

Welcome to St. Michael and All Angels!

Special welcome to visitors and new comers!

We hope you feel at home in this community of faith.

September 2010

Directory

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Sunday Services

Holy Communion at 8.00 & 10.00am
Wednesday evening there is a service of
Holy Communion at 7pm

When & where to find us

The Parish Office will be open when
our parish secretary is in on Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday from 9.00 until
noon.

Upcoming Dates:

Sun Sept 12th Kick off Sunday
Wed Sept 15th Healing service 7.30pm
Wed Sept 22nd 7.30 following the
Eucharist - Bible study on the Book of
James
Sat Oct 2nd 9.00 - noon with
continental breakfast at 8.30 - training
workshop for "Back to Church Sunday"
Wed Oct 6th Senior's lunch
Sun Oct 17th Back to Church Sunday
Sun Nov 7th & 14th White gift bags on
sale
Sun Dec 5th Bags to be returned
Fri Dec 10th Packing Christmas baskets
Sat Dec 11th Delivery of Baskets

Priest's Office Hours:

Wednesday Thursday & Friday mornings
from 10 am to noon.
Please drop in during those times or
call the church office for an
appointment.



*My dear brothers and sisters in Christ in the
Parish of St. Michael and all Angels,*

I greet you this fall mindful that this is the third fall letter I submit for the newsletter as your “Temporary Shepherd”. I count it a blessing to be still here among you. This fall we have some exciting things to look forward to. But first of all, before highlighting some of these things, I want to encourage everyone to increase your prayer efforts for this parish. As we pray we will receive a clearer vision for the parish, as we pray we will nurture a greater love for the people and work of this parish, as we pray we will increase our level of interest in the life of the parish and as we pray we will find it easier to become more involved. By increasing our prayer effort for St. Michael and All Angels, we will become an even more vibrant parish. I believe we would all benefit from the prayers we pray and we will discover something fresh and new as we watch and see what God is doing among us. Can we all rely on one another to pray just a little bit more for our parish life?

This fall we will be doing something we’ve not done yet at St. Michael’s. We will be participating in the “Back to Church” event. This is an international effort for church goers to learn how to be more able to invite people who don’t normally attend church to come and discover for themselves how good attending church can be. Of course we will need to be sure we are in agreement, that attending church *is* good and worthwhile and beneficial. We will be asking ourselves these questions and many more at our “Back to Church Sunday” training day. Maybe some of you are saying to yourselves, “I already know who I am inviting, I don’t need to attend any training day!”; or, “How much training can we need to invite someone to church!?”. When you attend, however, you will see that there is much more to consider than is immediately apparent. I want to encourage everyone to attend the training day on Oct. 2 and I promise there will be something there that will cause you to pause and ask yourself a question or two.

Our Clergy Fall Conference, which begins Sunday evening and ends Tuesday morning, (Sept 26-28) will also be along a similar theme. While we are focused on programs and studies for parishioners we need to look at the great commission and ask ourselves if we are going out with the gospel of Jesus Christ. To what extent can we be more intentional in outreach to people who are not already in church? We might be pretty good at being church in church much of the time, but are we good at being church in the communities where we live and work and socialize? Do we know how to connect with unchurched or “dechurched” people we see every day? I find these are challenging questions. Discovering answers can lead to exciting possibilities when we consider that God wants us all to accept his call. God wants us to be part of the work He wants to do in our lives and in the lives of all those around us. I believe God is calling us and when He calls I trust that He will work. I hope we will all be willing to participate!

With my prayers for a smooth ending to summer holidays and re-entry into the routines of work and school,

Your Servant in Christ,

Rev. Michelle

September 1, 2010

News from our Various Ministries

Fundscrip :

From its inception St Mikes has generated over \$8,000 dollars. It really is the easiest type of fundraising we do, and every family can get involved with it. Please remember to use Fundscrip for all your day to day needs at all major grocery stores, when you fill up the gas tank, or purchasing bus passes at the Pharmacy, or going out to a movie. There are even gift cards for certain fast food chains, and coffee shops....So if you haven't tried it come see what the fuss is about and how easy it is to do.

