I remember a book that touched my heart and faith life deeply. The book was titled “Doors to the Sacred” by Joseph Martos. The book invited me to see the Sacraments of the Church as moments in my life when Christ was knocking at the door of my soul and heart. It was my choice whether I opened the door and responded. In order to experience the encounter with Christ, I needed to understand the Sacrament, not just the ritual action but all that the Sacrament offers me.

It is in this spirit of understanding the Sacraments that, as a Pastor, I take very seriously the desire of the Church that people be prepared to receive the Sacraments. Each of the Sacraments requires preparation. Our pastoral ministers and priests take this sacramental preparation process seriously, which is truly the desire of the Church. It is with a desire for God’s children to encounter the love God has for them that for each Sacrament, we have a time of preparation.

Baptism is more than pouring water. It is a commitment to know Christ and His church, and the call to live as Christ in our world.

Confirmation is a part of the Sacraments of belonging to Christ’s Church. We need to know how the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will empower us to be Christ’s disciples during our lifetime.

The Eucharist is that unbelievable moment when we are fed with the Body and Blood of the Lord. If we are not prepared for this encounter, we will treat the Eucharist as if it were merely bread and wine. To not understand this Sacrament greatly shortchanges this gift of Christ’s presence.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance is truly the encounter with God and his love for us. God sent his Son into the world to reconcile us to him. Jesus is the perfect sacrifice that takes sin away. In the Sacrament we encounter the loving Father that says to us, you are forgiven. We need to understand this Sacrament in order to experience the unconditional love of God.

Marriage is an invitation from God to live a life that mirrors God’s love. To receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders, one needs to study and reflect on this call to be a servant of God’s love. The Anointing of the Sick is about praying for the gift of God’s healing.

Each of the Sacraments requires a time of preparation, of listening, praying and reflecting. This is not a punishment but a deep desire for God’s children to open the door to encounter Him and His love.
To Our Readers

In this issue you will find the St. Michael’s Catholic Parish Strategic Plan 2014-19 that was recently developed by the Parish Pastoral Council. Also included in this issue are a selection of articles reporting on new pastoral and staff members, projects in progress and the activities of various ministries and committees.

Since the last Newsletter at Easter, Fr. Peter Amszej and Deacon Gaston Mabaya have been called to work in other parishes. However, we welcome Fr. Seejo John as Associate Pastor and Doug Manners in the new position of Business Administrator in the Parish. Both have introduced themselves to our readers in this issue.

This Fall issue also includes the Annual Report that provides additional information on various aspects of the Parish including a reflection by Fr. Murray, a Financial Report, and reports of activities by the Parish Pastoral Council and the Youth Commission.

We thank everyone who has contributed to this Newsletter directly or indirectly through their work in the parish.

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CWL: Your Place Among Us

How would you like to be part of the largest Catholic women’s group in the world? The St. Michael’s Catholic Women’s League has been a vibrant part of our parish for over 85 years and continues to bring Catholic women together for faith, fun and fulfillment today.

On a personal level, the CWL provides gifts of faith, friendship and support to its members, offering opportunities for participation and leadership in the parish. On a broader level, members have the opportunity to serve God and Canada through local and national standing committees such as Spiritual Development, Christian Family Life, Community Life and Education and Health.

Over the years, representatives from the national level of the CWL have met annually with provincial and federal government members as the voice of Catholic women expressing their values and promoting dignity and justice for all. The CWL monitors and studies issues at all levels of government and prepares briefs and position papers on proposed legislation.

Locally, the monthly CWL meetings provide an opportunity for members to come together for spiritual reflection, charitable works, and fun. Members pray and support each other in times of trouble, and they provide financial support to the parish and for many local needs. We schedule regular entertainment like the Spring Pot Luck Dinner and Welcome Back Social in the fall. You don’t have to be a member to attend a meeting. Members unable to attend meetings can show their support in other ways.

