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*Most Blessed Sacrament Parish
is a welcoming home for young people
and their families!*

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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to another school year. As a parish community we look forward to working with Ms. Athulathmudali, the new principal at Blessed Sacrament School, the staff and the students to create an all embracing faith community. Our parish goal is to support the young members of our community as whole persons. Gather your friends and make us a part of your weekly schedule!

Again, this year we will publish quarterly newsletters, outlining events, programs and other initiatives the parish community has for young people. This will give families the opportunity to plan ahead. In this issue you will also find the school Mass times and other liturgies, specific for those families who attend Blessed Sacrament School.

Keep this newsletter handy for all of the important dates! The next Newsletter publication will be in December... stay tuned!

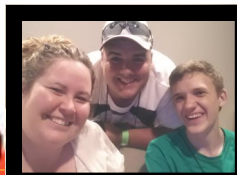


Check out the
Parish Website –
Youth Ministry Section
for more information about
activities,
meeting times and dates.

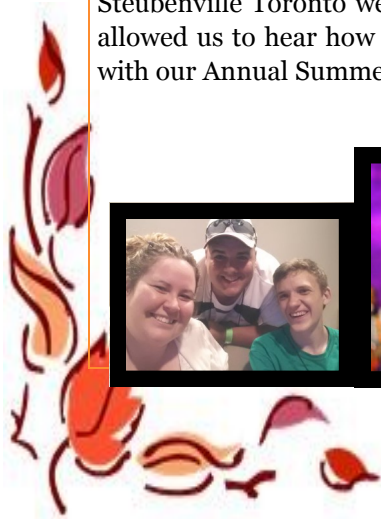
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Most Blessed Sacrament Parish SUMMER FUN

This summer we had several fun events for our young people and their families. At Vacation Bible School we learned God's Plan for Us! At Steubenville Toronto we learned God's love is Limitless. Our Sunday Masses allowed us to hear how Jesus is the Bread of Life. Finally, the summer closed with our Annual Summer Picnic. Fun was had by all!



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FROM FATHER TED'S DESK



Alright, everybody, let's step up and at it!
It's September, and the school year is starting, and there are lots of activities that we can enjoy while developing into young adults.
I'd love to have every single child or youth who is reading this newsletter participate not only in school and in sports (which are GREAT!!!) but also in other activities that speak a little more directly about us as a family loved by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Faith CAN BE fun!

When you begin to see Jesus as your VERY GOOD FRIEND, in fact, perhaps as your best friend, then you will begin to really enjoy your prayer connection with Him, as well as your connection with the other friends of Jesus. Here at

church and at Parish Youth Activities, you can have fun times with other people who feel the same way about Jesus as the one who loves each of us immensely. It's wonderful to be together with others who are of like mind.

Let's get to know each other better, and discover the wonder of "You". Fr. Ted

*"Are we ready to be Christians full time,
showing our commitment by word and deed?"*
~Pope Francis via Twitter, June 24, 2013

A NOTE FROM RACHEL

Welcome Back Young People and Families!

It is always a joyful ritual to head back to school. We meet up with old friends or become friends with new people. Welcome to Blessed Sacrament Parish Community for all those new families who are entering Junior Kindergarten or new to the community. On behalf of Fr. Ted and the entire parish community we are excited to work with our families and the school staff.

This summer a few of our young people and I travelled to Toronto for the 2nd Annual Steubenville-Toronto Conference. Over the weekend we experienced the **Limitless love God has for us**. The speakers shared the love God had for them. When we make mistakes, we are forgiven; when we need someone, know that God is always with us. Take time this year to enter into a conversation with God; go to Confession; forgive a friend or just Be Still and Listen—listen for the wonders that God has provided in your life!



To the young people....

If you feel at any time you need a friend to talk to, or need direction to community resources or want to get involved in our parish community, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached before/after almost ALL weekend Masses, or at blessedsacramentyouth@hotmail.com

To parents and families...

We are here to assist you and your family. If there is anything specific we can assist you with, please let us know. We are looking forward to working and supporting you throughout this school year.

Let's have another joyful and successful school year!