Treasurer's note:

A quick reminder that we are behind in our offerings, The congregation supported the "step up program" at vestry, but we have seen only about 50% of families follow through. Please remember that meeting our budget allows St Mike's to grow and have a full time Priest, and continue to offer a dynamic music ministry and youth group. Honouring our pledge is allowing us to move forward. Please increase your offerings if you have fallen behind.

Nearly New

Last spring we involved the community to help us run our Nearly New Sale, and tried something new. We need to decide if this format can be used this fall, or if we should go back to previous format. We need to decide if there should be a Nearly New this fall or if we should do another fundraising activity. Your opinion and help is needed, so **please contact** anyone on Parish counsel, and wardens, to let us know what you think.

Moms & Tots

This is a time for stay - at - home moms , dads or grandmothers to get together while the children play and enjoy a story . Tea, coffee, juice and crackers are served .

Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:00 . Welcome to all . Starting Sept. 21 ,2010 . For more information contact Henriette 514-624-8690 .

I also need volunteers to help out on one Tuesday a month, Thank you



St.Mike's Coffee & Fellowship Ministry.

Do you have a heart for service? Do you enjoy a hot cup of coffee or tea after church while you mingle in Kohner Hall?



Individuals/teams/families are needed to either make and set up the coffee and/or to clean up afterwards. We always welcome new members, and you can sign up according to your availability.

Please help us continue to offer this service by signing up and helping out!

Dear St. Mike's friends,

Just a note to let you how your friends, the Irwins, are doing in Kitchener. The unpacking is done, now we just have to find a home for everything as we have downsized to a much smaller home. We are exploring the area a little as there is a lot to see around here. Last weekend we enjoyed a tour of 3 wineries in the Niagara regions (Jackie & Steve only) and this weekend we will be going to Stratford to explore.

We miss our St. Mike's family - thank-you so much for the wonderful good-bye party - we treasure our picture of the stained glass windows as well as the digital photo frame with photos of many St. Mike's events. They both have a special place in our new home and are lasting reminders of our many friends and great times at St. Mike's."

Hopefully we will be back to visit soon. Anyone who comes our way, please feel free to drop in , we would love to see you.

Love,

Jackie, Steve, Scott, Liz, Adam & Caity

The Pastoral Care team is there for you when required to help, in time of sickness or rehabilitation, or just to talk and pray with you.

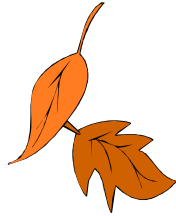
Do not hesitate to call Walter March @ (514) 684-8722, or Carole Meakin at the Church Office (514) 626-4205.

** Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in it's various forms.**

(1 Peter 4: 10)

Outreach Projects for Fall 2010 - Mark your calendars it's time to get involved -

Seniors Fall Lunch - Come celebrate Thanksgiving with our annual Seniors Fall Lunch on Wednesday October 6th. We start with a Eucharist at 11:00am and then enjoy a simple lunch and fellowship in Kohner Hall at 12 noon. Come along and get to know your fellow parishioners a little better or feel free to bring along a friend and introduce them to St. Mike's warm hospitality. There is always good food, fun and prizes. Call Carole in the church office 514-626-4205 to let us know if you are coming. We look forward to seeing you there.



"Tooney Sunday" - This will be starting again on Sunday September 5th. Money collected will continue to go towards the purchase of food vouchers to distribute when requested. Remember we are no longer collecting food items so please do not leave any food in the Narthex. If you would like to make a food donation please make it to the West Island Mission. St. Mikes is a supporter of this organization that helps" people struggling with poverty on the West Island."