The women of St. Michael’s parish have had a proud tradition of membership in the CWL since 1928. Let’s keep it alive in 2014. All women are welcome to join the Catholic Women’s League of Canada. As a woman in our parish, you are eligible to join if you are sixteen or older. Whether you are single, married, separated, divorced or widowed, you can belong to the League and are welcome to participate in all activities. Returning members and new members are always welcome. Together we are making a difference and together we can do more.

Catholic Women’s League
St. Michael’s Council
Strong Women Building Stronger Communities

Join and see how the CWL contributes to the life and vitality of the church, family and community, both at home and abroad.
My dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

Greetings of Love and the Peace of Christ!

In the book of Genesis we read about the creation. After each creation we read “God saw that it was good.” In order to understand the goodness of anything, we are invited to look around at each time in our life. It is not just looking around but an attempt to grasp the beauty of the creation and its mystery. If we adopt this practice in our everyday life, we will find a new rhythm for our existence and realize the beauty of our own existence. It enables us to welcome others with a gentle smile on our face.

You all, especially Father Murray Sample, did extend a heartfelt welcome to me, and I am grateful for the welcome I received on my very first day at St. Michael’s, a parish that is proud to be known as “A welcoming Eucharistic community, sharing faith and reaching out to all.” There was a space for every one in the ministry of Jesus. He reached out to every one.

As a priest I do believe that I am at St Michael’s to continue the same ministry of Jesus in whatever ways I can. God has His own ways to lead and guide us in our pilgrimage on the earth. We are expected to be open to Him. Be with me in my efforts to be with you. Let us together cherish the beauty of God’s creation of this world and its inhabitants. Let us, together, praise Him for His wonderful deeds!!

My name is Father Seejo John. I am a diocesan priest from the archdiocese of Ernakulam (Kochi), Kerala, a southern state (province) in India. I belong to the Syro-Malabar rite of the Catholic Church and have been a priest for the last twelve years.

I was in the teaching faculty of a seminary in India. For the last five years I was in the chancery office of the archdiocese of Ernakulam (Kochi) as an audit consultant, and also pastor of a city parish. My parents are not alive. My mother died 28 years ago and my father 14 years ago. I have no brothers or sisters.

You are my family members and I love very much the parish community at St. Michael’s Church. From now onwards it is not relevant for us to distinguish ourselves as ‘you and I’. Let us work together for the Kingdom of God.

May God bless you all in His providence.

Father Seejo John, Associate Pastor
Doug Manners, a native of London, is very familiar with St. Michael’s Parish and the North London neighbourhood. Doug was a student at St. Michael’s School, and his family are long time parishioners at St. Michael’s. Doug served as an altar boy throughout his grade school years and sang in the youth choir.

After attending Assumption College School in Windsor, he returned to London for Grade 13 at Catholic Central. He graduated from The University of Western Ontario and then attended Humber College for education in Funeral Service. Doug remained in the Greater Toronto Area for 16 years where he was married to his wife Alenka in 1995. Professionally he was responsible for construction, development and operation of a large funeral home in Scarborough. Doug returned to London in 2007 primarily to be present for his elderly parents. He had up until earlier this year worked as a Senior Director at the John T. Donohue Funeral Home.

Doug is very happy to be a part of St. Michael’s parish community again and quite energized to be working with Father Murray and his great team. Doug has always believed in service and in communication and wants to be available to the parishioners of St. Michael’s. He will endeavour to work very hard at freeing Father Murray to dedicate his gifts to serving the spiritual needs of the community and continuing to keep St. Michael’s vibrant and inclusive. The most important thing in Doug’s life is his faith, and now working for the Diocese and in the service of the Church is a great personal fulfillment.

Presented below are a few of Doug’s reflections to the questions we asked him.

“The details of the new position that excite me the most are working with the Team at St. Michael’s, for the Parish and for the Diocese. Since this is a new role both for the Parish and for me, it is very exciting to be involved in the creation of a job that is about service to the community.”

