St. Michael’s Knights of Columbus Council 12820, who extended the invitation and organized volunteer services, Canadian Blood Services move their Blood Donor Clinic into the parish hall five or six times a year and offer the people of our community a very convenient opportunity to “give the gift of life.” After spending about an hour in the most recent clinic at St. Michael’s I encountered four parishioners donating blood.

Janet Plaxton has given 12 times at St. Michael’s and many times previously at clinics in other places. She said she donates for “altruistic” reasons; it feels good and it saves lives. Charge Nurse, Odette Miller and Phlebotomist, Dana Van Loon are shown assisting Janet.

Karen and Gil Owens have both donated about four times at St. Michael’s and many times elsewhere. Karen is giving back in appreciation for the many transfusions she received following a serious car accident.

Avril Flanagan was accompanied at the clinic by her daughter Brenna. I asked Brenna if she was looking forward to giving blood when she gets older and she said “probably not, they stick needles in you!” Avril says she doesn’t much like needles either and thinks Brenna will likely change her mind as she gets older.

Bud Jardine, a member of the Knights of Columbus and our parish, is shown here handing out snacks and drinks. Our parish K of C members assume responsibility for serving refreshments at all the clinics held at St. Michael’s Church. And many K of C members are donors as well!

All of the donors said the staff is wonderful, the beds are comfortable and the snacks are amazing.

It takes about 45 minutes to be welcomed, registered, complete a questionnaire, be screened by a nurse, donate and eat your snacks. At this clinic they were anticipating 54 appointee donors, which would keep them very busy with little time for walk-ins.

If you wish to donate (and we encourage you to) you should make an appointment by calling 1-888-236-6283. First-time donors must be between 17 and 61 years of age. At 67 or older you must have donated within the last two years and at 71 and over you must annually obtain a letter of permission from your family doctor.

At St. Michael’s we welcome the opportunity to host these clinics and ask God to bless all blood donors and those who assist in this work for the benefit of others!
A ship with tall mast and spar disappears from view where the sea and sky come together and someone says “there she’s gone” gone from our sight, that is all. It is just as large in mast and hull and spar as it was when it left our side, and is just as able to bear the load of living freight to its destined port.

The diminished size is in us, not in the ship and just at the moment when someone here says “there she’s gone” there are other eyes watching it coming and other voices ready to take up the glad shout “here she comes” And that is dying.

Author Unknown

On August 28th we lost fellow parishioner Mary Rogister in a tragic car accident. We were not ready to see her go but as a friend said “there was no one I know more prepared to meet her Maker than Mary.”

Wife, mother and grandmother, Mary along with husband George of fifty years, was one of God’s warriors. She was one of nine siblings and fought for her education struggling after work hours to gain credits that would allow her to realize her dream of a career in nursing. After years - with George’s financial and emotional support and the births of six children - she obtained her Masters Degree in educational psychology, which allowed her to teach other students in her chosen profession.

She was blessed with many talents, talents that she developed, increased and shared with all she met. There were orphans here and abroad, people with leprosy, refugees and hospice clients who felt her care and compassion.

Along with husband George and through the Sisters of St. Joseph’s Via, Veritas, Vita Mission outreach they served in the Yukon and the Queen Charlotte Islands, providing a Christian presence in these communities. Here in our own parish she spearheaded a breakfast program at St. Michael's elementary school. The school rosary program was a beneficiary of her grace and presence. With her husband George she shared her faith, compassion and caring in the social justice group, bible study, Hospitality North dinner program for the needy, support of our refugee family and many more hidden endeavors. The members of her meditation group and the Catholic Women’s League grieve her loss.

She lived and acted her faith, shared her talents and friendship and though we celebrate her life, she will be deeply missed.
St. Michael Catholic School, located directly next door to the church, has been in the heart of “Old North” for almost 100 years. As a Catholic school community, we are rooted in a longstanding tradition of academic excellence and living witness to our belief that the “Spirit is alive in our Catholic Schools.”

