Dear Parishioners:

We have begun a new school year and with that, a whole new year of service in the name of Christ. We will begin with new members for our Parish Council and Finance Committee. We will start a new R.C.I.A. program for people who have decided they want to share our Catholic faith. There will be Bible Study, Small Faith Communities and new adventures with our Parish schools: I look forward to this year.

One of the new adventures is our 100th Anniversary Committee. The year 2011 will give us a chance to celebrate the past 100 years and to look forward to the next 100 years.

Each of the Ministries in our Parish requires generous parishioners: People willing to share their time, talent and treasure with their Faith Community, to be more fully the presence of Christ in London North. What Jesus asks of us is that we contribute our own distinctive talents and abilities to work for the kingdom of God; these talents can be as different as working a power saw or counseling the grieving. Every one of us has something to give to God. For some, the gifts are small, for others the gifts are large, but the size of the gift makes no difference. Each of us is truly held accountable for the unique gifts that we have to offer. If each of us does his or her part, then the world will become a better place and the kingdom of God will draw nearer.

No one can give the distinctive gifts that you possess, except YOU.

P.S. This year you are invited to our 4th annual Parish Picnic to celebrate the Feast of St. Michael. Sunday, September 27, 2009 from 1:00 till 4:00 p.m. at St. Michael’s School Grounds.
To Our Readers

St. Michael’s Parish is a welcoming Eucharistic community, sharing faith and reaching out to all. This issue of our newsletter celebrates our parishioners reaching out to all, and living out the St. Michael’s mission statement in many real and tangible ways. Parishioners are reaching out locally, as Pat Coderre does with My Sisters’ Place here in London and reaching out globally as Cameron Burton did in Kabul, Afghanistan or as the social justice committee does in bringing refugees from Columbia to the safety of our own community. The parish has reached out to the African Caribbean community by donating to the monthly food collection.

As a Eucharistic community the deepest reaching out and sharing happens at every Mass when we reach out and partake in the Body and Blood of Christ. A reflection on the meaning of the Eucharist by a Eucharistic minister and an account of a personal reaching out to a stranger in need is also included in these pages.

As the academic year begins once again, we take a look at one of our parish schools, St. Mark. Within these pages is a comprehensive Annual Report for St. Michael’s, complemented by a look at upcoming plans for the parish by Fr. Murray and the results of the Youth Commission survey.

On behalf of the newsletter committee, we invite all our readers to enjoy this autumn issue, share it with your friends, and support our advertisers. You may even wish to join the committee or provide an article. We welcome and encourage your comments and contributions.

Thank You

To the Parishioners of St. Michael’s Parish

St. Josephine Bakhita is an African and Caribbean Catholic community of London. Our members come from all parts of London and we gather to celebrate the Eucharist at St. Michael’s Church on the fourth Sunday of every month at 2:30 p.m. This has strengthened us firmly together to continue preserving our Catholic faith and values in life.

For the last three months, you – the parishioners of St. Michael’s Parish – have been assisting members of our community who are most in need of food items. The community is very grateful to you for your generous, selfless support of our community. We distribute all items collected after our mass celebrations.

We pray that the economic situation improves and together we can continue to assist the needy of our communities. Again we say thank you all for your support and prayers. May God bless all your generous efforts at this difficult financial time.

Yours faithfully,

Fr. Nichola N. Mauro Iko
Chaplain, St. Josephine Bakhita African and Caribbean Catholic Community

Parish Advent Mission

“Heart and Soul Spirituality”
December 6 to 9 at 7:00 p.m.
Fr. John Graden, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, will be the facilitator and preacher for our Advent mission. Themes include Belonging to God, Responding to God, Being a part of the Body of Christ, and Sharing our Faith. Mark you calendars and look forward to a rewarding experience. Scripture, song, story, and humour; an experience to renew and support your spiritual life in a practical and prayerful way.