“The skills that I have developed as a Funeral Director that I am bringing to this position are those of relationship building and respect for people. Having a genuine interest and concern for people and being an effective listener all are a part of who I am. I also am adept at planning and have a focus on details that I believe will help in making sure that the financial commitments made by our parishioners continue to be responsibly spent and accurately accounted for. I have had experience with many cultures and backgrounds and am fulfilled to see that St. Michael’s is such a vibrant and inclusive Parish. I look forward to alleviating a number of Father Murray’s day to day responsibilities so that he can focus on the Ministry and will help to plan and guide a responsible budget that continues to support the Parish and its meaningful ministries.”

“I also am very excited to be a part of the continued investment plan that the Diocese is making in St. Michael’s. I will make sure that the upcoming major investments in our Parish are professionally implemented with hopefully as little disruption as possible. It really is an exciting time to be a member of St. Michael’s Parish family. I would like the people of St. Michael’s to know that they should feel comfortable contacting me anytime. I wish to be engaged with our parishioners and for them to know that their opinions are important to me.”

I can be contacted at the Parish in person, through e-mail at dmanners@dol.ca or by telephone at 519-433-6689 ext. 205.
A New monthly Grade 5-6 Youth Group at St. Michael’s Parish

Over the last two years, our Youth Commission has been working on creating a youth group for Grades 5-6, and we are happy to announce that we are ready to begin this October! Our youth group name is YouNight. We believe that we are united in Christ and also that we are all unique persons made in the likeness of God. A typical YouNight gathering will consist of prayer, games, a main Catholic theme/teaching for the night, snacks and an opportunity for parents to join us during the last 15 minutes and receive a recap of the evening’s teaching.

My name is Kennedy Hall, one of the leaders of YouNight. I am a recent graduate from the Faculty of Education, qualified as a French Teacher in the intermediate division (grade 4-6). Over the years I have volunteered in various roles such as coaching and helping out in classrooms. Our choice of a title for this group — YouNight — reflects the ethos of what we hope to get across. Firstly, it will be an evening activity, but this is only part of it. As YouNight is a play on the word “unite”, we want the participants to feel a strong bond with their faith and parish community, and we want our community to unite. It is also important for you to create a personal relationship with your faith in order to grow into the wonderful person you will indeed become: “You”.

I recently had my final practicum placement at St. Michael in Ted Maruszewski’s grade 5/6 class, and had the fortune of becoming part of the St. Michael School and parish community. My family ties are strong with this community, as my father’s family members all attended the school in the 50s and 60s, and my grandmother attended Sunday mass here for decades. I frequented youth groups growing up, and it was during these meetings that I developed my individual and strong union with Christ. Youth Ministry is a wonderful way to find your own way into a lasting relationship with our faith. I call upon this relationship of mine when teaching students about the Gospel, and I feel the fervour of my youth as it aids me in expressing the wonderful messages of Catholicism. I will leave you with my favourite verse as I feel it is perfect for this type of activity:

Romans 12:2 “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

My name is Lisa Miller and I am also one of the leaders for YouNight. I just finished teachers college at Western University and can’t wait to work with children in the primary junior division - kindergarten to grade 6. I have been blessed with a lot of experience working with children throughout the years. I have led drama camps and worked at an outdoor education centre, a child care centre and in a group home. I love the opportunity to get to know the kids I am with, helping them to grow and just have fun and enjoy being kids. I’m especially excited about this experience not only to work with kids but also to share my faith and relationship with God. It is sure to be a memorable experience full of fun and laughter as well as prayer and sharing.

Join us in the Parish Hall from 7:00-8:30pm the first Wednesday of the month: Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, and June 3.
"Bringing people together, getting to know the people you see at Mass each week, celebrating special occasions as a parish family, having fun together..."-these are the goals of the Social Committee!