Rachel McNamara, Youth Minister

JERSEY DAY @ MASS

What is it? A **Special Blessing for all students who participate in Sports or Dance.**

Students and Young People will be invited forward for a Special Blessing near the end of Mass. Sports are an important aspect of young people's lives, therefore, Fr. Ted wants to call the Holy Spirit to be with these young people as they use their athletic talents and gifts.

When: **Sunday, September 27** Time: **11:00 a.m.**

Wear your Sport Uniform

(this includes team sports, group activities like learning dancing or other physical skills, for something you may have just completed or a sport that is beginning in the next few weeks).



"Always step outside yourself!" - Pope Francis, March 27, 2013



YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

Name: Matthew Steele

Grade: 12

Confirmation Saint: St Jerome

Age: 16

School: Saint Jean De Brebeuf

My Favorite Subject: Biology mostly Genetics.

In my spare time: I like to read and play video games

My favorite type of music: Christian Music and pop music

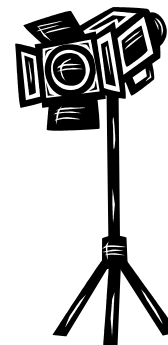
How am I involved in the parish community?

I am involved in the parish community as an Altar Server, and as a cast member in the Christmas Pageant. I feel the need to participate in parish activities as I feel the need to serve God in many ways and these are some of them.

How do I show my faith?

I show my faith in my daily life as I go to Church every Sunday. I also try to think about what God would want me to do. I also try to pray everyday.

More about me: I'm a kind-loving person and I also try to live up to God's plan for me. After I graduate from high school I plan to go to Mohawk Bridge which means I will go to Mohawk but still be enrolled as a Brebeuf student. After that, I plan to take computer science at Mohawk then go to Sheridan College or an online course for Vet Tech (Animal Nurse). Down the road I may think about becoming a deacon for the Catholic Church.



Every season we will feature one or two young people who are active in our parish community to tell you about themselves. Thank you to all of the young people who give up so much of their time making our parish community a better place!



This ministry offers a special opportunity for young children to grasp a better understanding of the weekly readings and gospel. The Liturgy of the Word for Children is held at the **11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass** throughout the school year. There is no sign-up required: just send your child, when Father Ted calls them to be a part of the entrance procession at the beginning of Mass. At the offertory, they will return to sit with their parents. If parents have any urgent questions, please phone the Parish

Office for more information.

We are also looking for parents and high school students to **volunteer** their time once every few weeks to lead this Liturgy of The Word of God for Children. Youth can serve as helpers every weekend. Please leave your name at the Parish Office so that Joanne Tersigni (Children’s Liturgy Coordinator) can call you back.

“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’” — Matthew 19:4

YOUTH GROUP-BRANCHES OF FAITH

Starting September 25th, the Branches of Faith Youth Groups will meet every other week on Fridays (unless otherwise stated) to socialize and have fun! The Branches of Faith creates an atmosphere where youth are able to demonstrate their love of God with their friends. Along with activities and games, the youth will be motivated to deepen their spiritual growth as well as their relationship with God and with those around them.

Jr. Youth Group Grades 2-6 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Join us bi-weekly for fun times. Each night will have an opportunity for active and spiritual components. We are looking forward to our evenings together!

Grades 4-6 Students are Welcome to attend our GLOW sleepover. Information can be found online on our website!

Sr. Youth Group Grade 7 Up 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.



Students in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend our Youth Group Sessions. This year we will be focusing on “My Life”; exploring what is important to us and how that is a reflection of God’s image. Food and drinks will be provided. The first evening on September 25th will be “My Hobbies”.

The Sr. Youth Group will also be participating in monthly service projects. More information will be sent out as time comes closer.

Fall Meeting Dates:
September 25
October 9
October 23
November 6
November 2
December 4
December 18

CHRISTMAS STORY COMES ALIVE

The Christmas Pageant has been an annual event at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Every year, youth of the parish present a dramatic performance of "Jesus' Birth" to the congregation at the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve. Older students are welcomed to assist backstage as well. Information regarding sign-ups and specific information about the pageant will be handed out late October. Rachel McNamara and Andrea Zimmerman

will work with cast and choir during November and December. Please contact Rachel (289-439-4497) or Andrea (289-439-6252) if you have any questions or concerns.