Our Newsletter Team members are Gail Brown, John & Michelle Cavaliere, Terry Dollard, Paul Evans, Carmen Gicante, Terry McBride, Dorothy Solomon, Vincent Taylor and Frances Theilade.
As a master corporal in the Canadian Armed Forces, I am presently stationed at Area Support Unit London. My family and I have been parishioners at St. Michael’s for two years, and I have been a member of the St. Michael’s Council of the Knights of Columbus for that same length of time. As a serviceman for over 22 years my family and I move frequently. I was the Parish Chairman at Our Lady of Grace in Angus for five years and the Vice Chairman in St. Francis of Assisi in Petawawa for five years. I have been a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 12 years.

Having recently served in Afghanistan I am often asked whether we are making a difference. From my perspective and experience I would have to say “Yes!”

While in Kandahar Air Field (KAF), Afghanistan, I was in charge of the weapons, ammunition and warehouse for the National Support Element (NSE). The pace was extremely busy with my team working an average of twelve to sixteen hours a day, seven days a week.

Shortly after my arrival, I found that there was an active Knights of Columbus group at KAF. It was established by a council from British Columbia which had been there on a previous rotation. I represented the B.C. council by donating my time to a project called Skills Generation. The foundation of this group consists of members from many countries with a wide range of expertise, from engineers, contractors and purchasers, to lawyers and many others.

My initial goal was to raise funds to construct a fence to protect the children who attended the Sayad Pacha School. The fence was needed to promote privacy which would allow an increase in the number of female students. This was important as girls in the region are targeted by the Taliban to prevent them from attending school.

The children at the school drink contaminated water and have hydro only two days a week. There was also a need for clearing unexploded ordinance from the school yards.

In response I volunteered my time as a fundraiser on a committee, to help provide the children with basic needs and a safer education. Over a 22-week period we were able to raise $7,833.00 (USD).

During my deployment I had the pleasure of visiting the Sayad Pacha School eight times to see the difference we were making. The efforts by the personnel, both military and civilian, were evident through the increase in students attending the school.

With support from the Royal Canadian Legion a trust fund for Skills Generation has been set up through TD-Canada Trust. If you would like to support this endeavour, donations should be made to Skills Generation for Sayad Pacha School, TD Canada Trust, branch 3281, account 5012261. Please always advise Erica Gilmour (erica@skills-generation.org) of any donations.

“For the Good of the Children!”

by MCpl Cameron Burton

“...girls in the region are targeted by the Taliban to prevent them from attending school.”

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St. Mark Catholic School, located at 1440 Glenora Drive, was the first Catholic school to be built in the north end of London. The school originally opened in 1960 as St. Nicholas School on Fanshawe Park Road. Rapid growth and traffic safety concerns led to the building of a new school in the subdivision south of Fanshawe Park Road. Today the school boundaries reach from Adelaide Street on the west, Sunningdale Road on the north, Highbury Avenue on the east and the Thames River to the south.

The school underwent a significant addition in 1969 and another three-room addition in 2008.

Two recent boundary reviews have helped meet the demands of the student population and resulted in a reduction of the number of portables used on site. We currently have 15 classrooms and three portables. Transportation for students who are not within walking distance is provided by Murphy Bus Lines. St. Mark Catholic School serves approximately 432 students from junior kindergarten to grade eight, supported by 35 dedicated and devoted staff members.

The St. Mark School Community is dedicated to fostering each individual's potential in mind, body and spirit, in an environment of self-respect, tolerance and Catholicity. We work closely as a staff with parents, our parish team, and community resources to provide the best opportunities for our students to learn, not only in terms of knowledge and skills, but in terms of values, attitudes and actions.

We are the “St. Mark Lions”, as St. Mark’s evangelistic symbol is the lion. Students are given the opportunity to participate in numerous sports programs, extra-curricular activities and seasonal school-wide events. They are able to purchase hot lunches on Fridays, and we also have a lunchtime milk program.

We have a close partnership with our parish team at St. Michael’s Church, and students participate in sacramental preparation, church visits, and monthly Eucharistic celebrations, both at the school and at the church. We hold monthly assemblies to recognize students who demonstrate “Faith in Action” in their lives.

On our altar in the main foyer, you will see a framed passage that embodies the spirit of our school:

Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school.
He is the unseen but ever present teacher in its classrooms.
He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.

From the staff and students at St. Mark Catholic School – Welcome back!
As Chair of St. Mark Catholic School Council, I’ve been blessed with the opportunity to be a voice for our parents and children of St. Mark.