Every September, through the use of a survey, parishioners are invited to volunteer to help in various ways with the social events during the year. Volunteers are needed to donate baked items from time to time, to help decorate and set up for monthly Coffee/Social Sundays and other events, to prepare and serve food, to clean up and to sell draw tickets. Working teams and friendship emerge, and we have a lot of fun working together organizing and hosting the socials and even cleaning up! Organizing a Coffee/Social Sunday every month requires lots of helpers before and after each Mass. Just imagine trying to serve 32 litres of juice, 20 to 25 lbs of cookies, 300-400 cups of coffee and 8 pots of tea at every Coffee/Social Sunday! Add other foods to these weekends and our kitchen becomes a hub of continuous activity from Saturday afternoon through to Sunday afternoon! This past year we saw an increase in the number of parishioners attending these social events. What a great way to get to know the people we see each week at Mass.

Our first Coffee/Social Sunday started early this year in August as we bid a farewell to Deacon Gaston Mabay. He was overjoyed with the bright and colourful reception and sweet treats as we thanked him for his service and wished him well in his new appointment.

During the last weekend of September, we gather as a parish family for our Feast of St. Michael. Our Parish Hall is transformed into a beautiful fall setting reminding us of God’s grandeur and bounty. Each year the Social Committee is very busy serving the parishioners food and refreshments. Ice cream sundaes were such a hit at the 10:30 Children’s Mass last year that we will now be serving them after all Masses for everyone!

In October, the Social Committee will assist with the Ministry Fair and provide refreshments and treats. This is a good opportunity to learn about the many ministries in our parish and to sign up to join a ministry or committee. We hope everyone takes time to visit the displays and enjoy a coffee and cookie.

Each year in November, a Volunteer Appreciation Event is celebrated on a Sunday night. It is an extraordinary event to honour and thank all parishioners who have served on any committee within the parish. Father Murray sends out invitations and parishioners are asked to RSVP so that the Social Committee can plan the food and beverages. Last year 200 people attended and were treated to refreshments, a variety of hors d’oeuvres and desserts. Along with the musical entertainment, there is a wonderful spirit of family and camaraderie through our service to others. This event takes lots of planning, decorating, preparing, serving and cleaning up by...volunteers, of course!!

Last year in December, our Committee invited parishioners to share some of their family’s favourite Christmas treats and baking for our Coffee/Social Sunday. What a fantastic selection of delicious goodies we enjoyed! It was such a success that this year we are once again asking parishioners to help out!

Every February around Valentine’s Day, married couples who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary during the year are honoured. Father Murray blesses each couple recognizing their commitment to the Sacrament of Marriage. As a symbol of their love to one
another, they receive a beautiful long stem rose. Following the Mass, all parishioners gather at the reception in the Parish Hall where we celebrate these couples. It is incredible to witness the bond of love each couple has shared in their many years together. It was during our church’s Anniversary Year that this practice of recognizing married couples was started and became a new tradition at St. Michael’s.

Each year during a Mission, the Social Committee provides the coffee and cookies at the morning and evening sessions. This past year, the Lenten Mission focussed on a four day journey with Bishop William McGrattan. The last day was a very special Healing Mass where our priests and the Bishop offered blessings to the sick. Following the Mass, the Social Committee served a delicious lunch of soup, sandwiches and desserts to over 100 people. It was a most memorable and peaceful event where family, friends and our parish family came together to pray for the sick.

The reception (in the front foyer) following the Easter Vigil celebrates the newest members to our faith. About 125 people attended this past year and enjoyed refreshments and finger foods. Candlelight, a starry moonlight along with the beautiful purple and pastel colours provided a warm, evening ambiance bringing our parish family together for Easter. It’s a late night for our dedicated volunteers but a most memorable occasion for our new Catholics!

The Coffee/Social Sunday in May means celebrating Mary as well as our own mothers. Cake and ice cream along with soft pink decorations and flowers is a reminder of a Mother’s love.

