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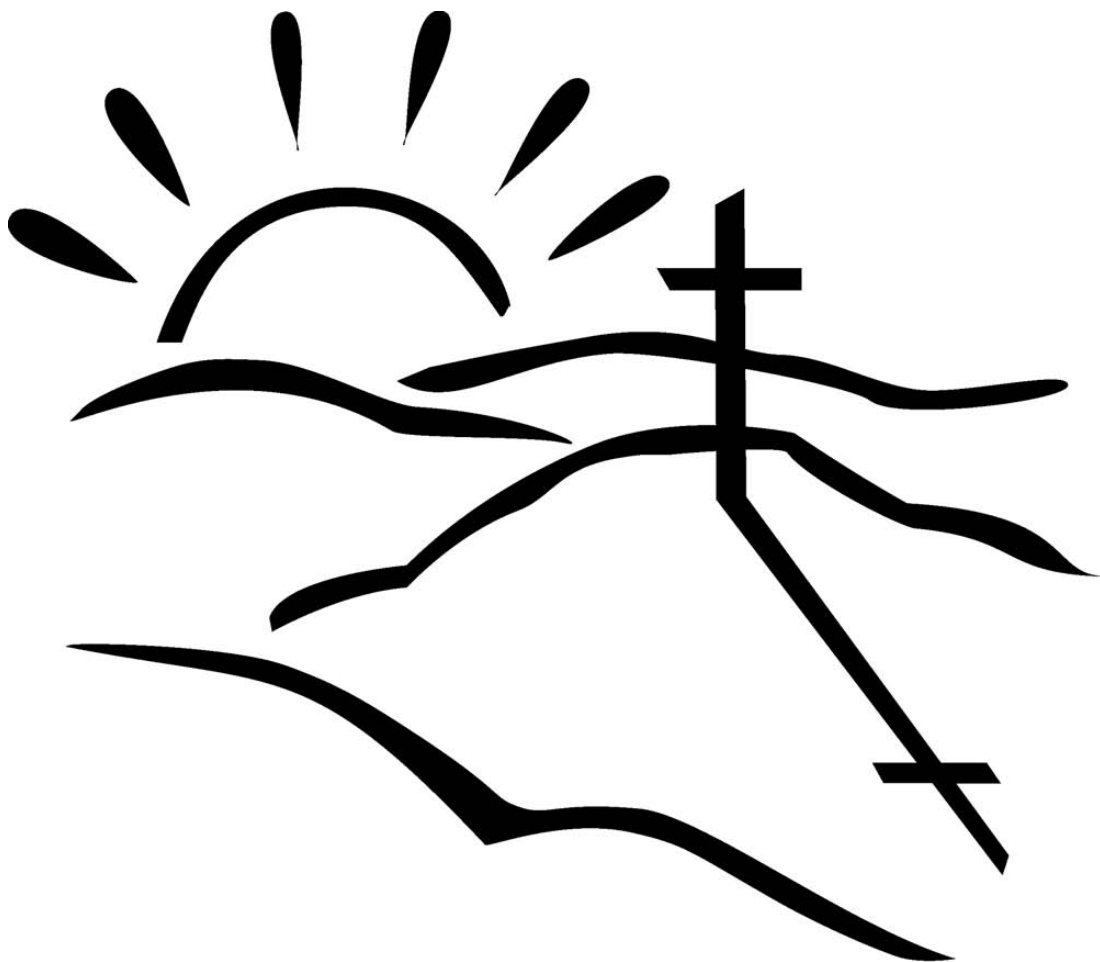
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Rejoice!

For the Lord is truly risen!