Dalaura Davies and Faye-lene Pinch will assist in preparing and coordinating the Christmas Pageant.



"Do we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, so as to be an active part of our communities, or do we close in on ourselves, saying, "I have so many things to do, that's not my job?" - Pope Francis, June 26, 2013

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Under the guidance of Bishop Crosby, from now on we will normally celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation when the Catholic young person is in Grade seven.

If you are NOT a student at Blessed Sacrament School, and in grade 7 or higher, please call the office soon, so you can be part of this group celebrating on Friday, May 22, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

Parent Meeting:

January 21st at 7:00 p.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Altar Servicing

Grades 3 to University

Blessed Sacrament Parish is currently looking for Altar Servers for all three weekend Masses. Children and youth who are interested in this ministry will assist Father Ted at the altar during the Mass. This is a great ministry for children to become involved in the Mass and the Parish. Training will be provided for all new servers. For more information, please contact Rachel McNamara (Altar Server Coordinator) at 289-439-4497 or during one of the weekend Masses.

Youth Choir

Grades 2 to High School

The 2013-2014 season of the Blessed Sacrament Youth Choir will resume on **Saturday, Sept. 26th at 5:30 p.m.** under the leadership of Faye-lene Pinch! We are looking forward to an exciting year, and welcome all returning and new members. The Youth Choir is a great way to get involved in the parish and promote responsibility and commitment to parish life. In the past the Youth choir has participated in events such as Christmas in the City and the Blessed Sacrament Christmas Pageant. In order for us to be successful, we require parental *and* youth commitment. The choir will be singing at **every 5:30 pm Mass on Saturdays**, and practicing for **45 minutes before** each Mass (at 4:45 pm). If your child is interested in joining the Youth Choir, please contact the parish (**905-385-3570**) and join us at the **Parents' Meeting directly after the 5:30 p.m. mass on Saturday, September 26th!**

SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULE 2015-2016

(ALL MASSES ARE AT 9:00 A.M., UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED *SUBJECT TO CHANGE*)

Date	Activity
Thursday, September 24, 2015	School Mass
Tuesday, October 6, 2015	Living Rosary– Church Front Lawn 12:30 p.m.
Friday, October 9, 2015	Thanksgiving Para-Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, October 15, 2015	Intermediate Division Mass
Thursday, November 5, 2015	Class Mass– Mrs. Sozio Grade 5/6
Thursday, November 12, 2015	School Mass
Thursday, November 19, 2015	Class Mass --- Ms. Tersigni Grade 4/5
Thursday, November 26, 2015	Class Mass – Mrs. Puglisi Grade 3/4
Thursday, December 3, 2015	Class Mass --- Mr. Moretuzzo Grade 6/7
Tuesday, December 8, 2015	School Mass (Year of Mercy Mass)
Thursday, January 14, 2016	School Mass
Thursday, January 21, 2016	Class Mass--- Mrs. Mladen Grade 8
Thursday, January 28, 2016	Class Mass --- Mrs. Barrett Grade 4/5
Sunday, January 31, 2016 @ 11:00 a.m.	First Communion Enrollment Mass
Wednesday, February 10, 2016	Ash Wednesday Mass
Sunday, February 21, 2016 @ 11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Enrollment Mass
Thursday, February 25, 2016	Primary Division Mass
Thursday, March 3, 2016	Junior Division Mass
Thursday, March 10, 2016	Class Mass --- Mr. Capretta Grade 7
Saturday, March 5, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m.	First Reconciliation Grade 2
Thursday, April 14, 2016	School Mass
Thursday, April 28, 2016	JK/SK Class Mass
Thursday May 5, 2016	May Crowning Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 1, 2016	First Communion Mass 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, May 12, 2016	Class Mass–Mrs. Gough Grade 1
Saturday, May 14	Confirmation Retreat (ALL DAY)
Thursday, May 26, 2016	Class Mass – Mrs. Morelli Grade 1/2
Friday, May 27, 2016 @7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Mass
Thursday, June 2, 2016	Class Mass– Mrs. Turco Grade 2/3
Tuesday, June 21, 2016	School Mass - Gradation Mass 10:00 a.m.

