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OFFICE HOURS Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Tues & Thurs 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon Sunday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

closed on Statutory Holidays



MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM year in advance.

Mon - Fri 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

or by appointment

PRAYER BEFORE WEEKDAY MASS

8:00 AM in the Adoration Chapel 8:30 AM Rosary in the church

PERPETUAL ADORATION

We encourage you to spend some time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel, anytime, day or night.

SACRAMENTS BAPTISMS & BECOMING ROMAN CATHOLIC

- For newborns, every first and third Sunday at 1:00 PM
- For school aged children, after being catechized.
- For adults interested in becoming Roman Cathoic call the office for more information.

WEDDINGS

Please contact us at least one year in advance.

MINISTRY TO AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please advise us if you have someone ill at home, in the hospital, or in a local nursing home so that we can minister to them.

FUNERALS

Please contact us and your choice of funeral home. For information on Catholic burial, please contact the cemetery office at 905.522.7727 or 1.800.661.5985, or visit www.TheCatholicCemeteries.ca

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See the Book of Tobit, especially chapter 12

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Monday, April 11 at 9:00 a.m. + Ann MacDonald

Tuesday, April 12 at 9:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, April 13 at 9:00 a.m. + Joe Lawlor

Thursday, April 14 at 9:00 a.m. + Darryll Malley; + John Coughlan; + Stephen Kiley; + David Green;

Ints. Sr. Rosalie Siegler

Friday, April 15 at 9:00 a.m.

+ Marion van de Vrande

Saturday, April 16 at 5:00 p.m. + Robert Colterman; + Darryll Malley; Ints. George Plach; Ints. The Skura Family

Sunday, April 17

9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners 11:00 a.m. + Aileen Maguire

Please pray for the following:

Maureen Fisher Molly Laporte Barbara Kennedy Isabelle Wild Nicola Izzi Maritza Garcia Martin Dawson Sarah Scharer Gonzalez John Scharer Vincent Stanford Michael Dowson Mary Berry Jim Singer Milan Heck Doug Pudsey Catherine Gee Helen Weppler Robert Ravenscroft Elizabeth Talatala Godofredo Elegado Sr.

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 afternoon.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, April 10th

\$6,930.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER [Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si']

"We have not yet managed to adopt a circular model of production capable of preserving resources for present and future generations, while limiting as much as possible the use of non-

renewable resources, moderating their consumption, maximizing their efficient use, reusing and recycling them. "Laudato si #22 Help fight Climate Change! Clearing out the clutter in your home? Remember to REDUCE, REUSE and RECYLE! Clothing, household items, books and toys that are still useable can be donated to various organizations or taken to reuse centres in the community! Better still hold on to them for the St. Raphael Parking Lot Sale to be held in June!

THIRD DAY OF THE LORD IN EASTERTIDE

Sharing a meal does more than just nourish our bodies. It helps to forge relationships and create intimacy. And so we take care to make the meals we share with families and friends special, with good food, atmosphere and conversation.



It's no wonder then, that today's Gospel—like some of the other Easter stories—shows the Risen Lord and his friends sharing a meal. These accounts remind us of the Church's celebration of the Eucharist—with good reason. Christians

down through the ages have come to recognize the risen Christ in their midst, as the Scriptures are proclaimed and the Eucharistic meal is shared. What we are celebrating in this Easter Season, the Paschal sacrifice of Christ—his dying and rising—is present to us in each Mass, with its saving power.

Do we take the Sunday Mass for granted? At our Eucharistic gatherings this weekend, let's allow this Easter story to re-charge our celebration. Imagine the thrill of encountering Jesus in a new way, marveling at the wondrous things he can do in our sight, gratefully accepting the forgiveness we need.

Fr. Greg Friedman OFM

FR. FRANK IN HAITI APRIL 12-20

The Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Fr. Richard Warner CSC, has requested that I accompany him in a special project on behalf of the General Council of the Congregation in Haiti. Please pray for us that we may have a safe and fruitful mission in our ministry to our Holy Cross Priests and Brothers in Haiti.

I regret that I will not be here for the Parish Day on April 16th, especially because the topic is so vital and close to the heart of Pope Francis. In addition, I have known the presenter, Fr. John McCarthy S. J. since he was a student at the University of New Brunswick. He is now, without a doubt in my mind, an extremely well- qualified speaker, both from a scientific and theological point of view. **Fr. Frank**.

NEOPHYTES!!! What is that strange word? It is a word which literally means "someone who is newly grown [in faith]", like a springtime plant rising up out of the ground. It is the official name for those who, after the preparation of the **RCIA process**, now are growing in the life of the Trinity through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The Parish Community of St. Raphael joyously welcomes *Holly Storey, Angela and Rory Rushton and Johnny Esperat* as "neophytes". Also, during the Easter Vigil, *Steve and Cheryl Storey, Mark Rushton and Lee Brown* came into full communion with our Catholic community through Confirmation and Eucharist. A hearty welcome to them!

NOTICE OF UPCOMING MARRIAGE: There is a promise of marriage between *Cindy Jarvis and Brian Phillips.* The wedding will take place on April 30th.