EASTER SUNDAY



Monday, April 2 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Harm & Myrta Dewyk

Tuesday, April 3 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Bernard LeGree

Wednesday, April 4 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Fran Pollock Durkacz

Thursday, April 5 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Grant Crawford; + John Caravassio; + Tony Tassy;
+ Dennis Fisher; + Bob Issard; + Lois White

ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL MASS
10:00 am ST. PAUL SCHOOL MASS

Friday, April 6
9:00 a.m. + Ernesto Capati
7:00 p.m. + Catherine Braithwaite

Saturday, April 7 at 5:00 p.m.
Ints. Lee Olds; Ints. Roche Family;
Ints. Molly & Michael Doherty; + Martha O'Hare;
+ Leonard McKinnon; Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday, April 8
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Ints. Peter & Tina Lavrysen 60th Wedding
Anniversary

Please pray for the following:

John Scharer	Molly Laporte	Maritza Garcia
Mary Berry	Nicola Izzi	Gonzalez
Doug Pudsey	Sarah Scharer	Michael Dowson
John O'Boyle	Vincent Stanford	Milan Heck
Frances Wentges	Jim Singer	Helen Weppler
Peggy Evans	Elizabeth Talatala	Jane Urquhart
Jill Ascah	Shelly Sterling	Laith Yousif
Lee Olds	Asia Rae Landry	Michael Colameco
Stephen Pustai	Noah Landry	Maria Szkitalinski
Michael Smart	Rozalia Berezny	Mary Lilly
Denise Brooke	Sr. Rosalie Siegler	Bill & Lucie
Clive Ottaway	Barbara Kennedy	Jennings

If you would like a loved one prayed for by the parish and included in the weekend Prayers of the Faithful, please call the Parish Office by Tuesday a.m.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Sunday, March 25 th	\$5975.00
Share Lent	\$808.00
Good Friday	\$13.00
Easter	\$21.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Easter Sunday, we read from the **Acts of the Apostles** to hear Peter's preaching about the Resurrection. The **Letter to the Colossians** reminds us "You have died and your lives are hidden with Christ in God." The Gospel is from **John's Gospel** and gives us the first story of that Easter morning - Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and runs to Peter and the "disciple Jesus loved" to tell them. They run to the tomb and discover for themselves that it is empty.

*Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>, used with permission.



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER
"On this glorious day, 'let the earth rejoice, in shining splendor,' even though it is so often mistreated and greedily exploited, resulting in an alteration of natural equilibrium. I think especially of those areas affected by climate change, which not infrequently causes drought or violent flooding, which then lead to food crises in different parts of the world." (Pope Francis, "Urbi et Orbi, Easter 2016")

Take some time today to reflect on all the Lenten activities that you have performed during Lent, and how they have brought you into greater harmony with God's plan for creation and all life. Give a gift to our Common Home: plant a tree, a flower, or a bush and take care of it. This will be a valuable gift to our Earth. As you care for the Earth, and any living species you will receive the beauty of the day! Spend some time out of doors noticing the Earth as it blossoms forth into New Life! Enjoy the bulbs and flowers beginning to sprout and bloom in gardens. Notice the warmth of the sun that pushes the buds of trees into flower. Give thanks to God for the Risen gift of his son Jesus and the gift of all creation!

"Creation is of the order of love. God's love is the fundamental moving force in all created things."

—Pope Francis

Christ is Risen! Christ is truly Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Did you know that you can now register for Burlington Community Clean Up /Green Up on the Weekend of April 15th? <https://www.burlingtongreen.org/news/1290-cugu-registration-2018>

Happy Easter!!!

As we go through life we all experience little deaths. We get a foretaste of death when we live in bitterness, loneliness, sadness, frustration, and despair. In times like these the world closes in on us, and we seem to have one foot in the grave.

But we also experience little resurrections, when we know love, acceptance, mutual understanding and forgiveness, when we open our hearts to others and to life, the world opens up and we emerge from the tomb. Lord, may the splendor of your resurrection scatter the shadows of death, and enable us to walk in radiant hope towards the kingdom where there are no more shattered hopes or broken dreams.

May this Easter Sunday inspire you to new hope, happiness, prosperity, and abundance. Wish you and your family a meaningful and grace-filled Easter!!!