Our council is supported by many volunteers who donate their time and talents and who represent Catholicity every day by supporting our council in all of the events we organize each year. Our focus throughout the year is to implement events, programs, resources, and community service, and to engage parents and children as part of the process.

We have held a number of events throughout the year like our Family Movie Night and our Welcome Back BBQ, along with our End of Year BBQ. Our parents and children have worked very hard for the past few years to be able to provide a new play structure for our students to enjoy in our playground. I am now able to say that this hard work and the generosity of our community has allowed us to be able to officially welcome back the students this year with brand new accessible equipment which they will enjoy for years to come.

One of our the most special moments this year, which really showed the love, faith, generosity and Catholicity within the St. Mark community, occurred in June when we came together to remember our student, Kaitlin Vanderhoek who had passed away the previous month. We had an amazing day with an air show that was presented right above our school. We will continue to remember her by honouring a student each year who demonstrates all of the qualities that Katie showed us everyday with her bravery and strength. Katie’s family plans to make “Katie Day” an annual event and raise money for leukemia research.

Our Council always has our door open to our parents, students and our community. We welcome anyone to join in and help us in engaging our children and promoting our Catholic values and school spirit.
St. Michael’s Photos

Faith

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Renewal
At My Sisters’ Place, Pat Coderre, from St. Michael’s Parish, is known affectionately, and ironically, as the ‘bag lady’. Not because she, like many of the women who use My Sisters’ Place as a refuge, carries all of her personal possessions in bags, rather because whenever she arrives at the shelter, she brings bags of goodies. Goodies that bring delight to often difficult lives.

My Sisters’ Place is a daytime space where women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness can have a hot home-cooked lunch, feel safe, participate in programs, access resources, and connect with each other and other community partners. The centre, presently located at 546 King Street in London, has laundry and shower facilities, day beds, areas for socializing and space for programs such as crafts, knitting, sewing, quilting, movies, bingo and gardening. There are computers available for e-mail and Internet access.

My Sisters’ Place has community support workers and volunteers who help the women learn the skills of daily living, finding and keeping housing, learning about health and access to health care, and many other aspects to help improve the quality of their lives. It partners with other community agencies such as the Sexual Assault Centre of London, Women’s Community House, Mission Services and the London Abused Women’s Centre. My Sisters’ Place is a program of WOTCH Community Mental Health Services and depends on funding from the provincial government, the United Way, the Sisters of St. Joseph and other individual and corporate donors.

Pat’s bags contain mostly small bottles of shampoo and conditioners, soap bars, hand lotions and shower caps, all collected by her and several other St. Michael’s parishioners from the hotels they stay at while traveling. Another parishioner ensures that Pat can deliver a large can of coffee every month when she visits. The St. Michael’s CWL is also helping My Sisters’ Place with cash donations.

My Sisters’ Place has very limited storage space and the women using the centre have to keep their possessions on their persons, especially at night if they are sleeping in community facilities. Consequently, their wish list is restricted to small items such as Tim Horton’s Gift Certificates, bus tickets, postage stamps, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, soap and skin lotions (especially in travel sizes). They will accept items to help them with their lunches such as plastic forks and spoons and napkins – and coffee. Cash donations are always greatly appreciated. My Sisters’ Place also provides volunteer opportunities for anyone wishing to help with gardening or the crafts, sewing and knitting programs.
Where did you study for the priesthood?

I was born and raised in Clinton, Ontario in a family of seven children. I studied at St. Peter's Seminary in London beginning in 1963 and was ordained in 1971.

In which locations (or parishes) have you served as Pastor?

I have served in the Diocese of London in a number of parishes in Windsor, Chatham, Stratford, London, Forest, and Strathroy.

Your homilies are filled with simple and powerful messages such as the one where you talk about “living by giving your life.” What are the challenges in the preparation of a homily? How do you search for inspirations?

I usually start by reading the scriptures at the beginning of the week and absorb the message throughout the week. My preparation also involves prayer, reading scripture commentaries, and realizing the power of the Word. I try to relate the material to experiences of life and to make the message universal so that young and older people will understand it. Part of the challenge is to also be aware of the people who receive the message and to transmit a message that each person will be able to apply to their life. I like going to schools and speaking to students. In talking to students from Grades 1 to 8, I have found that I communicate the same core message to all of them although the mode of presentation may vary greatly. I received a lot of inspiration from the students.