St. Michael Catholic School, the home of the “Flames” was originally built in 1912. To the west and the north the Thames River provides our borders. To the east we extend as far as Barker Street, and the boundary in the south is York Street. The original school layout remained largely unchanged until a significant addition was completed in 1966. Over the years, the community has seen significant fluctuations in population. At its peak, multiple portables met the demands of the student population. Since September 2006, the student population has been contained within the school's four walls. The school presently serves a very diverse population of 260 students from junior kindergarten to grade eight, supported daily by a team of 30 nurturing and dedicated staff members.

“Each of us to the best of our ability” is our school motto, which guides our focus on a day-to-day basis. We offer a distinctively Catholic education that provides opportunities and experiences that contribute to the development of the whole child. Within these experiences we focus on high expectations for all learners that are rooted in the Gospel teachings. Working in collaboration with staff, parents, our parish team, and community volunteers, we are also blessed with numerous additional opportunities for our students to grow outside of the regular classroom. Students engage in sacramental preparation programs, they are active in our extensive extra-curricular art and sport programs, and participate in numerous seasonal school-wide events. Within our first two months we’ve held our Back-to-School Social, Terry Fox Run, Thanksgiving Luncheon, Family Movie Nights and our annual Halloween Dance. We gather monthly as a school community to celebrate the Eucharist and for our Virtuous Reality assemblies (a time to recognize the students who have put their faith into action). We also continue to offer our morning breakfast program, and preparations are underway for our works of charity during the season of Advent. As you can see, there are so many wonderful things happening at St. Michael Catholic School!

The staff and students at St. Michael take pride in being a safe and welcoming Catholic school community. Our doors are always open to visitors and we encourage volunteers to share their talents and skills with the students in our school. If you would like more information about us, please check our website at www.ldcsb.on.ca/schools/milo/index.htm.

From the staff and students at St. Michael Catholic School - May you be blessed with peace and joy during this Christmas season.
You might have noticed, while parking your cars on the school asphalt area, that there have been some changes to the school grounds. St. Michael Playground Inspirations Committee is in the initial stage of rejuvenating our grounds. Like the name, we’re inspired to make our school a place for our children to learn and grow within a spirited community. This initiative not only involves our school community of staff, parents and students, but is reaching out to our neighbouring community to help reach our goal of increased naturalized play areas, emphasizing the advantages of an outdoor school curriculum and showcasing the benefits of fun, healthy outdoor activities within a natural, safe environment.

These preliminary achievements have only been realized by the dedication of many of the parents and staff at St. Michael Catholic School. We’re hopeful that these small changes will grow into a variety of relaxing and playful areas that all members of the community can enjoy.

To find out more about this project, we welcome you to view our website at www.playgroundinspirations.com. We’re open to comments and suggestions and invite anyone interested to get involved, whether it’s by working on the grounds, providing a service or offering funds. We welcome your contribution. Please contact the school at (519) 675-4424 if you have any questions or require additional information.
As Chair of the St. Michael Catholic School Council, I recently had the opportunity to attend the London District Council Catholic School Board annual general meeting. Over the course of the evening, school representatives were asked to consider how their school councils visibly demonstrated Catholicity. Do we represent Catholic values? Are we there for each other and for the children of our school community? I am very proud to say that the St. Michael Catholic School Council is a reflection of Catholic values. Council is guided not only by Catholic values, but also by a mission statement to implement programs, events and resources, which directly benefit the children of our school, and to engage parents as part of the process.

While trying to name one Council event that is most rewarding or that best represents the sense of love and community that St. Michael shares, it occurred to me that they are all wonderful traditions. The highlights of our school year include the welcoming event, Thanksgiving lunch, the Christmas Mass and social, family dance, the Lenten Reflection, and the June barbecue. While Council hosts other events and functions, which are fun for both children and adults, these are the ones that truly represent Council’s commitment to engaging the children and parents of our community.

Our Council is blessed to have the support of a number of volunteers who donate their gifts of time, talent and creativity to assist Council in achieving its goals and to improve the quality of the educational experience for our children.