At another Coffee/Social Sunday earlier this summer parishioners gathered to say their goodbyes to Father Peter and then to enjoy a reception where his favourite foods were served - cake and ice cream sundaes with lots of sprinkles and candies. It was a very “sweet” send off for him!

A very special thank you is extended to all the volunteers who helped the Social Committee in so many ways during the year. Thank you also for the little notes of Thanks that have been given to us. My personal thank you is extended to the terrific Social Committee for their many hours of dedication in serving our parish family.

Thank you Joanne Zwolski, Tommy and Vina Wong, Margaret Hutton, Judy Wright, Cherylnn Grace, Penny Yip, Marinette Laureano and our spouses who are always there to pitch in to help us. It is a pleasure for me to work with such a talented, energetic and fun group of volunteers.

Be sure to complete the September survey to volunteer or send an email to owensk@rogers.com We are always looking for helpers!
The following article is both an historical summary of how we got to this point in time, and also a look into where we are going over the next number of months relative to our Capital Needs for St. Michael’s Parish.

Over the past four years, parishioners have been informed of our need to upgrade and replace mechanical units and the roof of the church. In early 2011, a Building Condition Assessment was completed by Allan Avis Architects Inc. in conjunction with the Diocese. That report identified the immediate and long term work which would be required to maintain our parish facilities.

On May 12th, 2011, a special meeting of the Parish was held to present the report. The estimated cost of the work program over the ten year plan was in the order of $1.2 million dollars (in 2011 dollars). Subsequently in the fall of 2011, Paul J. Mack & Associates were contracted to determine the viability of a Major Capital Fundraising Campaign. Their findings were presented to the Finance Committee and Parish Pastoral Council in the spring of 2012.

After the report was presented to the Parish, it was jointly agreed that we would NOT employ Paul J. Mack & Associates to do a capital fundraising campaign, but rather when the time was appropriate, we would undertake a parish initiated capital fund raising project.

During the past year the Building and Maintenance Committee identified the need to undertake a number of significant capital projects. All of the items identified by the Committee in need of repair or replacement were contained in the original audit by Allan Avis Architects Inc. The Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee and the Building and Maintenance Committee have completed extensive reviews of these projects and together.

We agreed that it is our responsibility to ensure the spiritual foundation of St. Michael’s remains strong and equally important that the physical foundation of our Parish remains strong and safe for our current families and for generations to come. To this end, it is necessary that we proceed with a number of mechanical upgrades and the replacement of the church roof.

The work that will be undertaken over the next number of months is no longer optional or avoidable. The boiler and HVAC Systems are the original units from the time of construction of the church in 1971, over 43 years ago, and it is no longer possible to obtain replacement parts. This past winter we were fortunate to get all systems running! It got us through the season, but it is not likely that the boiler will start-up this fall.
As for the roof, it is literally disintegrating before our eyes. Roof shingles are falling off and if the roof is not replaced immediately, we are likely to see a complete failure of the roof which would result in damage to the interior of the church, not unlike what occurred with the roof in the Parish Hall a couple of years ago. There are wet spots already appearing on the ceiling in the church.

The overall project can be broken down into four main areas. These are; to replace the existing hot water boiler, replace existing HVAC with three smaller units, remove the decommissioned HVAC and replace the flat roofing, and replace the main church roofing. The estimated cost of the overall project is $1,169,715 and with professional fees and HST added to the work, the estimated cost is $1,285,364.

Once the projects are tendered and/or negotiated, work will begin almost immediately with a target completion of most of the work by the next heating season. The final costs will vary depending on the negotiations and tendering of the individual projects.

A Special Meeting of the Parish was held on June 11, 2014 at 7:00pm to outline the work that will be undertaken as well as the options that the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee and the Building and Maintenance Committee considered. At the meeting, representatives of Allan Avis Architects Inc., the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee and the Building and Maintenance Committee were present to answer questions.

We have the support of the Diocese for this work, and we are finalizing the financial support we will need for these repairs. The funding for the boiler has already been approved, and we hope that work will be scheduled over the next number of months subject to contracts and construction being arranged.