In one of your homilies, you mentioned that you try not to be too busy. What do you like to do in your “spare” time?

I have had to work on developing a calmness and a reasonable work schedule for answering phone messages and emails. It has been challenging for me to separate my work from my resting time. For example, going for a walk often involved thinking about responsibilities. I have done some photography and needlework and attended some plays (especially when I was in Stratford) and Orchestra London concerts. I have committed myself to doing more of this in the coming year.

In another of your homilies, you mentioned that your brother died while you were in the seminary. What impact did this event have on your life?

Yes, my brother died in a car accident, and he was two years younger than me. This had an enormous impact on my parents. I think parents never completely get over an experience like that. I returned to the seminary after the funeral so it would not be until I was home for the summer that I had the chance to notice the impact on the family. We didn’t talk about my brother’s death. The energy was put into looking after the welfare of his family which included three young children.

One of my dreams for a youth ministry activity would be to develop a book club. Is there a particular book that you could recommend to youth who want to develop their faith?

The books of Henri Nouwen are very good. He speaks about pain and suffering, and he’s not afraid to talk about his experiences of suffering (e.g., his book, The Inner Voice of Love). In The Inner Voice of Love which he describes as his secret journal, written during a very difficult part of his life, Nouwen suggests reading only small sections at a time. I can see how some sections could be adapted to youth group discussions.

Do you have any long term goals, projects or a particular vision in relation to your vocation?

No, I don’t really have any long term goals or projects. I am more in transition working in administration and enjoying it at this point in my life. I guess my only goal is to serve and to stay healthy. I am most appreciative of the opportunity to be ministering here at St. Michael Parish. The support of the Parish Team and the response of the parishioners is most life giving.

It was a pleasure to talk with you Father John. Thank you for sharing these thoughts with us.
This past February, the Youth Commission at St. Michael’s gathered for the first time to be trained and formed with other parishes in our diocese. We are a group of 11 parishioners from various backgrounds including high school and university students, teachers, and parents who have dedicated ourselves to listening to the needs of youth and responding in a way which cares for the whole person.

Youth Ministry in the Diocese of London focuses on young people in grades 5-12 and their families. We, as members of the Commission, have the opportunity to help organize a comprehensive ministry with youth. Our goal is the personal and spiritual development of youth for the good of the Church and the world.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 31, we were officially commissioned in front of the parish. We distributed a survey to assess the interests and needs of youth here at St. Michael’s. Our Youth Commission has been hard at work over the summer compiling and analyzing the results of the survey and planning for the coming year in youth ministry (Check out the results of the Youth Ministry Surveys on pages 4 and 5 of the Annual Report!)

The Feast of Pentecost is a reminder of the Holy Spirit empowering all Christians to live out the call that we receive at baptism. We would like to encourage all members of St. Michael’s Parish to share in the Youth Ministry as it continues to grow.

Here are some reflections of why the Youth Commission members felt called to serve:

Anne Coelho (Chair): I believe that when you are called upon to make a difference or be involved that you should. I am always aware of being a positive role model for my children and I want them to be involved in their faith. Helping the youth of the parish is a good start.

Diane Kanas: My main reasons for joining the commission were to simply become involved with youth exploring and experiencing their faith, as I had done not so long ago in high school through my old parish, as well as the St. Michael’s community in general, since I am a relatively new parishioner.
Chantal Denomme (High School Student): I got involved with the Youth Commission because I wanted to become more active in the parish. I wanted to get to know more people and I am excited to take part in future youth activities.

Aaron Pellerin: I am interested in finding new and interesting ways to bring the Church to youth, and in turn, bring youth to the Church.

Joel Whelan (High School Student): I believe the Youth Commission will take today’s “Me” society, throw it out the door, and help young people within our community become better Catholics in their daily lives. Through various events, youth will form strong relationships with one another and with God.

Pat Theriault (High School Student): I believe that through the Youth Commission, we will be able to bring the church alive for our young people. This is one of the most important things that we can do for our parish because if we cannot bond the young people to the church now, then we will have no church in the future. I want other youth of our parish to have the same great relationship with God that I do.

