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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 newsletters, outlining events, programs and other initiatives the parish community has for young people and their families. 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 early 2018... 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 our young people had a great week learning to be EarthKeepers at our Vacation Bible School. It was so much fun even Pope Francis came to hang out with us! Our summer closed off with our annual Parish Picnic. The young people had a fantastic time playing various games and meeting new friends! Make sure you join us next summer, for our annual picnic along with many other activities that are being planed throughout the parish.





FATHER CHARLIE

Once again, we begin another school year - with many opportunities to grow in different ways. I really encourage you to be part of our parish and to use those opportunities presented to you.

Celebrating our faith together encourages growth in the spiritual life in particular.

Wishing you many blessings ahead.



Fr. Charlie

“It is much more important to realize how much God loves us , than how much we ourselves love Him.”

Pope Francis, Twitter on September 3, 2017



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 quite a few young people experienced what it means to be Earthkeepers. Pope Francis wrote us an amazing letter calling everyone to wake up and take care of God’s creation. It is just not about picking up litter on Earth Day. We are called to do so much more. We need to think how we can be reduce our impact and reuse what we already have.



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

THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

All Saints' Day - Wednesday, November 1st, 2017

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Hamilton



Photo courtesy of Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota. 2014.

2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Open Viewing in the Church

6:00 p.m.

**Visio Divina with the Catholic Women's League
(open to all parishioners)**

7:00 p.m.

All Saints' Day Mass

*"Dear young people, you are the hope of the Church."
Pope Francis, Twitter, August 12, 2017*

YOUTH GROUP RETREAT (GRS. 6-12)

All youth of the parish are invited to attend the Fall Retreat. You do not need to be a part of the youth group to attend. Come join parishes in Hamilton and Brantford for this experience. For those in grade 7, it will be a perfect opportunity to begin your Confirmation preparations. For those in grade 8, it would be a good opportunity for a post-Confirmation Experience. For those in high school the retreat will provide an opportunity of reflection and fellowship with those who also walk in our faith journey.



To reserve a spot, please contact Rachel. More information to follow.

Details:

Date: Friday, October 27th – Sunday, October 29th, 2017

Location: C.Y.O. Camp Brebeuf, Rockwood



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 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 to the Children. Youth can serve as helpers every weekend, this would be a good opportunity to collect your volunteer hours.

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

Welcome BACK YOUNG PEOPLE!

Our youth groups begin very shortly!
Keep an eye out for more information.

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.



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YOUTH MINISTRY

Kids Kingdom (grades 1 to 5) will meet every other Friday, beginning Friday, September 29th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall/School Gym.

Youth Group (grades 6-12) will meet every other Friday, beginning Friday, September 29th. All young people are then encouraged to attend Mass with us and/or their families.

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 students 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.



Jesus was broken; he is broken for us. This is the Eucharist. And he asks us to give ourselves, to break ourselves, as it were, for others.”
Pope Francis, Twitter June 18, 2017

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 you are in grade 7 or higher, please call the office as soon as possible, so you can be part of this group celebrating on Friday, May 12, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Altar Serving

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. 29th — (Fri.) Kids Kingdom Begins (grades 1 - 5)
- Sept 29th — (Fri.) Youth Group Begins (grades 6—12)
- October 27—29th Youth Group Retreat @ Camp Brebeuf (grades 6—12)
- November 1st --- (Wed..) Saint John's Bible comes to the parish
- November 24th — (Fri.) GLOW Sleepover (Grades 4—6)
- December 2nd— (Sat.) Breakfast with Santa
- December 2nd - (Sat.) Poinsettia Bazaar (lots of activities for children)
- December 25th — (Mon.) Christmas Day



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 a.m.

Friday @ 9:00 a.m.



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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