We hope to see both the completion of the boiler work to minimize any potential failure of our systems and the replacement of the church roof prior to the upcoming heating season. As indicated, the Diocese has stated support for a loan (subject to working out the details) to St. Michael’s Parish in the full amount of the funds needed for this work. The Diocese is supportive and confident that we will be able to repay the loan over the next number of years.

As a Parish Family we will need to focus on donations and fundraising efforts to eliminate our debt. The Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, and Building and Maintenance Committee are confident that we will be able to count on the generosity of our parishioners. It is through the leadership and decision making of these committees and the financial support from parishioners that we will be able to provide a sustainable Parish facility now and into the future.

Thank you for your ongoing and continued support.
Introducing Your 2014-15 Youth Commission
Serving Youth in Christ!

I am proud to introduce you to a group of dynamic and faithful parishioners that I meet with monthly, the Youth Commission. This commission is dedicated to listening to and discerning the needs of youth in grades 5-12 and to develop opportunities for them and their families to grow and thrive in their Catholic faith. If you have any feedback for the Youth Commission, feel free to connect with any of these members or myself throughout this school year. As our motto for Youth Ministry at the parish states, we are Serving Youth in Christ (SYNC)!

Natalie Hleba, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Ian Bagnas: I recently graduated from Mother Teresa Secondary School and I have been attending St. Michael's since 2006. I have participated in altar serving, the COR Upfront team, CCLC Camp and Stations of the Cross. I chose to get involved with the youth commission because I would greatly like to help out Natalie and I enjoy participating at church. My hope for youth ministry is to extend and reach out to many more youth and to give them a welcoming church community.

Stephanie Li: I will be in Grade 12 this fall at London Central Secondary School. My family came to St. Michael’s when I was in Grade 2. As time went on, I began to establish relationships within the church community and became an altar server and subsequently, a lector. This past year, I decided to branch out and explore volunteer opportunities within the youth ministry, and in particular the Youth Commission, which is such an integral part of the parish. My experience has been nothing but positive, and I am blessed to have the opportunity to empower young people in their faith journey.

Nicholas Regier: I am going into grade 12 at Mother Teresa this September. I have attended St. Michael’s Parish ever since I was a child. I chose to get involved in the youth commission because I wanted to help make the parish a better place for the youth of the parish. I hope that the youth commission will have an extremely successful year this coming year, planning and providing events for the young people to participate in.

Christina Safar: I am a grade 11 student at Catholic Central High School. I have been a part of youth ministry for two years, and this will be my third. I participate in many activities and ministries in the parish. I decided to get involved with the youth commission because I felt that as a youth, it is my job to bring the ideas of youth to the commission so we can better meet their needs.

Remie Pascual: I came from the Philippines three years ago. St. Michael’s parish has been my home parish since then. I am currently working as part-time dental assistant and a full-time wife and a mom to my five kids. Raising our five children to be God-fearing and enriching their faith is a tough job for me and my husband. We are thankful that through God’s glory and grace, they have grown closer to God and are active Roman Catholics. The same is my dream for the youth of St. Michael, and I want to help and assist them become God-fearing and God-loving people.

Chantal Denomme: I am going into my fourth year of Catholic Studies for Teachers at Kings University College. I have been a parishioner of St. Michael’s church since I was five years old. I have chosen to be part of the youth commission because of the positive experiences with youth groups I have had in the past. They provided me with an opportunity to meet new people, share in faith, pray and have fun. I hope to be able to plan events and programs which allow youth to experience God and have a place where they can meet others who share their faith.

Nathan Durand: I am going into my second year in Health Sciences at Western University and looking at pursuing a career in the medical field. I have been with St. Michael’s for about seven years and since then have been in Youth Ministry programs such as Altar Serving, Teen Nights and our annual Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Having lots of experience in all of the youth programs that St. Michael’s has to offer, I joined the Youth Commission this year to help explore new programs and strengthen our existing ones to offer to the young people of our parish community.