Frank Maas: I decided to join the Youth Commission because as a university student, I still recall the formative years of elementary and high school and their demands, and also the different challenges of the following years, and I would like to offer that perspective to the group.

Darlene Durand: As a teen I was very involved in an amazing youth program at a local church. I know how important faith and community is in the lives of everyone but especially for young people.

From left to right: Darlene Durand, Anne Coelho, Paul Tremblay, Chantal Denomme, Frank Maas, Sue Pellerin, Aaron Pellerin, Natalie Simek

They are the future of our parish and I am looking forward to reaching out to the young people of St. Mike’s.

Sue Pellerin: I was very involved in youth ministry as a teenager. Now, since being a teacher of that age group, and seeing first hand the talent and gifts young people possess, I feel called to give back and help their voices be heard and enable their light to shine brighter.

Paul Tremblay: I am happy that I found the courage to get involved in this group, and as I look back, I think I was simply driven to serve and develop new friendships in our community, to stay young, and to exercise my passion for creativity.

Natalie Simek (Coordinator of Youth Ministry): I was blessed to have strong faith role models in my life growing up who gave me the inspiration and support to be a leader in my school, my community and on my sports teams. My hope is that the Youth Commission will respond to the needs of youth and offer them many ways to share their wisdom and talents with our community.
On June 14 we celebrated the Solemnity of the Feast of the Body and Blood of our Lord in which we recognize the great sacrament of the Eucharist. The message of Jesus in the Eucharist speaks to our hearts saying “I love you, I give my very self - my Body and Blood as food and drink that will strengthen you, unite you with my Father, myself and one another.”

St. Michael’s is a stewardship parish which means we recognize and respond to our baptismal call to use our gifts of time, talent and treasure to serve one another within our church and community. Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave himself to us completely for our salvation. He offered us a chance to drink from his cup. In Eucharist we meet Christ personally and, if we listen to Him, we will know what drinking from his cup means for each of us. Often it means our own sacrifice - giving up some of our time, talent and treasure to do his work on earth.

At each weekend mass there are ten Eucharistic Ministers who have the privilege of using their gift of time on a scheduled basis every two or three weeks to feed their sisters and brothers. The Pastor appoints individuals, who are confirmed Catholics and training is provided. When we share in this sacred meal we renew our promise to live as members of Christ’s Body. We are sent forth from the table to love and serve one another. Both the Eucharistic minister and recipient are reminded of this each time we receive communion. We are not merely guests at a banquet; we are heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Eucharist invites us to celebrate life - Jesus’ life and our life in God. Jesus’ ministry to “show us the Father” led to his death and resurrection; it does not stop there, he promised to return and take us with him to the Father. We are witnesses to death and resurrection because we have experienced these. We are witnesses also to Jesus’ promise to take us with him because of our faith in the mystery of the Eucharist. As Eucharistic Ministers feed the people of God with the sacred Body and Blood, they in turn nourish the servers by becoming what we consume - Christ in and for the world. There is no discrimination at the Lord’s Table; here we are all children of God and heirs of eternal life. Our careers, our status, our unemployment, our wellness, our ailments, our hopes, our doubts are all welcome as we come as we are. It is in all these areas of our lives that we bring the good news we have shared in. Every one of us is needed to build the Kingdom. It is here that the Eucharist invites us to be participants in life. To go back to our lives as rejuvenated, encouraged, hopeful and loving Christ bearers. Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. That is Eucharist. May the nourishment and strength we receive in the Eucharist allow us to give witness that Jesus is present and alive in our world. May we always recognize him in the breaking of the Bread and in each person he has created in his own image.

If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact the parish office.

Editor’s note: Dorothy was recently appointed as the sacristan for St. Michael’s. Congratulations Dorothy!
My wife and I were in a local mall recently and arrived in the food court to have a coffee just minutes after an elderly lady had lost her balance and tumbled down the full length of a very tall escalator. She had started to awaken just as we arrived. The security guard had contacted emergency services and the ambulance arrived within minutes. The paramedics worked on her, checking her vital signs, and started immediately to place her in position on a gurney to move her to the hospital. She looked so fragile and alone and in an obvious state of shock and fear with all the strange faces peering down at her that it was very easy to feel compassion for this senior lady in her time of such great stress. I thought, “There must be something that I can do – some way of offering her comfort.”