Fr. Francis, Fr. Roshan & Parish Staff

IN OUR PARISH

ADORATION, PRAISE, WORSHIP AND MASS: Please join our parishioners in a church wide adoration and praise and worship **on Friday, April 6th at 7 pm**. All are welcome to spend time with the Lord.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: will take place on **April 8th at 2 pm** for students of St. Raphael School and the Parish Program and **April 15th at 2 pm** for students of St. Paul School and the Parish Program. Please keep these children in your prayers as they receive the Body of Christ.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION: We will be having a volunteer appreciation event at **2 pm** in the **Parish Centre on Sunday April 22nd**. It will be a wine and cheese event and a good time to get to know other volunteers. Please RSVP to your ministry leaders by April 10th. We ask that all committee leaders RSVP the names of volunteers who will be attending by April 10th to the office.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION: Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting after all Masses next weekend. SSVP envelopes are available at back of the church for those who would like income tax receipts at the end of the year.



GODSPELL MUSICAL PERFORMANCE: We will be presenting Godspell on **Saturday April 28th at 2 pm and 7 pm** in our **Parish Centre**. Please buy your tickets after any weekend mass or at the office. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5.00 per children under 12 years old.



CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY CALENDAR: Please join us for the following events:
Mon, Apr 9 – No Prayer Meeting - Cancelled
Sun, Apr 29, 7PM – Taize Service, Port Nelson United
Mon, May 14, 7:30PM – Prayer Meeting, New Street CRC, 3416 New St.
Mon, Jun 11, 7:30PM - Prayer Meeting, St. Raphael
Please call Wilma or Frank Malick for info 905-870-0641.



PETITION FOR CONSCIENCE RIGHTS OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS: Many thanks to those who signed the petition for conscience rights of doctors and health professionals. The petition of 148 signatures was presented to MPP Eleanor McMahon on March 23, 2018 and also be forwarded to Health Care Minister. Together we have raised our voice on this important issue.



CWL LENTEN CAMPAIGN: for Canadian Food For Children. Donations for Dr. Simone CFC will continue. Please consider bringing items (iodized salt, flour, soap and shoes) for the remainder of the Easter Season. Please place your donations into blue box by the top of stairs outside parish office. Thank you for your generosity for the poor.



60th ANNIVERSARY MASS: In honour of our 60th anniversary we will have a special Mass on **June 3rd at 11 am**. There will be a parish BBQ and games at the park after the Mass.

PHOTO DIRECTORY: Final sessions are available on **April 30th and May 1st** for Ministry Group Photos and any families who were unable to participate earlier. **Please schedule your sitting by contacting Liz Leonard at 905-634-3836.** Everyone who participates will receive a free copy of the parish photo directory and one free 8x10! It won't be complete without YOU in it



BOOMERANG CARDS: There will be no cards on **Mon. April 2nd** due to the Easter holiday. Cards will resume on Monday, April 9th.



LADIES COFFEE MORNING: All Ladies are welcome to gather this **Wed. April 4th at 9:30 am** in the St. Francis room for coffee and fellowship.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL 14TH ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT: on **Sat. April 7**, from **7 – 10 pm at the school**. Cost is **\$15 per player, with 6 - 8 players per team**. The evening includes raffles, a 50/50 draw and team prizes for highest scores. All money raised will be donated to the Hamilton Naturalists' Club and the Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation. For more details and to register, please contact: Assumptiontrivia@gmail.com.

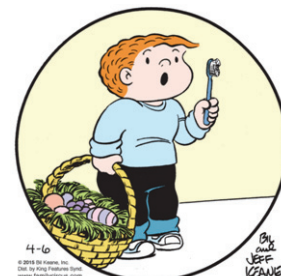
THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES: The Spring Memorial Mass will take place at **Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington on Saturday, April 7th at 11am**. The principal celebrant will be Fr. Con O'Mahony

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION: The 30th Divine Mercy Celebration will be held on Sunday, **April 8 at St. Gabriel Church, Burlington**. We are pleased to welcome Bishop Emeritus Matthew Ustrzycki as our celebrant. Program – 2 pm Confessions; 3 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Readings & Chant; 4 pm Video of Divine Mercy & Sister Faustina, and refreshments. For information call 905-335-6902.



DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at **1:30 pm on Sunday, June 10th, 2018 at Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King**. The Mass is for couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th year (or more) of marriage **in the year 2018**. To register please take a registration sheet from the poster on the bulletin board in the main foyer of our church or register on-line at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

SUNDAY FUNNY:



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