White Gift Bags - These will be on sale for \$1.00 November 7th and 14th. Have fun filling a bag with essentials and treats as a Christmas gift for the men at St. Michael's Mission. These must be brought back for December 5th so they may be blessed and brought to the Mission on Monday December 6th

Food collection for Christmas Baskets - This year the set up for Christmas baskets will be on Thursday December 9th. Packing will take place on Friday evening December 10th and delivery on Saturday morning December 11th. Please begin collecting food now - the need at Christmas is always so great. The list will be up on November 14th but it would be appreciated if you could start buying items now when on sale. You will be advised when to



start bringing items to the church.

PWRDF is responding to the floods in Pakistan and so are we at St. Mikes. Donations must be made payable to PWRDF but on the memo of your cheque please write FOR PAKISTAN FLOOD RELIEF. 100% of your contribution will go towards the flood relief. The Government of Canada will



match your donation dollar for We thank you in advance for your prayers, generosity and support towards those in this world who have so little.

Our next Outreach Meeting will be held at Church on September 13th at 7pm. We would love to hear from you if you are interested in joining this very rewarding Ministry. Please call Elizabeth Ho-Wo-Cheong at 514-426-9779

We ask for your continued prayers and involvement to make these projects a success.

Hello everyone,

Another beautiful summer come and... I won't say gone just yet! Let's dive right into it, shall we?

SMYCH will be starting up again on the Sunday of September 12th...

We'll be going into this season with examining a book by Philip Yancy called "The Jesus I never knew", a great author who I find to be refreshingly honest. Honest about his emotions, his beliefs, his doubts, struggles and what continues to give him hope. This topic will also be leading us into our first retreat! Keep your eyes posted, forms will be coming out shortly.

Youth Group will also be starting up it's regular meetings September 17th...

September 17th will be our opening BBQ where we can all take awhile to catch each other up on our summer adventures

September 24th we'll be celebrating (hopefully...) the lack of humidity with a sports night!

... Lastly I think I'll take this opportunity to be cheesy and leave you with a poem I came across this summer.

I saw a man pursuing the horizon;
Round and round they sped.
I was disturbed at this;
I accosted the man.
"It is futile," I said,
..."You can never ---"

"You lie," he cried, And ran on.
-Stephen Crane

Once again thank you all for a great summer,
and I'm really excited to embark on a new
season with you guys.

Jackie



Parish Community Payer by Marilyn Wray

This month let us pray for "Back to Church
Sunday" October 17 and the training day on
Saturday October 2.

To guide our prayers:

Ephesians 2: 10

"For we are God's workmanship, created in
Christ Jesus to do good works, which God
prepared in advance for us to do."

And using this prayer by Charles de Foucauld:



Father,
I abandon myself into your hands;
Do with me what you will.
Whatever you do, I thank you.
I am ready for all; I accept all.
Let only your will be done in me,
And in all your creatures.
I wish no more than this, O Lord.
Into your hands I commend my soul;
I offer it to you
With all the love in my heart,
For I love you Lord,
And so need to give myself,
To surrender myself into your hands,
Without reserve,
And with boundless confidence,
For you are my Father.

Amen.

Purpose Statements for Committees of St. Michael and All Angels

Music Ministry

The Music Ministry of St. Michael's seeks to glorify God and proclaim His Word through sacred music. The Music Ministry works to do this in the parish in the following ways:

1. Preparation and selection of hymns and service music week by week
2. Leadership in music and preparation of sacred choral music from the Choir
3. Leadership in music and preparation of contemporary music from the Praise Team

The Nursing Home Ministry

The purpose of the nursing home ministry is to bring the Church into the nursing home community. The Eucharistic Church service cleanses soul and spirit.

Sunday school is showing Jesus' love so that the children can show it to others.

Sunday school is teaching children to be strong disciples of God.