As the paramedics hovered overhead in discussion, I walked over and knelt down by her side and said, “These people really know their job and are doing their very best for you so try not to be afraid. Also, God is here with you and he is taking care of you”. Much to my surprise she smiled and her face suddenly took on a very serene appearance. She was then moved out of the mall to the waiting ambulance.

My wife, who was surprised that I had left her side to speak to the woman, asked what I had said to her. I told her and then I began to question myself as to why I had undertaken that action. It seemed at first that I had acted instinctively but when I began to ponder it later and thought about what I had said to her I started to wonder again why I had acted that way. Like many men of my generation and age, mid seventies, I have always found it somewhat difficult to speak to strangers about matters involving my personal faith except when I am with family, or friends in church, or at meetings where our Catholic faith is an integral part of the atmosphere.

My wife says, tongue in cheek, that it is a “guy thing” – men just don’t feel comfortable expressing that type of emotion to someone they don’t know. She’s right – I had never really thought about it that way before.

Fast forward to the next day - I was attending Mass and the central point in the homily really struck home and hit me “right in the gut” so to speak. Father Murray spoke about carrying the Eucharist out to others explaining that we are obligated to do so and in fact should want to take the “message” to others just as Jesus had asked the apostles to do. He further suggested that this can be done in many ways – in our actions toward others, in the way that we speak to people, in our charity, and finally, showing “compassion” when others need comfort. I learned something important over those two days – I’m still not sure what will happen if I find myself once again in a similar type of situation – whether the “guy thing” will take over – or if I will step “outside” of my inhibitions when it is called for – but I like to think, and hope, that I will be moved in a positive way by some moral instinct inside of me, or moved perhaps, by “Some One” within me.
We are excited to report that our refugee family arrived from Columbia in mid June. With only two weeks notice and wonderful community input, we were able to find an apartment and completely furnish it. Many, many thanks to all who helped out and gave from their hearts. It has made a big difference. With Sr. Maria’s guidance and determination, we were able to pull it all together, thanks in no small part to Adele Clewlow and Dave Westlake for their resourcefulness and trailer!

The Barrios family is settling nicely into their apartment and neighbourhood. The children, Luis and Tatiana, were enrolled in school shortly after arriving, attended St. Michael’s for the last two weeks of the school year and were quickly able to make new friends. Francisco, their father, is now taking English courses and Tania, their mother, is studying independently for now with help from Sister Maria and Janet Lynds. They are making great progress and it is helping them settle into the community. It hasn’t been an easy road for them, but they are brave, positive, and loving people who gain the support of anyone they meet.

With fall and the beginning of school upon us, we ask that you check your closets for any clothing (indoor and outdoor) for our family. Their sizing is listed on the parish website. We continue to look for a few other items, so if you can check the website as we figure these out, it would be greatly appreciated. Please go to the St. Michael’s website and click on the box beside the map of Columbia.

We again thank you for your loving and generous support of the family, and wish them well as the new school year starts with all of its excitement and adventures. The new changing seasons will be magical for them to discover, and with God’s love and the support of our parish, they look forward to a bright and exciting future ahead.

Refugee Prayer

God and Father of all humankind, your Son taught us that to welcome a child is to welcome Him.

Hear our prayers for children who have been driven from their homes by violence and warfare, by hunger and by fear.

Help us to work together to build a world marked by your justice and peace where all will find a welcome that befits your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen.
**FIND THE SHADOW**
This is harvest and thanksgiving time in Canada. Can you find the silhouette that matches this Cornucopia?

**WORD SEARCH**
Find each Disciple’s name in this puzzle by searching up, down, across and diagonally.

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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.

Pastoral Team

Calendar of Events
Parish Picnic    September 27
R.C.I.A. Process Starts    October 7
Mass of Healing    October 8
Volunteer Appreciation    November 1
Mass of Remembrance    November 12
Confirmation    November 24 & 25
1st Sunday of Advent    November 29
Parish Mission    December 6 - 9

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. Thank you.