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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 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.

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.

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish SUMMER FUN

This summer we welcomed Fr. Charlie! If you have been away at the cottage or travelling, take the time to come and say hello to him after one of our Mass. We had young people attend World Youth Day in Poland, which was a faithful experience. Information about the next World Youth Day to Panama in 2019 will be available shortly. We also had a great time closing the summer at our parish picnic. This summer had many opportunities to gather as a faith community.

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FROM FATHER CHARLIE'S DESK

When I first accepted the appointment to come to Most Blessed Sacrament parish, I was happy to know that ministry with youth was a priority and that Rachel was very involved in it. Now that I am here, I'm glad to see youth attending Mass and enjoying themselves doing it!!

I certainly want you to know that you are important in parish life and that youth ministry will continue to be an important part of our parish life.

I encourage you to take part in the various activities offered – they are for you! Please come out!

~ Fr. Charlie

“He demands of us real courage: the courage to be more powerful than evil by loving everyone, even our enemies.” ~ Pope Francis, WYD, 2016

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 Most Blessed Sacrament Parish Community for all those new families who are entering Junior Kindergarten or new to the community. On behalf of Fr. Charlie and the entire parish community we are excited to work with our families and the school staff.

This summer a few of our parishioners travelled to Poland for World Youth Day. In Poland we experienced what it means to be a universal church. With over 180 countries present, we realized that we are not alone in our faith journey. Pope Francis encourages all of us— young and old to get off of our couches and do something meaningful. How are you using your hands and feet to live out God's calling for you? We were also able to experience the Polish culture. We experienced the love of Christ through the relationships we made with the locals.

To the young people....

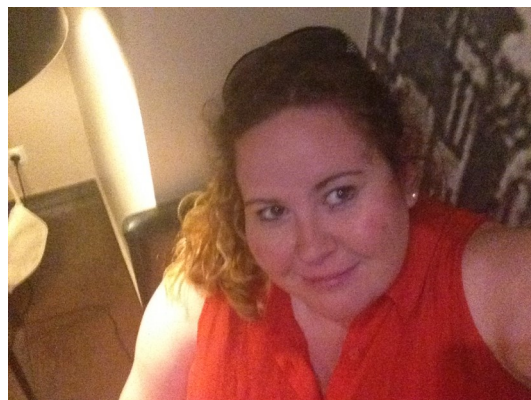
If you feel at any time you need someone to talk to, or need direction to community resources or want to get involved in our parish community, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached before/after almost ALL weekend Masses, or at blessedsacramentyouth@hotmail.com

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





By Way of the Family



THE DIOCESAN JUBILEE OF FAMILIES for this Year of Mercy will take place on Saturday, October 15th, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Families, including grandparents, will enjoy a day filled with learning, fun and prayer. The day opens with a keynote address and a chance to experience the newly acquired The Saint John’s Bible, continues with workshops for those 14 and up, and special activities for children, including trying their hand at calligraphy! Call the Family Ministry Office, or register @ hamiltondiocese.com. All ages welcome!

For Pope Francis, mercy is not simply one theme of the Church: It’s the primary way in which we receive the Lord and give him to others.

“We are all called to become living writers of the Gospel, heralds of the Good News to all men and women today. We do this by practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, which are the hallmarks of the Christian life.”

We learn about this first in family and relationships.



*“Blessed are the merciful: they shall have mercy shown to them.”
~ Matthew 5:7*

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT



Name: Oscar Caenio
School: St. Jean de Brebeuf
Confirmation Saint: St. Dominic de Gusinan

Age: 15
Grade: 10



What is your favourite subject? Math, I like to play with numbers.

What do you like to do in your spare time? Most of it is spent on watching videos, but I do dabble in arts and crafts, some writing and occasionally photography or video making.

What is your favourite type of music? It’s really hard to choose, but I think I’m spilt between Jazz and Funk music.

How are you involved in our parish community? I am involved in the parish youth group and I Altar Serve at Mass

Why do you feel the need to participate in parish activities? I really feel that I need to participate because I wasn’t that active in the community at my previous parish. Also, I feel that in order to be a good servant of God, I had to be active in the community as well as in prayer. The community is nice as well, they are very good company.

How do you show your faith in your life? I try to show it with the good deeds that I can do. It can be as simple as holding the door for someone else, and as lengthy as practicing in a donation drive. I always try to be as generous as I can.

Tell us more about yourself.. My family and I are immigrants from the Philippines. It has been three years now (I think, as of this printing), since we left. I am very interested in how things work in every aspect. As of right now, I don’t know what kind of future I am going to have, but a lot of people are encouraging me to become a priest.

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



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 Carlie calls them to the front. 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

Welcome BACK YOUNG PEOPLE! Our youth groups begin very shortly! Keep an eye out for more information over the next few weeks.

Our Youth Groups have changed its formatting., but we are still committed in offering a Catholic youth program. Here is what is new starting this FALL”

Kids Kingdom (grades 1 to 5) will meet every other Friday, beginning Friday, September 30th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall/School Gym.

EDGE Youth Group (grades 6-9) will meet every Saturday, beginning Saturday, October 1st from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.. All young people are then encouraged to attend Mass with us and/or their families. EDGE is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program. It provides a safe fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and, most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Information about the program can be found online @ <http://lifeteen.com/edge-ministry/>



More information can be found on the parish website or by contacting Rachel McNamara, Youth Minister @ 289-439-4497.

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 and high school stu-

dents will work with cast and choir during November and December. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions or concerns.

We are also looking for young adults and supervisors to assist. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office.



“The Lord does not keep his distance, but is near and real. He is in our midst and he takes care of us.”- Pope Francis, WYD, 2016

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 26, 2017 @ 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 Charlie 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 2016-2017 of the Blessed Sacrament Youth Choir will resume this Fall under the leadership of Fayelene 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 5:00 pm Mass on Saturdays**, and practicing for **45 minutes before** each Mass (at 4:15 pm). If your child is interested in joining the Youth Choir, please contact the parish (**905-385-3570**) or see Fayelene after Mass.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 30th — (Fri.) Kids Kingdom Begins (grades 1-5)
Oct. 1st — (Sat) EDGE begins (6-9)
October 23rd — (Sat.) Grade 4s Family Mass
October 31st — (Sat.) Halloween for Hunger
November 5th — (Sat.) Pageant Rehearsals Begin (Parent Meeting @10:00)
November 25th — (Fri.) GLOW Sleepover (Grades 4-6)
November 26th— (Sat.) Grade 8s Family Mass
December 3rd - (Sat.) Poinsettia Bazaar (lots of activities for children)
December 11th—(Sat.) Grade 3s Family Mass



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.

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday ~ 5:00 p.m.

Sunday ~ 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00—4:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.

Friday @ 9:00 a.m.

First School Mass:

Friday, September 30th



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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