Monthly Parish Prayer Meeting Ministry

Once a month on Saturday mornings we gather to pray with scripture to seek the will of God for our parish. We begin with a breakfast of coffee and muffins followed by meditation and intercessory prayer. Sometimes other forms of prayer are used as well.

The Altar Guild

The cleaning and adornment of the sanctuary for worship while learning greater love and reverence for all that belongs to God's Service.

The Website is a communication tool.. to get word out to the Parish or anyone else who stumbles upon us.

Pastoral Care Team

"To respond to human need by loving service."

Pastoral care team: A committee of 6 with a team of some 40 members.

We offer ourselves as a team of Christ's servants, to minister to our brothers and sisters, through prayer and help when they are in need, caused by sickness or rehabilitation.

Healing Prayer Team

We discussed our purpose statement based on the 5 Marks of Mission and decided on the following:

"We offer ourselves as instruments of God's Healing power to bring wholeness in Body, Mind, and Spirit through prayer and by the laying on of hands."

Parish Council

The Parish Council consists of the Corporation and six elected members who meet to guide/advise, plan, and pray for the business and life of the parish.

Youth Ministry -

The Youth Ministry holds sessions throughout the service for youth that have graduated from Sunday School which we call SMYCH. The Youth Ministry offers Friday night activities to promote fellowship, and also bi-yearly weekend retreats. The Youth Ministry is headed by the Youth Coordinator and the Leadership team, a group of older adolescents with a passion for being with and mentoring the youth.

We touch mostly on: *responding to human need by loving service, and to seek to transform unjust structures of society.* Although yes, we do teach the good news, we believe in order for adolescents to genuinely

begin to grasp and process the mature concepts of faith we must;

1. Offer a safe, warm, and welcoming environment where the youth feel comfortable and cared for no matter what they are going through or what they have done. We believe this absolutely must be established first and foremost before the youth feel safe enough to genuinely explore their faith with us.
2. Nurture and be aware of the particular needs of pre-adolescent and adolescent youth.
3. Create an environment where judgement of others can be replaced with empathy and compassion for ourselves and those around us.
4. Teach the youth general critical thinking skills, to protect themselves from false prophets. Finally, to slowly help them understand what their personal relationship with Jesus means, and utilize that to help them generalize to what this means in "the big picture".

Outreach Ministry

The Outreach Ministry mission statement comes directly from the Bible -“Whatever you do for the least of these brothers of mine, you do for me.” Matthew 25:40

On the Outreach Committee we seek to achieve this by making the congregation aware of, and involving them in projects that help to serve those in need. We initiate projects at the local, national and international level, and support them by using the talents that God has given to all of us. In doing this we believe that the purpose of the Outreach Ministry is to bring awareness and “to respond to human need by loving service”.

Greeters

Surely our goal is to welcome people so warmly in His name, that the presence of the Holy Spirit at work in our Parish, is apparent .

The Corporation

The corporation is the legal body of the local church that assures the overall wellbeing of the parish. Its purpose is to facilitate and support the work of the parish ensuring that all property and finances are maintained. The corporation also ensures the pastoral care of the members of the congregation

Adult Christian Education Ministry

The Adult Christian Education Committee is responsible for the planning and preparation of adult Christian education programming in the parish, and as such endeavors to carry out this ministry under the following guidelines:

1. Oversee and facilitate adult Christian education programs in the parish.
2. Develop new programs.
3. Search for and provide materials.
4. Develop a team of leaders for programs.
5. Pray for, encourage and mentor parishioners.
6. Be responsible for the visibility of adult Christian education in the parish.

The ACEC believes that in striving to fulfill its purpose this ministry promotes God's mission by: proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom, and by teaching and nurturing believers.

The Music and Liturgy Committee

The purpose of this committee is to help prepare and plan worship services so that they might be conducted with dignity and reverence providing a way for all to participate in meaningful worship.

Other Ministries

Sides Team **New Comers**

Coffee Time Fellowship **Kitchen**

Grounds and Maintenance