PARISH DAY 2016 will be held on Saturday, April 16th in the Parish Centre from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. "Nature as the Word of God" will be facilitated by Reverend John McCarthy, S.J., Ecologist. Vendor and display tables include: Burlington Green, David Suzuki Foundation, Different Drummer Books, Cruise Ship Central.

Registration after all weekend Masses and in the Parish Office until Tuesday, April 12th.

A BIG THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS: We would like to thank all our volunteers who helped to make our first Pizza Event such a great success. Thank you to: Denise, Eric, Jaidyn, Lisa and family(4),Mary, Nives, Pat, Sylvia, and Scott. Also thank you to Rose Hughes for donating the dolls and the juice boxes.

VASE AND POT SALE: The Decoration Committee is having a Vase and Pot sale on April 16/17 after all Masses. Tables will be out in the front foyer with goods for sale. Proceeds will go towards future decoration purchases. Please drop by and see what we have to offer.

SUMMER 2016 BIBLE CAMP: July 11 – July 15 for children from J.K. to Grade 6. For more information please take a registration form from the Parish Entrance as well as St. Raphael and St. Paul School Offices.

YOUTH MINISTRY: UPCOMING EVENTS
YOUNG ADULTS MEETING: Friday April 22 / 7-9 p.m.
We meet in the St. Francis Room.

MAKING A CHANGE IN THE YEAR OF MERCY

A day of renewal and reflection for Young Adults (ages 18-35) Guest Speaker: Michael Chiasson, Access 52 Ministries. **Sunday, April 24, 2016**, 1:00 - 7:00pm (dinner included). McNally Hall, Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. \$5.00 offering suggested. To register or for more information contact: Christina Mines, cmines@hamiltondiocese.com, 905-528-7988 ext 2239



CARD PARTY FUNDRAISER - mark your calendars for **Thursday**, **May 5th**. The Catholic Women's League annual Dessert Card Party this year will be held as a fundraiser for our Syrian

refugee family and elevator projects. Get a group together to play bridge or euchre! There will be fabulous door prizes; a 50/50 draw and delicious desserts to enjoy for only \$15.00. Tickets will go on sale this week-end, April 9th & 10th and are available in the Religious Articles store or by calling Helen Sheehan @ 905-634-7481.



BOTTLE DRIVE: Please continue to support our ongoing bottle drive by placing your clean, empty liquor and beer bottles in the designated bins. Thank you for your contributions to date! We have already raised \$315.10!

GOSPEL OF LUKE, REFLECTION SERIES:

Wednesday April 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m. @ Holy Rosary Parish Burlington. "*The Power of the Parables*" with Bishop Daniel Miehm. For registration please contact Monica Verin at the chancery office (905) 528-7988 x 2238.

VATICAN CONFERENCE: JUST WAR THEORY?? The Vatican will host a first of its kind conference April 11-13 to reexamine the Catholic Church's long-held teachings on just war theory, bringing some 80 experts engaged in global nonviolent struggles to Rome with the aim of developing a new moral framework that questions the ethical justifications for war. The conference -- to be cohosted by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the global Catholic peace network Pax Christi International will reflect on the centuries-old just war theory as the main Catholic response to violence. Coming out of it, Pope Francis might see his way clear to articulate a fresh vision of peacemaking to the Church.

ST. GABRIEL'S CWL RUMMAGE SALE, April 23rd, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to be held in the Parish Hall at 2261 Parkway Drive, Burlington. For information, please contact Gloria Nardi-Bell (905-526-8836).

3 Full DAYS to get to know LOVE. God is Love. There will be transportation, accommodation, and meals for this 3- Day Cursillo weekend with talks, prayer, masses, discussions, etc. The Men's weekend is Thursday evening, May 26 to Sunday evening May 29. The Women's weekend is Thursday evening, June 9 to Sunday evening, June 12. Please call Wilma and/or Frank Malick for more information: 905 870 0641

LAUDATO SI: A LOOK AT THE NEW ENCYCLICAL: May 3, 10, 17 & 24, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Notre Dame Convent, Waterdown. In this workshop/ study series we will explore the themes and major components of Pope Francis' Encyclical on the environment & the impact it has on our lives. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. The cost is \$75 and includes text & resources. For further information contact Monica at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238,mverin@hamiltondiocese.com

HALTON ALIVE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Don't miss the chance to learn more about all the good pro-life work being done in Halton Region. **Refreshments included** Thursday April 14th, 7:30pm @ St. Gabriel's Parish (2261 Parkway Dr. Burlington). Please RSVP at www.haltonalive.com or 905-632-3232

OPENING HOURS OF THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF CHRIST THE KING: The Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton is open each Saturday at 3:00 p.m. until the conclusion of the 5:00 p.m. Mass, and on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. until 12 Noon and 3:00 p.m. until the conclusion of the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Visitors are welcome at the Cathedral during these times, and may enter through the Doors of Mercy located between the Rectory and the Cathedral. Additionally, visitors may wish to join us for our next "Pilgrim Sunday" on May 15th at 2:00 p.m. Beginning May 4th we will open on Wednesdays from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 p.m. Additional opening days will be added during the summer months.

BOOMERANG CARDS: Bridge and euchre sessions are held in the Parish Centre on **Monday afternoons** at 1:00 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of fun for only a toonie.

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