Nicole Buzzelli: I am starting grade eight at St. Mary’s Choir school. I have attended St. Michael’s Church since I was six years old. I decided to get involved in Youth Ministry because I wanted to be involved with the youth of the parish and to be able to bring the ideas of youth to the commission so we can better meet their needs.
Ministry because I wanted to share my ideas and help improve the interaction between youth and the Church. I hope to get the children more involved in Church activities that grow their relationship with Christ.

**Jennie Wang:** I am studying social sciences at King's University College at Western University. I have attended St. Michael's Parish since 2001 when my parents and I immigrated to Canada from Taiwan. Through my journey, I came to believe in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist in the Sacrament of Communion and Adoration. My hope is that many more young people at our parish can come to truly appreciate the gift of the Eucharist and grow in devotion to it.

**Kelly Wharton:** I have been a member of St. Michael’s parish since 2004 and I am a coordinator in ESL at Fanshawe College. Before coming to St. Michael’s, I was an active member at St. Pius (now Holy Family) parish, including being a member of its youth commission for three years. Having learned from this experience, and seeing the value of a strong youth ministry in a parish, I am hoping to be able to contribute in a positive way to our already vibrant youth program, and to be energetically involved in the activities presented by the ministry throughout the year.

**Michael Theriault:** I’m going into grade 12 at Catholic Central and have been at the parish for about 12 years. I just joined youth commission this year and I’m excited to share my ideas with everyone. I joined youth commission because I’d like to be part of the positive things that come out of it. I wanted to be part of the face of the youth in our parish and to give youth and their families a strong representative on the commission. I’m very excited to become more involved in the parish and am looking forward to this upcoming year!

**Paul Tremblay:** I have been part of the Youth Commission since it started about six years ago. It has been an enriching and spiritual experience to serve with Natalie and all the other pilgrims that have journeyed with this group. I have great faith in the mustard seeds that will continue to nourish this group and the youth community.

Come and join us for this year’s edition of the Ministry Fair held in the parish hall after all masses on Sept 20-21, 2014 where youth and adults can sign up as volunteers for Youth Ministry events during the year. We are all called to serve!

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!

For Youth Ministry updates, Catholic links and inspirational quotes check us out on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/sync.stm and new Twitter account @syncstm

For more information about Youth Ministry please contact Natalie Hleba, Coordinator of Youth Ministry at 519-433-6689 ext 206 or nhleba@dol.ca
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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
(St. Josephine Bakhita)
4th Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday Masses
Saturday: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Free Bus Service to 10:30 a.m. Mass
The route . . .
9:50 a.m.
• 64 Wyndham
• Blackwater east of Adelaide - bus stop
• Grenfell just east of Blackwater
• Fanshawe/Trossacks - bus stop on corner
• 770 Fanshawe Park Rd east of Fremont - bus stop
• Fanshawe Park Road - west of Fremont
• Adelaide/Fanshawe - bus stop south of Fanshawe
• Kipps Lane/Adelaide - bus shelter just east of Adelaide
• Kipps Lane/Barker
• Kipps Lane - bus stop east of Barker
• Kipps Lane/Kenmore Place - bus stop
• 295 Briarhill
• Cheapside/Boullee
• Huron Street - bus stop east of Wedgewood Drive
10:15 a.m.
• Royal Oak Apartments - 3 stops
go to St. Michael’s Church

The bus will stop at regular bus stops or wherever it is hailed along the route.

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

Calendar of Events
Feast of St. Michael, after masses September 27 & 28
Thanksgiving Mass, 10:00 a.m. October 13
First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 7:00 p.m. October 14
Confirmation Parent & Candidate Meeting, 7:00 p.m. October 29
Volunteer Appreciation, 7:00-9:00 p.m. November 16
Mass of Healing, 12:00 noon November 25
All Day Confessions, 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. December 12