Confessions	
Tues., December 8, 2015 @ 8:50 a.m.	Confessions Grades 3-6
Wed. December 9 @12:20 p.m.	Confessions Grades 7-8
Wed. March 9, @ 8:50 a.m.	Confessions Grades 3-6
Wed. March 9 @ 12:20	Confessions Grades 7-8
Wednesday, June 8, 2016 @ 8:50 a.m.	Confessions Grade 2 & 8

Sacramental Preparation Parent Meetings	
Tuesday, January 19, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.	Reconciliation Grade 2 Parents
Thursday, January 21 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Grade 7 Parents
Wednesday, March 9, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.	First Communion Grade 2 Parents

COMMUNITY MASSES

Throughout the year we have planned various Masses in which students, by class, will participate in a special way at one of our **weekend** Masses.

Your Blessed Sacrament School teacher will have additional information about different roles you can sign up to do. We also have a Mass for those young people (elementary or secondary school aged) who do not attend Blessed Sacrament School. More information will be given in the announcements when time comes!

We have also planned to incorporate a Family Activity for each Mass. With your parents and family, we ask you to complete the activity and bring it to your assigned Mass.



Date	Mass Time	Teacher Assigned
Saturday, November 7	Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Ms. Puglisi Grade 3/4 and Mrs. Turco's Grade 3s
Saturday, December 12	Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Mrs. Mladen Grade 8 and Mr. Capretta's Grade 8s
Saturday, January 16	Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Mrs. Gough Grade 1and Mrs. Morelli's Grade 1s
Sunday, January 31	Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Grade 2 Communion Enrollment Mrs. Morelli and Mrs. Turco
Saturday, February 6	Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Ms. Tersgini Grade 4/5
Sunday, February 21	Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Grade 7 Confirmation Enrollment Mr. Capretta and Mr. Moretuzzo
Saturday, April 23	Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Mrs. Sozio's Grade 5/6



HALLOWEEN FOR HUNGER (GRADE 7—HIGH SCHOOL) SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015

Halloween for Hunger is a Social Justice Initiative that takes aim at fighting hunger in our community. Instead of Trick-N-Treating for candy, young people will be encouraged to collect canned goods for a local food bank.

Our parish is teaming up with St. John's United Church to collect canned goods in our neighbourhood.

We are looking for teens to help us in collecting the canned goods. If you are too old for Trick-N-Treating, think again; find a costume and join other young people of the parish.

Information Sheets will be available the beginning of October, outlining detailed information and permission forms. Check out the Facebook Page for more information!

Since, Halloween is on a Saturday Evening, the young people are welcome to sleepover at the Church and participate in a Halloween Party.

TELL US !!!!

If you have something special you want to share with the parish community (a sports award, a good grade on a test, a driver's license, etc), let us know and if appropriate, we will make sure the parish recognizes the accomplishment you made.

We will include it in our next newsletter (December), and Fr. Ted will make a point of mentioning it at Mass, or give you a blessing, as might befit the occasion.

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday ~ 5:30 p.m.

Sunday ~ 9:00 a.m.
& 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Friday -
7:30 a.m.

Thursday ~ 9:00 a.m.
(during School Year)

Sat. Morning ~ 8:30 a.m.

Father Ted Slaman can be reached at
905-385-3570 or
tedslaman@rogers.com

Rachel McNamara can be reached at
289-439-4497 or
blessedsacramentyouth@hotmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 25th – (Fri.) Youth Group Begins

Sept. 27th – (Sun.) Jersey Day at Mass—wear your uniform, receive a blessing

October 31st – (Sat.) Halloween for Hunger

November 7th – (Sat.) Pageant Rehearsals Begin (Parent Meeting @10:00)

November 27th – (Fri.) GLOW Sleepover (Grades 4-6)

December 6th - (Sat.) Poinsettia Bazaar (lots of activities for children)

December 11th – (Fri.) Male Orpheus Choir Concert



PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING

Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year,
we recognize that we need your help.

We thank you for the energy and the spirit that you
renewed in us through the summer months.

We thank you for the time to enjoy our family and friends
and to reflect on what is important in our lives.

Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love, so that,
through the action of your Spirit,
we may continue to grow in our faith.

Help us to fulfill Your hope for us
with honest intentions and works of faith.

Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring
laughter, joy and love to others.

We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.



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