We welcome you to our community and invite you to become part of it. Join us in engaging our children and promoting our Catholic values.
A Stewardship Reflection

God has blessed me with many things in my life: a great family, friends, job, education, and the privilege of living in a free and peaceful country, to name a few. My parents instilled in me as a child that I have an obligation to share my gifts with our parish and the broader community. For my part, I have tried to instil in my own children the need to “give back” to our community and to a generous and gracious God.

Time, Talent and Treasure are the three pillars of Stewardship. The Time pillar is something that I am now getting better at. We are all busy and we tend to think that we cannot do one more thing. However, I believe that God does not give us opportunities that we cannot handle.

I find that getting involved does not necessarily mean expending a large amount of time and energy. The joy and peace that I get in return are much greater than the time and energy I expend. I am currently a Eucharistic Minister, a Lector and a member of Parish Council. I am also a Eucharistic Minister to the sick at Mount Hope.

There is no greater feeling than seeing residents smile when you walk into their room because they know you are there to bring them the Body of Christ. Seeing their faith strengthens mine. I visit a gentleman with cerebral palsy and he exclaims “Praise be to God” every time I come to see him. How encouraging is that!

I also have the privilege of ministering with some wonderful, faith-filled people whom I would otherwise never have met. This gives me an opportunity to share my faith with people who have a similar interest. I am equally grateful for the opportunity to be a Eucharistic Minister at St. Michael’s as it allows me to pray for those who come to me for Communion. I see God in everyone I meet and I know that God is always with me and around me. This “knowing that God is here” has helped my prayer life and has brought me closer to our God who loves us and wants us to know Him intimately.

The Talent pillar has been the easiest for me to share. I love working with my hands and fixing something that is broken or building something that is new. If I can do that with someone else, then that increases my reward and satisfaction. I encourage you to share your talents with the parish, by getting involved in one of our ministries, and with the broader community, by finding out where you can assist.

The Treasure pillar has been the most uncomfortable for me to deal with. There were a couple of reasons for this. I never really knew how much I should give without feeling guilty, and I often forgot to bring the envelope! The Stewardship Committee has helped me with these issues by providing guidance on how much to give (the goal is to give one hour of your family income per week to the parish) and providing the option of a monthly pre-authorized payment for my offertory gift. This has helped me to ensure that I support the church each month, whether I go to Mass at St. Michael’s or somewhere else. However, if envelopes are better suited to your circumstances, I encourage you to continue to use them. Providing financial support to our parish gives me the satisfaction of knowing that I am assisting in God’s work, here on earth.

Each of us possesses gifts that we can share with our parish and our broader community. I encourage you to share what you can of your Time, your Talent, and your Treasure.
Psalms 9:3

“I will sing hymns to your name, Most High”
The Sunday School program at St. Michael's has one goal - to give our young parishioners a place to discuss, sing and prepare crafts while learning about the goodness of God as loving Creator and Father. And to top it all off – we have a lot of fun!! I am sure that sometimes the people in the church must be able to hear the children singing and dancing to their favorite “Liturgy” songs, like “Tony Chestnut,” or “The Catholic Hokey Pokey.” There can be as many as 70 children participating in the parish hall on any given Sunday.

I have had the joy of being the Sunday School Coordinator at the 10:30 Mass for about five years. But I don't lead the program alone. As this is a cooperative program, every parent takes part in the fun. Each child's parent is assigned to a month and during that month the three to five parents assigned are responsible for leading the singing, story-telling and crafts.

Being a part of the Sunday School program has truly been a blessing for me. It never ceases to amaze me just how basic the foundation of our faith is to these young people. After the gospel reading every Sunday we have a brief discussion with the children about what they have learned. And virtually every Sunday the same answer is given by at least one child – “to be kind to others; to listen; to love.” Isn’t that what being Christian is all about?

Thank you to all you children who attend the Sunday School program for reminding us parents every Sunday just how easy it is to follow God’s word and to live our Catholic faith by example.

Children’s Ministries at the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Babysitting
Infant to 3 years
Available to parents of very young children to allow them to participate in the liturgy without having to attend to the needs of their little ones.

Sunday School
3 years to Grade 1
A program available to our very young parishioners where they can become familiar with Bible stories and prayer in a setting that is fun-filled and age-appropriate.

All children must be registered for this program (registration begins in September; however, parents can register at any time by completing a registration form available during Sunday School)

Liturgy of the Word
Grade 2 – Grade 4
An age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word, Homily and Prayers led by volunteers to prepare the children for the experience of the Mass.

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international Catholic lay organization whose mission is to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. The Society was founded in Paris in 1833 and took as its patron St. Vincent de Paul, in honour of his service to the poor. The St. Michael’s Parish Conference of SVDP was founded in 1971. Currently, there are fifteen adult members, divided into four teams who look after one week each month. Each pair of volunteers may make two to three visits per month. Meetings are compulsory for members, during which they share faith and report on visits made during the month.

Individuals and families who call for emergency assistance are referred to the chairperson who directs them to the team responsible for that week. The team sets an appointment to visit with the needy in their home. Information is kept confidential, thus maintaining the dignity and respect owing to our brothers and sisters. During this personal visit the team members always give food vouchers and discover what other material or spiritual assistance is required. Furniture and clothing vouchers, which may be exchanged at the SVDP Store on York Street, are made available.

As representatives of St. Michael’s Parish these ministering teams offer spiritual support and friendship. As the chair, Jodie Marshall, remarked, “In many cases the people you visit are fellow parishioners and you don’t realize their plight until you make a home visit. It really puts into perspective Jesus’ command to love your neighbour.” David McMillan, co-author and a member of SVDP shares this thought about his involvement: “It feels right to help others, especially those in need.”

Goal III of the Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of London states: “With our sights set on the mission of Jesus, we will minister with justice and compassion to the wounded, the searching, the entrapped and those in material and spiritual need.” The members of the SVDP are certainly living this goal. You may assist them in this service on the second Sunday of each month by donating loose change to support the needy. Your contribution does make a difference. Also, during December the Angel Tree tags with a child’s age and gender are available for us to make another’s family Christmas a little more enjoyable.

Each parish assists those within their boundaries but aid is not limited to parishioners. If you feel called to serve the poor, join the SVDP for a meeting, on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., or contact the chairperson at jodiemarshall@rogers.com to learn more about the Society. Helpers are also needed to assemble Christmas baskets and workers are always required at the SVDP Store.
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May God richly bless you and your family this Christmas season and always.

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My N.E.T. Retreat Experience
by Holly Hudson

My experience at the N.E.T. (National Evangelization Team) Confirmation Retreat was extremely positive. The nine leaders led us through a series of games that made us feel welcome and at ease. When it was time to be serious we felt fine talking to them about whatever was on our mind. They sang songs with us about faith and spiritual guidance, which was a fun way to learn new things.

Additionally, we would regularly form into small groups and talk seriously about why we were being confirmed. It was good to hear my peers’ opinions on our religion since I do not attend a Catholic school. Talking in such a personal environment was one of the highlights of the day.

At the end of the day we had prayer time in the church. The N.E.T. team did a skit first and then taught us how to pray properly. They even taught us a great acronym, P.A.L. which stands for Praise, Ask and Listen. If we found ourselves having a difficult time praying, there were rosaries and bibles available. Having so much time to pray in such peace and quiet was very liberating. The independent prayer time was my favourite part of the day.

Overall, I loved the N.E.T. retreat. I felt closer to God and more spiritually prepared for Confirmation. I hope the other grade eight students felt the same way.

Confirmation Retreat
by Andrew Denomme

On October 6th and 7th, the grade eight students who are being confirmed this year had a wonderful time at the N.E.T.Confirmation retreat. I found the retreat very enjoyable and reflective. The N.E.T. team, a group of young people who offer many different kinds of retreats across Canada, hosted this event.

During the retreat, we reflected on what Confirmation is and what it does for us as Catholics. When we are baptized, we receive the Holy Spirit. When we are confirmed, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. What I enjoyed most about the retreat were the songs, games and learning many new things about Confirmation and our faith. The team talked about how the Holy Spirit helped them in their lives and what the Holy Spirit can do for us.

At one point in the retreat, we went into the church to pray. Each team member put their hand on a candidate’s shoulder and prayed for us. I thought this time brought me closer to God.

I am really happy that I had a Confirmation retreat hosted by the N.E.T. team. They got me prepared and excited for my Confirmation in December.

Hosting N.E.T. Members
by Mary-Margaret and Doug Denomme

This fall our youth coordinator, Natalie Simek, asked parents of Confirmation candidates to host members of the N.E.T. Our family decided to host two boys. Our responsibilities included providing breakfast and supper and a place for them to sleep from Sunday evening to Wednesday morning. The team members had their own transportation to and from the church.

Hosting the two boys was a positive experience for our family. Nick from Quebec and Phil from New Brunswick were part of the bilingual retreat team. We and our four children enjoyed evenings of conversation, music (Phil played the guitar), and playing Nintendo WII. It was encouraging for us to see the faith alive in these young people. They were respectful, kind and grateful. They were open in sharing stories of their journey of faith with us. We are glad we had the opportunity to host the N.E.T. team members and would recommend that other families consider this experience in the future.
This article concludes my series on the choirs at St Michael’s parish.

The title “Finale” was chosen, not because this is the last article, but rather in the context that the 12:30 p.m. choir’s recessional hymn closes the final Mass of the weekend at our church each Sunday. The choir and parishioners together are, in essence, singing the “final prayer” of the weekend celebrations. The recessional hymn at the end of the Mass is, in my opinion, very important because it strengthens us spiritually for the week ahead as we leave the sanctity of the church and walk back out into the secular world. In fact, one of our parishioners told me that it has such an impact on her that she hums this last hymn to herself all through the following week. Come to think of it - I do too!

The director of the 12:30 p.m. choir, Nando Favaro, is a familiar figure at two other Masses as well – at 5:00 p.m. as the organist/pianist and at the Funeral Masses, once again in his “triple role” as choir director/organist/pianist. The members of the 12:30 p.m. choir are Laura Gagnon, Christine Ngo, Michel-Grace Besinio, Katrina Sauerteig, Samantha Dunbar, Van Lee and soloist Meghan Dunbar. The music is a pleasing blend of the contemporary and the traditional, with some flute accompaniment by Katrina in addition to Nando’s piano and organ.

I would like to thank, for their kind and patient assistance, the choir directors and others who have provided the names and much needed details for these articles. I am also grateful to Terry McBride for his fine accompanying photos. We have six memorable choirs here at St Michael’s – Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., the new Children’s choir and the funeral or Resurrection choir, with a total complement of fifty plus parishioners who graciously give of their time and talent to help us sing praises to our loving God. Our parishioners are once again a blessing to one another. We are truly “Community” at St Michael’s.

Our choirs are always pleased to receive new members – if you are interested please contact the parish office.
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Sunday Masses
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday: 12:00 noon
Wednesday & Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

African Caribbean Catholic Community Mass
4th Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

Children’s Ministries
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mass
Liturgy of the Word: Grades 2, 3 and 4
Sunday School: Aged 3 to Grade 1
Babysitting: Infants to age 3

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 10:00 - 11 a.m. and 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Free Bus Service to 10:30 a.m. Mass
The route . . .
9:50 Richmond & Windemere
770 Fanshawe Park Rd. east of Fremont
10:00 Adelaide St. & Fanshawe Park Rd. bus stop south
Adelaide/Kipps Lane 1st bus stop
Kipps Lane/Barker St. bus stop west
McNay/Huron St.
Huron St. bus stop east of Wedgewood Dr.
10:15 Royal Oak Apartments 1136 Adelaide St.
St. Michael’s Church
The bus will stop at regular bus stops or wherever it is hailed along the route.

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Calendar of Events

Christmas Day December 25
Feast of Mary, Mother of God January 1
Parent Meeting-First Reconciliation January 13
Parent Meeting-First Eucharist February 23
Pancake Supper February 24
Ash Wednesday February 25
Palm Sunday April 5
Holy Thursday April 9
Good Friday April 10
Holy Saturday April 11
Easter Sunday April 12

New Parishioners? Moving? We invite all new parishioners to register with the Parish. The registration form is available at the Welcome Desk or parish office. If you have recently changed your address or phone number, please advise the parish office.